



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

There are so many exciting things coming up at your community theater--you can't help but get involved! First up, the next generation of theater presents their annual children's summer play (detailed elsewhere in The Prompter). Following closely on August 6 (7PM) and August 7 (6PM) are auditions for RCT's first foray into the wonderful world of Gilbert and Sullivan (G&S) producing "Pirates of Penzance" directed by RCT newcomer (but experienced G&S director) Pat Stone. I am Music Director and am offering a pre-audition workshop for anyone interested in getting a head start on the particular style and vocal needs for the show on Wednesday August 2 (7PM) at First United Methodist Church. We are also anticipating a collaborative effort with Utica College with a production of Frank Wildhorn's musical "Jekyll and Hyde" directed by Nick Abounader with musical direction by Rusty Ritzel. On top of all that, there will be an evening of one-act plays directed by existing and new directors October 27-28.

What do all of these people have in common? They are VOLUNTEERS! And, all the people who work backstage, in the concession stand, serve as ushers and house managers, organize and run the box office, build and paint sets, make costumes and find props--they are all VOLUNTEERS, too! I am thankful for each and every one of them, however, sometimes they perform their duties too well and get taken advantage of. When those who are giving of their time don't feel appreciated, we run the risk of losing their much-needed help. We all need to remember that VOLUNTEERS are what make RCT run so well and they deserve your respect and patience. Join us at the shows, in the shows, around the shows and in the audience!

Barb Seaton, RCT President 2017-2018

RCT on the Web

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RCT Children's Show

"Blather, Blarney, and Balderdash"

Plan to attend the annual RCT Children's show being performed Aug. 3-5 at 7PM and Aug. 6 at 230PM directed by Jennifer Stalnaker and produced by Rhiannon Butler. "Blather, Blarney, and Balderdash" features three hilarious and action-packed Irish folk and fairy tales. A trio of wild and crazy leprechauns try to help tongue-tied shepherd Fin O'Grady learn to tell a story and win the hand of his one true love. Assisted by the wee folk of Ireland, Blather, Blarney and Balderdash enact "The Hunchback of Knockgraston," in which a simple man's gentle nature wins him an unexpected prize and a cruel counterpart learns that it's not a good idea to mess with little people. In "The Griffin's Feather," young Aidan bravely encounters a sneezing girl, a frenzied farmer and a bombastic boatman before snatching three feathers from a hen-pecked griffin in order to cure a sleeping beauty. In "The Bird, the Mouse and the Cricket," a courageous lass and three magical animals risk their necks to help a sour prince regain his lost laughter. At last, the shy Fin discovers that a story is a treasure that increases the more you share it. This uplifting comedy combines clever dialogue with slapstick humor and can be enjoyed by ALL ages! Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Seating is general admission, so plan to come early.

Twelfth Night

Rome Community Theater, in conjunction with the Rome Art and Community Center (RACC) produced three performances of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". When the weather cooperated, the show was held outside in the glorious gardens of the RACC. Regardless of the weather, the actors are commended for their performances as the dialog was humorous and the costumes and props were superb. Thanks go to director Adrian Maggio, Assistant Director Amanda Milone and RCT liaison Trena DeFranco for bringing back Shakespeare to Rome which is anticipated to be an annual event. They also brought William Shakespeare to two of the performances and he told / performed an audience participation Shakespeare story which was entertained by all at intermission..

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Upcoming Auditions

- Aug. 6 (7PM) and Aug. 7 (6PM) auditions will take place at RCT for Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance". The show is being directed by Pat Stone, Barbara Seaton is musical director and Carl DeFranco is producer. Barb is offering a highly encouraged pre-audition workshop for anyone interested in getting a head start on the particular style and vocal needs for the show on Aug. 2 (7PM) at First United Methodist Church.
- RCT and the Theater Department at Utica College are excitingly announcing auditions for "Jekyll and Hyde the Musical" Sept. 5 and 6th beginning at 6:30pm. Callbacks may be held on September 7th depending on need. All auditions and rehearsals will be held at Utica College's Strebel Auditorium. The musical runs November 2-4 at 7:30pm and the 5th at 2:30pm. Rehearsals will typically run evenings Monday through Friday. A complete schedule will follow. For questions and more information, you may contact directors Rusty Ritzel at rustyritz@yahoo.com or Nick Abounader at abounader@me.com.

RCT Quick News

- RCT has a Henry Award committee that watches all 5 shows and gets together at the end of the year to decide upon awards such as best actor, best set design or best show. The committee is anonymous to all of RCT except the chairman. The chairman is still looking for at least 2 new members. If interested, send your name and contact information in an envelope to John Parker, Attn: Henry Committee, 9026 Towne Dr., Rome, NY 13440. To remain anonymous, do not put your return address on the envelope, it need to be inside. Please do so ASAP.
- Those of you who purchased season tickets are reminded that they will be mailed to you in mid-September.
- Thank you Ella Alsheimer for taking the responsibility of checking the RCT answering machine and ensuring the calls are given to the responsible party.
- Thank you Paula Bush for agreeing to chair the box office again this year for RCT.
- Anyone wishing to receive this newsletter via email in the future, send a request to jparker3531@twcny.rr.com.