



QNEK MILESTONES

- Founded 1993** Premiere show, *Outfoxed* (written/directed by Lynn Leimer), presented at Lake Willoughby Established Touring Company
- 1994 Company moved to Jay Peak Resort at request of President Bill Stenger
Leimer recruited as Consultant for Architectural Redesign of Haskell
- 1995 First QNEK Benefit Show to support Vermont Symphony Orchestra
Leimer founding member of Friends of the VSO, Northeast Kingdom
Company moved to Newport City Elementary School Auditorium
- 1996 Established Apprentice Program & Apprentice Excellence Award (ages 13-19)
- 1997 Designated Resident Theatre Company at the Haskell Opera House
- 1998 Leimer established Haskell Opera House Artistic Advisory Committee
- 1999 QNEK included in "Top Ten Summer Events" of the Haskell Season
A&E Movie *Barnum* filmed at Haskell featuring two QNEK actors and one technician
- 2000 VATTA PLAYWRIGHT AWARD at St. Michael's College for world premiere of *The Trial of Mrs. Rebecca Peake* by VT playwright Maura Campbell, adapted for stage by Leimer
QNEK Scholarship established for graduating seniors—nine awarded thus far
Emerging Artists Project begun
- 2001 Academy for Children in Theatre (ACT 1) (ages 9-13)
QNEK New England premiere of *The Guys* (a story of 9-11) at request of playwright Anne Nelson.
QNEK dedicated performance to benefit NYC and local firefighters
- 2002 QNEK Artistic Advisory Team established
- 2003 **10th Anniversary Season**
Joint VT Senate Resolutions recognized QNEK's outstanding efforts in the field of Arts and Tourism in North Country
- 2004 Prestigious Mulkin Corporation **VERMOSCAR Award** given to Leimer for outstanding contribution to Arts and Tourism in North Country
- 2005 VT Women's Fund Grant awarded to QNEK for Senior Women's *Memoirs Project*
Leimer adjudicated Vermont State Drama Festival
- 2006 New England premiere of *Hot Flashes* presented to State Red Hat Convention
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- 2007 US premiere of Australian version of *The Pirates of Penzance*
Leimer adjudicated for the Centre for Education & Theatre in Montreal Musical Theatre Competition
- 2008 **15th Anniversary Season** – City of Newport proclaimed week of April 27–May 3 as *QNEK Week*
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ABC National News Coverage of Haskell/QNEK
Grant from IWOW for Haskell Business Plan
- 2009 Grant from IWOW for Marketing Strategies Plan and Website
- 2010 Liaison established with Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired with Audio-Describers at selected productions for blind or visually impaired patrons at Haskell
World Premiere *Dracula, Lord of Night* written, directed and designed by QNEK Associate Director, Susan-Lynn Johns
Haskell receives \$25,000 from donor honoring Leimer's work at the Haskell Opera House

Affiliations. Vermont Arts Council · Quebec Drama Federation · Northeast Kingdom Travel and Tourism · Community National Bank Community Circle · Lake Region High School · Lyndon Institute · Lyndon State College · Vermont Association of Theatres and Theatre Artists · North Country Chamber of Commerce · North Country Union High School Arts Academy Red Hat Society · Memphremagog Arts Collaborative Charter Member and Ex Officio Board Member · American Society of Composers, Playwrights and Authors

Artist-in-Residencies. North Country Union High School · Newport City Elementary School · Lake Region High School Coventry School Richford Elementary School · North Troy Elementary School · E. Taylor Hatton School

Television, Radio, Print Media Appearances. ABC National News · WCAX "The .30" · WCAX "Across the Fence" WCAX News · NEK-TV · CBC-TV · CBC Radio · VPR · Radio America · Montreal Radio · WMOO-92 · *Log Cabin Chronicles* · *In-LOOK Magazine* · *Vermont Magazine*