



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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Presidents Column

*Could it be? Yes, it could
Something's coming, something good
If I can wait!
Something's comin', I don't know what it is
But it is Gonna be great!*

Quoting Stephen Sondheim in the great Leonard Bernstein musical "West Side Story" really tells the story about the next few months at YOUR community theater! We are working closely with NYS guidelines for reopening small entertainment venues to the public in the (hopefully) near future. Excitement is building to get back on the boards with live stage productions, but until that can happen, check out our YouTube channel for several streamed shows presented for your viewing pleasure. Coming up next month is a return of the great parking lot drive-in movies; this time with a real "twist" in the direction of the screen for your viewing comfort. The programming committee is working on some great ideas to safely get you back in the seats. Although the masks and distancing are going to be around for a while, RCT is planning to make your visit as safe as possible. If you have any suggestions or ideas for ways to expand our offerings, please don't hesitate to contact me: bjseaton@usa.net and watch your mail for the update of our annual election of officers and board members. Until we can meet in person, I leave you with the Howard Dietz lyrics from "The Band Wagon:"

*Anything that happens in life
Can happen in a show
You can make 'em laugh
You can make 'em cry
Anything, anything can go
The world is a stage
The stage is a world
Of entertainment!*

Barbara Seaton President, RCT

Director Needed

RCT is looking for a director of a one act play called "The Accident" by George Bryjak. A husband arrives home, tipsy as usual, with horrible news. He's just fled the scene of a fatal accident. No experience necessary. If interested or with questions contact Barb Seaton, bjseaton@usa.net.

Coming Soon To RCT YouTube

Created and written by Philip Rapp, The Bickersons were the first married couple on radio to have a truly adversarial relationship. Scathing, sarcastic and comical, John and Blanche would fight about anything.

Blanche always insisted that the big troubles were caused by John's snoring and her resulting insomnia. There was nothing sweet or tender about their pillow talk, but it sure was funny. Stay tuned to the Rome Community Theater YouTube Channel as Mark & Janet Hanna will soon be bringing The Bickersons to your living room.

New To RCT YouTube

Many things have been added this past month to the RCT YouTube channel we want you to watch.

- RCT produced a successful workshop last month on "The Art of the Audition". Thanks to Arnold Galin, Denise Morganti, Suzanne Rodio, and Art Felshaw for developing and delivering a fantastic workshop on the topic, then answering questions on the subject. This workshop is now on YouTube.
- RCT produced a one act play called "Cat's Meow" by local author John Ossowski, directed by Valerie Abel. The show starred Mike Beehm, Carrie Bostick, Melissa Brass-Maggio, Pat Stone, John Ossowski and the recording editor was Adrian Maggio. Heather's cat Ralf starts seeing the winning lottery numbers in his dreams. Through some moments of miscommunication, Ralf finally finds a way to share the valuable information with his human. When the lucky streak ends, though, will Heather be able to find contentment with what she already has? Tune in to find out!
- A Scoop Of The Arts features an interview with local artist Megan Breit about her journey from a small central New York town to her life in New York City. What are the obstacles? What advice and resources are available? It's a must see!
- Lastly, YouTube also features two short Sunday Spotlights with RCT's Denise Morganti and Vin Cavo.

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RCT Drive in Movies 2021

Last year on Friday-Saturday from Labor Day through Columbus Day RCT provided the community with old-time movies drive-in style in its parking lot. We are excited to invite the community to join us again starting Memorial Day weekend:

- Royal Wedding (1951) Fred Astaire - May 28 & 29
- Little Shop of Horrors (1960 version) - June 4 & 5
- A Star is Born (1937) Fredric March - June 11 & 12
- Sherlock Holmes Double Feature - Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce - June 18 & 19
- McLintock! (1972) John Wayne - June 25 & 26

You can watch in your car or in lawn chairs with an FM radio, provided you socially distance from others. A mask is required when walking around the parking lot or into RCT. Start time of the movie is 830PM, car entry begins at 8PM. Admission is \$10 per car. Concessions will be offered inside RCT before the show and at intermission. To keep it a COVID safe event, DO NOT attend if you feel sick.

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All RCT current members should be looking to receive and respond to a mailed request to change the current RCT operating bylaws. It is important for all to attend the meeting in June or mail a response.

## **RCT Chicken BBQ**

RCT is sponsoring a Chicken BBQ fundraiser May 25th, 3-6PM or until sold out. Dinner is \$12.00. You can purchase tickets in advance from Arnold Galin 315-339-2545. The event is being held at the First United Methodist Church, 400 North George Street. It is strongly recommended you buy tickets in advance, as these events tend to sell out fast! More information is contained on the RCT web site.



## **Spend An Afternoon with TANYS**

On May 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM the Theatre Association of New York State will present three workshops which should interest the general RCT audience.

1. Virtual Acting: Creating a Character
2. The Technology of a Virtual Performance
3. Directing in Community Theatre, focusing on dealing with the full range of experience a director might encounter.

You must choose one of the three to attend when registering. Admission is \$15 for TANYS members and \$20 for non-members. See [www.tanys.org](http://www.tanys.org) for further information and to register, when available. Any questions, send an email to [info@tanys.org](mailto:info@tanys.org).