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2 an afternoon of vaudeville talk

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5 ByWay Books & More, 399 Canal St., hosts performer  
6 Stephanie Bass Abrams for an afternoon of vaudeville talk  
7 Sunday, June 14, at 3 p.m. as a preview to her upcoming  
8 vaudeville show at the Vermont Jazz Center.

9 What is vaudeville? Vaudeville is a style of live variety  
10 entertainment, jam-packed and fast paced. Vaudeville was the  
11 most popular form of American commercial entertainment from

12 the mid-1890s through the First World War with millions of  
13 people attending shows weekly at its peak.

14 Its popularity stemmed from its broad appeal and  
15 accessibility, offering an array of performances which included  
16 slapstick comedy, acrobatics, singing, dancing and more.  
17 Abrams's talk will look at the history of Jewish vaudeville from  
18 New York's Lower East Side to the Catskills, to Hollywood, and at  
19 how it shaped American entertainment.

20 Abrams is an award-winning performer and director with  
21 over 30 years of experience in theatre and circus. She has  
22 performed as a mime, contortionist, and vaudeville artist around  
23 the U.S. and in Hong Kong, in films including *Minority Report*  
24 directed by Steven Spielberg, and even modeled for Pixar —  
25 organizers claim she is rumored to have inspired the Elastigirl  
26 character in *The Incredibles*.

27 She has written and directed more than 30 original  
28 productions and has served as artistic director and dramaturg for  
29 many others. Her work has been performed around New  
30 England, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley, New York City,  
31 Washington, D.C., and in 10 countries, including a run at the  
32 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2015.

33 In addition to performing, Abrams has taught circus and  
34 physical theatre in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and China and  
35 currently serves as Artistic Director of the Redfern Arts Center at  
36 Keene State College.

37 More information on Abrams's company and her  
38 upcoming vaudeville show, *A Bissel Borscht Belt* at the Vermont  
39 Jazz Center in Brattleboro this June, can be found  
40 at [kinetictheorytheatre.com](http://kinetictheorytheatre.com).

41 Free parking is available behind the store, with off-street  
42 parking on Lexington Avenue. For more information, contact  
43 Severia A. Drake at 802-490-8014 or [contact@bywaybooks.co](mailto:contact@bywaybooks.co).

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