

Janis, Jackson Receive Grants

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Dina Janis and Kirk Jackson were awarded grants from the Vermont Arts Endowment Fund for their upcoming work on a Dorset Theatre production and a one-man-show, respectively.

The grants, which are intended to "support the commissioning, creation, and presentation of new work," are awarded to Vermont artists on yearly basis.

Janis, who has directed the Dorset Theatre Festival since 2012, has been awarded the grant in support of the production of a new play by "award-winning Vermont playwright Theresa Rebeck," *The Way of the World*.

Jackson, in co-operation with actor Oliver Wadsworth, will use the grant to "support an original solo theatrical performance based on a real-life, unsolved murder mystery in Manchester, Vermont in 1812." Their play, *The Tarnation of Russell Colvin*, directed by Jackson and acted by Wadsworth, will be performed at the The Franklin Stage Co. later in September. See their website for more information.

Jackson's work was covered in the *Bennington Banner* this week, for its connection to local history.