



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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“TANYS Is Forever”

Summary

The annual Theater Association of New York State (TANYS) Festival was held at RCT November 22-24. Ten of the best shows for different parts of the state were featured at this three day event. Adjudicators Annette Procnier and Rose Bonczek watched all shows and selected the following as the best of the best:

Best Short Production: “Smudge Stick Experience” performed by Dark Blue Mondaze from Rochester.

Best Alternate Short Production: “All Around The Table” performed by Harlequin Productions of Cayuga Community College in Auburn.

Best Long Production: “The Savannah Sipping Society” performed by Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop in Montrose.

(Editor’s note: As adjudicator Jumbo Schimpf spent Saturday ill, he was not able to participate in the final judgements.)

Acting adjudicator awards were presented to the following:

Almeta Whitis, Queen Mother in “Smudge Stick Experience”.

Vincent James, Gobb, in Confetti Stage’s “The Curtain”.

David Rook, Alexander in Confetti Stage’s “The Tightrope Walker”.

Donna L. White, Norma in Hand to Mouth Players’ “The Late Gordon Kaplan”.

RCT veterans Ted Lenio and Denise Morganti performed at the Festival “The Old Couple”, an original play written and directed by Dave Bush. It was performed on Friday to a large audience and was very well received by the audience and the adjudicators. RCT is commended for its fine performance at this Festival.

RCT is also commended for its organization of the Festival and its other activities. Forty five volunteers worked various aspects of the Festival. Other Festival activities were an afterglow party on Friday night at The Mill organized by Barb Seaton which featured a 25 question trivia contest created by AJ Parker, a lunch at the Delta

Lake Bible Conference Center which included corn muffins made the Sharon Parker and yummy deserts made by Laura Sharp, a 115 person banquet planned by Ella Alsheimer and a Sunday Subway lunch organized by Mike and Laura Sharp. Lastly, Arnie and Chris Galin coordinated the Festival Hotel, the Hampton Inn. After the closure of the Beeches the Festival team worked hard to coordinate these things for our 90 out of town guests.

Not enough can be said about the tech crew: Co Technical Directors John Frank and John Doiron, Andy Frank, TJ Phister, Sean Arnold and Mike Sharp. These folks hosted all 10 shows backstage and technically coordinated with each company to help these companies produce their shows on our Stage. They worked tirelessly to make the Festival a success.

I had the privilege to chair this Festival. As chair, I made sure all aspects of the Festival were adequately staffed and aided in the planning of many of the functions. The TANYS board were extremely complimentary of our effort and it was due to the efforts of each and every one of the forty five that made it a success.

Sure, everything was not perfect. RCT is in the process of learning how the Festival can be improved. After the first of the year, planning begins for TANYS 2020 at RCT November 20-22, 2020. Mark your calendars everyone! I need 45 more volunteers!

John Parker, Festival Chair & Prompter Editor



RCT Annual Holiday Party

Everyone is invited to gather at the theater at 2:30pm on Sunday, January 5, 2020 for our annual Holiday Party and Variety Show. Anyone interested in performing is invited to contact Barb Seaton in order that she can organize the schedule of performances. Please bring a dish to share. We will also be collecting donations for the Rome Rescue Mission (i.e. toilet paper, paper towels, pump hand soap, bath towels, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers-any size, cash). Please contact Ella with questions at 315-336-6540 or the theater at 315-337-5920.



AUDITIONS for Amadeus will be held January 11 at 7pm, January 12 at 2 PM & January 13 at 7 pm. The show is directed by Eric Almleaf.

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RCT Presenting “Miracle on 34th Street”

Rome Community Theater will be presenting “Miracle On 34th Street” adapted by Mountain Community Theater from the novel by Valentine Davies. Based on the 20th century Fox motion picture the show will be performed on Dec. 12-14 at 7:30PM and a 2:30PM Matinee on Sunday Dec 15th.

"This is a tale that we want to believe in, that creates a world we seem to desperately desire, free of the blatant commercialism that surrounds us, where love and decency and generosity of spirit are their own rewards. What we want Christmas to be all about, really." So writes the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* of this most heartwarming holiday story. By chance, Kris Kringle, an old man in a retirement home, gets a job working as Santa for Macy's. Kris unleashes waves of good will with Macy's customers and the commercial world of New York City by referring parents to other stores to find exactly the toy their child has asked for. Seen as deluded and dangerous by Macy's vocational counselor, who plots to have Kris shanghaied to Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital, Kris ends up in a court competency hearing. Especially at stake is one little girl's belief in Santa. In a dramatic decision, the court confirms Kris as the true Santa, allowing Susan and countless other children to experience the joy of childhood fantasy.

The show is directed and produced by Barb Seaton and Co-Directed by Deb Holling.

The cast is as follows; Dug Bartell (Fred Gayley), Jeni Yager (Doris Walker), Karista Fisher (Susan Walker), Stephen Hampe (Kris Kringle), Amy Simanowski (Ms. Shellhammer), Johnathan Vienneau (Albert Sawyer), Rhaine Vore-Mosher (Jeannette Mora), T.J. Phister (Judge Henrietta Harper), Caitlyn Hampe (Charlene Halloran), Pat Stone (Bailiff Finley), Connie Watkins (Mrs. RH Macy), Josephine Perkins (Ms. Bloomingdale), Evelyn Simanowski (Dr. Pierce), Ashley Beeman (Jane Duncan), Tatum Butler (Head Elf), Ensemble: Corinne Delaney, Gavin Delaney, Joanna Hampe, Kaylee Fisher, Nancy Novak, Cole Palczak, Ed Simanowski, Levi Simanowski, Micah Simanowski, and Zavier Vienneau.

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of performance or at www.romecommunitytheater.org.



RCT Presents Talent Team Show

Our outstanding youth performance team is presenting The Fourth Annual “Talent Team Christmas Carol”, an original musical created by Dave Bush, on Dec. 27 & 28 at 7PM. Please come out and see this special production performed by the youth of RCT.