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Helen Keller to Appear at Central School This Friday

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Students at the Central School will enjoy a delightful end-of-school-year/start-of-summer experience at 1 p.m. this Friday when acclaimed Salem-based actress Sheryl Faye brings Helen Keller to life in an engaging and popular one-woman performance.

Keller and her famous teacher Annie Sullivan are beloved historic figures who spent summer vacations in Wrentham, MA. Faye's spectacular performance defies current presentation trends and is a hit among students and teachers throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts.

The [multifaceted actress](#)' numerous TV credits include a principal role in a recurring episode of PBS' "Fetch." She has treaded the floorboards of many a local and regional theatre and appeared with several acting companies, most recently

Stagecoach Improv with which she works closely performing and writing sketch comedy and teaching for top businesses such as TD Bank, IBM, NYU, Philips and more. She also has various film credits to her name, as well as voice over (including several Sony Play Station video game characters) and trade show presenter engagements.

Amidst all of this work, Faye finds immense fulfillment in seeing young students' faces light up as they connect with her when she portrays Clara Barton and Helen Keller with just a few props, an audio recording and a slideshow. She has provided this program for 10 years, and believes that these performances serve not only as history lessons, but as inspirational moments for impressionable youth. "I think it's so important to remind kids that anything is possible in life, to make the most of your life as these women did, and most importantly to be kind to one another," she notes.

As Barton and Keller, Faye underscores the women's unwavering commitment to their causes in an era when women were pigeonholed into narrow categories. Whether referring to being an altruistic and outspoken entrepreneur in a man's world, or to becoming an active member of society despite being deaf, blind and mute in a time when such conditions relegated one to an asylum, she reminds the audiences that, "it's okay to be different and this world would be a boring place if we were all the same. Let's embrace each others' differences and learn from one another."

She also brings these performances to adults and children at community and senior centers, historical societies, camps, Boy and Girl Scout troops, and other groups throughout Massachusetts. Her goal for 2013 is to increase engagements throughout the Commonwealth and into the rest of New England.

For more information about Sheryl Faye, including her résumé and sample list of where she has appeared in historic women performances, please visit sherylfaye.com. You can find photos, additional testimonials and more at facebook.com/SherylFayePresents.



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