



# The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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## Editor's Column

Since the last Prompter, we have finished a very humorous farce "Suite Surrender" and are ramping up for the next show "American Hero" an adult comedy. This newsletter will provide information on that show, being produced at RCT in conjunction with Outcast Theater Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

RCT is participating in and offering to the public a series of workshops which are sponsored by a grant from the from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the NY State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NY State Legislature and administered by CNY Arts. This issue gives more details.

Finally, RCT is casting its next show "Dreams" directed by Eric Almleaf. As always, lots going on—so read on! If you have any comments on RCT, or any questions about this newsletter, contact me at [jparker3531@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jparker3531@twcny.rr.com).

John Parker, Prompter Editor



## "Suite Surrender"

RCT completed subject show in early February and plenty of laughter was heard throughout the theater. Director Adrian Maggio, Assistant Director Amanda Milone and Producer Jim Bintz provided a comedy with very funny lines and lots of timely door slams.

There were many really funny moments in the show. From the dog being flung off the balcony, the many iterations of flowers in the room, and of course the two Divas, each with their unique personalities and quirky assistants. Despite the cold and snowy weather, the show was very well received by the audience. This was especially noted by this editor on Saturday when the temperature fell well below zero but the show seemed to brighten the evening for the audience as there was a whole lot of giggling going on and smiles on their faces as they left the theater. Congratulations to the cast, crew and staff on a job well done!



## RCT on the Web

RCT can be found on the internet at the following addresses and try out our QR codes above:

[www.romecommunitytheater.org](http://www.romecommunitytheater.org)

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<http://www.facebook.com/romecommunitytheater>

## RCT's "American Hero"

As an extra production, RCT presents in cooperation with Outcast Theater the very funny comedy "American Hero". "American Hero" by Beth Wohl is a smart comedy about the tenacity of the American worker, as a trio of minimum wage sandwich artists find themselves abandoned by corporate and the franchise owner who hired them. Young, mild-mannered Sheri makes ends meet by making "Toasty Torpedoes" by day and tacos by night. Sexy firecracker Jamie is in the throes of a nasty custody battle and can't afford to lose her job. After getting fired from his bank job, depressed Ted learns that his college degree is more useful as a sandwich wrap than for finding a job. The three are hired by Bob, a former dermatologist. When Bob mysteriously disappears, they are left to fend for themselves, as their supplies dwindle to nothing. Desperate for a pay check, the three improvise with makeshift sandwiches to keep the store open, each contributing skills they did not know that they had. Things get even trickier when a representative from corporate flies in from Denver, having heard reports that the employees have gone rogue! The show is for mature adults, due to language issues. Show dates are Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at 730PM and Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 230PM. Directing this production will be Outcast's Eileen Tiller-Clanton. Tickets can be purchased at the RCT Web site or at the door. Don't miss it!



## RCT Quick News

- Our next regular season production is "Dreams" directed by Eric Almleaf and produced by Denise Morganti. This "Twilight Zone" like thriller will be held Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. More information including the cast list will be in the next Prompter.
- Please plan to come to RCT on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. RCT is featuring members of the RCT Talent Team and other local performers ages 12-25 in a Cabaret. If you want to perform and are of that age tell Dave Bush [dtbush29@yahoo.com](mailto:dtbush29@yahoo.com). The event is FREE so come and support our local youth in this endeavor.
- At RCT's March 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting at 730PM all interested directors for their 2016-2017 season and for summer 2016 should make a short presentation to the board about their vision for the production, any budget information and any other pertinent information on the show they are interested in directing.

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## Theater Helping Theater Workshops

Have you ever wondered how the sets at RCT were built, how a spotlight works, how costumes are designed or what a stage manager does for a show? If so, you should plan to attend these workshops. There is no prior theater experience required for any of these events. All workshops are 10AM-2PM. Here are the planned workshop events:

**Set Construction and Design by Art Felshaw.**  
Apr. 2 at Players of Utica, 1108 State Street, Utica, NY.

**Costume Design (10AM-noon) by Jodi Zanetti, Costume Director at Glimmerglass Opera House and Makeup Design (noon-2PM) by Will Lanfear Head Makeup and Special FX Coordinator for the National Center for Security and Preparedness Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> at RCT.**

**Lighting Design and Operation by Robert Frame, the Director of Theatre Operations for Cayuga Community College in Auburn, May 7<sup>th</sup> at RCT.**

**Stage Direction, instructor TBD, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Grace Church, 6 Elizabeth St., Utica, NY.**

**Public Relations & Marketing / Social Media (10AM-noon) by Adam Lawless, Account Manager of MPW Marketing and Vince Scalise, President Players of Utica and Stage Management (noon-2PM) presented by Dianna Angell, Syracuse U. Dept. of Drama/ Syracuse Stage at Players of Utica.**

Workshops are \$20 each, or \$75 for all five. For additional information on each of these, go to the RCT web site. You can purchase an admission ticket at the web site or by mailing payment and the workshops you are interested in to workshop chairman Chris Galin, 514 Mayberry Rd., Rome, NY 13440. For further information, send an email to [cgalin@msn.com](mailto:cgalin@msn.com).