



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

Exciting theater going on at YOUR community theater! By the time you read this, the box office will be open for the next show--a very funny murder mystery comedy, "Whodunnit, Darling?". The cast features some new faces and some familiar talent; make your reservations soon. RCT is always looking for people to volunteer in many different ways and we are currently searching for an assistant director and a producer for the June show, "Always a Bridesmaid" directed by yours truly. Anyone interested in expanding their experience is encouraged to contact Barb for more information and job descriptions.

Due to some scheduling conflicts, the remainder of the RCT Board of Governors meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 730PM until June 2018. Board meetings are open to the public and members are welcome to submit agenda items, suggestions and/or concerns to rometheater@gmail.com for consideration.

Barbara Seaton, RCT President 2017-2018

"Radium Girls" Concluded

Director Arnold Galin and producer Sharon Parker thank all their performers, backstage personnel, and crew for their hard work during the RCT production of "Radium Girls". The show was adjudicate by Joan Luther from the Theater Association of New York State who announced the following awards:

- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to **Catherine Gudaitis** as Grace Fryer
- Excellence in Acting to **Steven James** as Arthur Roeder
- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to **Mark Hanna** as Dr. Von Schocky
- Excellence in Direction to **Arnie Galin**
- Excellence in Stage Managing to **Jean Gudaitis**

Quoting Joan "Rome Community Theater draws the audience in from the get go with "Radium Girls". The storytelling script lends itself nicely to the simplistic quality of the production. Although the two act play has over 25 scenes, it is well paced, and thoughtfully executed. Kudos to Rome Community Theater for bringing this sad, but true story to their theatrical community"

"Whodunnit, Darling?"

Opens February 8th

Director Laurie Marshall and producer Barb Seaton urge RCT Prompter readers to attend the wry comedy being presented February 8-11. If you love the wisecracks and witty repartee of "The Thin Man" films, you'll love "Whodunnit, Darling?". This fast paced mystery-comedy is set in a 1930's western Dude Ranch featuring a tuxedo-wearing martini-sipping sleuth and his irresistibly clever ex-wife. Cast in the show are:

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| Tim Huey – Damocle Cole | Ken Blumberg – Tex McKinney |
| Kim Darling- Daphne Cole | Erik Kenney- Moose Lodge |
| Dave Bunker- Martin Lomax | Sophia Mostafa -Vera Lomax |
| Josh Beckinsale – Tommy Delbert | |

Reservations for the show can be made by calling 315-337-5920 between 6 and 9PM. The curtain goes up at 730PM Feb. 8-10 and 230PM on Feb. 11 so plan on attending this exciting production.

RCT and TANYS

The Theater Association of New York State (TANYS) selected two of Rome Community Theater's One Act Plays which were performed at its annual TANYS Theater Festival held in Auburn on Nov 17-19. Cast and Crew from "**The Last Trip**" by Mike Willis directed by William Brown and. "**Soccer Mamas**" an original play written by Carrie Printz directed by Barb Seaton. The shows and all attendees at the Festival represented RCT well. Ted Lenio from "The Last Trip" was especially recognized by the Festival adjudicators to receive 1 of 4 Best Acting awards and also a People's Choice award for acting from the audience members who voted. Congratulations to Ted and to all who participated.

Speaking of TANYS, every year the state organization plans and conducts the Festival. This year, they are looking for people throughout the state to participate in the required planning. Needed are volunteers to chair the festival, come up with a theme, create merchandise to sell, obtain silent auction items, run 50-50 raffles, plan food, and many other tasks. These jobs are all coordinated with the Vice President of Festival Ann Frame and can be done at home rather than in Auburn. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact John Parker at 315-337-3254 or info@tanys.org.

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“Jekyll and Hyde The Musical” Gathers Awards

The Theater Association of New York State adjudicator Paul Nelson announced the following awards for this RCT/Utica College production:

- Excellence in Direction to **Nicholas Abounador**
- Excellence in Musical Direction to **Rusty Ritzel**
- Excellence in Scenic Design to **Laura Salvaggio**
- Excellence in Performance to **the Cast**
- Excellence in Performance to **Shane Archer Reed** for his portrayal of Henry Jekyll and Edward Hyde



RCT Holiday Activity Summary

RCT's Annual Holiday Party and Variety Show took place on January 7. Ella Alsheimer is thanked for organizing the event where folks told jokes and sang. Our special guest was a Flute Choir, brought to us by Barb Seaton. Barb is also thanked for being the MC of the evening.

RCT's Talent Team performed at the Variety Show one of the tunes from their Christmas Spectacular they performed at RCT Dec. 29&30. Each evening was very well attended and the RCT Youth provided two superb performances. Thanks to Dave Bush, Rhiannon Butler and all the other Talent Team parents who aided in this event. We look forward to your next event!

RCT Quick News

- **House Managers:** RCT needs more house manager volunteers. The House Manager gets free admission to the show, comes early to make sure the plant is ready for patrons, then stays late to work with the ushers to clean up. Training will be provided to new volunteers. Sign up today by contacting Ella Alsheimer at 315-336-6540 or preferably via email at ella.alsheimer@gmail.com.
- **End of Season Banquet:** RCT announces its end of year banquet will be held at the Stanwix Heights Veteran's and Men's Club on June 29th from 6-10PM. Details to follow. Mark your calendar, and you can always reserve your spot with Ella at any time!
- **Director of Information Technology (IT):** RCT seeks a volunteer to provide some IT services. First of all, the computers in the building need to be maintained and updated when necessary. Next, the person would be responsible to program updated events for the outer lobby display and lastly printing and transferring posters for use in the concession area. If interested in all or parts of this description contact John Parker by phone or at jparker3531@twcny.rr.com.