



# The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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## President's Column

Happy New Year! Here's to a hopefully healthy and prosperous 2022. The theater is right in the swing of things with a production of the newly updated original "Nunsense" by Dan Goggin in rehearsal. RCT previously presented this show 30+ years ago--it's certainly time for a revival. It will be our first return to live orchestral accompaniment too. If you haven't already purchased season's tickets, you can certainly make reservations for the show online at <http://www.tktassistant.com/Tix/?u=RCT> or by calling 315 – 337 – 5920 and leaving a message. Someone will call you back.

Your Community Theater is made possibly only by the commitment of loyal volunteers and we are always looking for additional people to help run all aspects of the day to day running of the theater. In addition to the obvious talent needed on stage for our many productions, each show requires a team of backstage crew and technicians; house managers, concessionaires and box office personnel. Something else to think about is the governance of the theater--the board of directors. If you are a paid member of RCT with a desire to serve on the board, please let me know. All officers serve a one year term and governors serve rotating three year terms.

At this time, we would like to assure all our patrons that we care deeply about your health and safety while attending events at RCT. We are requiring all performers, backstage crew and orchestra players to be fully vaccinated. Temperatures are checked prior to performances and masks are worn when not actually on stage. Audience members are required to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking and social distancing allowances will be made as possible for the comfort of our patrons. We do ask that these practices be followed at all times to ensure the continuance of live theatrical performances in the future.

See you at the show!

Barb Seaton RCT President. 2021 – 2022

RCT is continually looking for people to usher (hand out programs, seat people, and help clean up) and house manage (greet people, manage show, cleanup). If interested contact Ella Alsheimer at 315 – 336 – 6540.

## Our Next Show

### The Musical – Comedy “Nunsense”

“Nunsense” begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show, so they take over the school auditorium, which is currently set up for the eighth grade production of “Grease.” Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina (TJ Phister), a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert (Ally Priore), the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun from Brooklyn named Sister Robert Anne (Val Abel); Sister Mary Leo (Graycee Olds), a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia (Maria Parker), the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this perennial audience favorite is sure to warm up the cold winter doldrums. Presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals Corp., the show features direction by Barb Seaton, musical direction by Deb Holling, producer Brian Angell, set design by John Frank, with lights and sound provided by Mike Sharp. Performances are Friday and Saturday February 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 PM and Sunday matinees on February 13 & 20 at 2:30 PM. Tickets on sale now on the RCT website: <http://www.tktassistant.com/Tix/?u=RCT>. Reservations can also be made anytime by calling 315-337-5920. Please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as they can.



### “The 39 Steps” Auditions

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have “The 39 Steps”, a fast-paced whodunit. A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, “The 39 Steps” amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure! A cast of 4 performers perform about 150 different characters. Performers can be men or women and extras will be considered for the cast. All who audition must be fully vaccinated. Auditions will be held in Feb. for this production. Watch the RCT website and social media pages for exact dates and times. Director for this production is Pat Stone. For any further information you can contact Pat at [pat.j.ted.stone@gmail.com](mailto:pat.j.ted.stone@gmail.com).

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## Charitable Sisterhood Concluded

In December, RCT concluded six performances of “The Charitable Sisterhood of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity Victory Church”. The audience sat on the edge of their seats with all the twists and turns in the plot. They also laughed exuberantly at all of the funny gags and jokes. RCT thanks the director Pat Stone, producer Barb Seaton and the wonderful cast and crew for putting on such a great show.

The show was adjudicated by Joan Luther of the Theater Association of New York State. She announced the following awards TANYs will give to the production at its annual Festival in November:

- Meritorious Achievement in Direction to **Laurie Marshall**
- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to **Kirstin Walker** for her portrayal of Lorraine Jensen
- Meritorious Achievement in Set Construction to **John Frank, Andy Frank and John Doiron**

## Quick News

- Besides house managers and ushers RCT is looking for volunteers to conduct its 50-50 raffle at their shows. In addition, personnel to sell concessions and man the box office during productions are also wanted. Training will be given. Contact John Parker at [jparker3531@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jparker3531@twcny.rr.com) or at 315-337-3254.
- Thanks to everyone who have signed up to be members this year. We have increased the number of members compared to last year. If still interested in becoming a member of RCT with voting privileges, one box of free popcorn, and the nice-looking window decal for your car advertising RCT mail \$10 to the PO Box listed on this newsletter with your name, address and phone number.
- At the November production of “All Together Now”, the newly built storage area in the back of RCT was dedicated as Fred’s Shed in memory of Fred Normand. In addition a plaque was hung by the ladder that goes to the sound and light booth dedicating our new light board in memory of the late Doug Cameron.
- Ella Alsheimer and Sharon Parker are thanked for their time and effort organizing our annual Trip to Turkey. The trip took us to DeSalvo’s in Rome for a tasty turkey dinner.