

The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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Editor's Column

As always, RCT is bustling with activity. The planning for the November Theatre Association of New York State Festival is continuing. My committee is working hard at various aspects of the TANYS Diamond 60th anniversary. "TANYS is Forever" is our theme which will be displayed on T-Shirts, decorations in the lobby, and celebrated at the Saturday night banquet with costumes and centerpieces.

Please plan to come to our next production, "Chapter Two" which begins on June 6. Director Kirstin Walker put together an all-star cast and promises you will laugh at the action in this production.

All of you should have gotten an invitation to our June 29th Curtain Call Celebration--where YOU can share the honors, excitement and friendship that is a hallmark of RCT. EVERYONE--is invited to walk the red carpet at the Stanwix Veterans and Men's Club. See below for more information.

Lastly, please participate in our fundraisers listed on the back of this newsletter, especially the June 20th Chicken Barbeque.

Hope to see you at the show! John Parker, Editor

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Curtain Call Celebration

This fabulous event takes place June 29th at 6PM at the Stanwix Veterans and Men's Club. We hope you will dress up and walk the red carpet into the event. Door prizes will be given out roughly every half hour. A rolling display of pictures will occur of all the five regular season productions and you will be allowed to vote for the top show. Other awards will be presented from the votes of an anonymous committee who watched all of our season productions.

The event will also include several RCT Ford Awards, representing the light hearted moments of the last season. If you were a director or performer and have any awards to be given, please send them to Barb Seaton at bjseaton@usa.net.

Make your reservations by June 15 and provide payment of \$20 to Ella Alsheimer 315-336-6540 no later than June 22.

"Chapter Two" Opens June 6

"Chapter Two" is a semi-autobiographical play by Neil Simon. It was written as a tribute to Marsha Mason, his second wife, and her tolerance with his long-lasting grief over the death of his first wife. The play focuses on a recently widowed writer, George Schneider, who is introduced by his press agent brother to soap opera actress Jennie Malone. Jennie's marriage to a football player has dissolved after six years. Both are uncertain of their readiness to start dating and developing a new romance when her breakup is so recent and he still has recurring memories of his deceased wife, Barbara.

The show is directed by Kirstin Walker, produced by Barb Seaton, with assistant director David Bunker. It is being performed June 6-8 at 730PM and June 9 at 230PM. You can purchase your tickets online or at the box office. Be sure to mark your calendars since if you are looking to get out of the rain, this comedy is for you.

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RCT Election Results

On May 21, RCT has its annual meeting where it elected its officers and trustees for the term beginning on July 1, 2019. Elected were the following:

President: Barb Seaton 1st VP: Arnold Galin Second VP: Ella Alsheimer Secretary: Jan Hanna

Treasurer: Maria Rich

Trustees (3 year terms): Andy Frank, Josephine Perkins, Jean Gauditis.

RCT thanks all who attended and also thanks Kirstin Walker, Denise Morganti, Dominick Provenzano and Sue Provenzano who are leaving the board for their service.

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RCT Talent Team Update

Planning is underway for an RCT Talent Team evening of one act plays being performed and directed by members of our Talent Team. The evening has planned some original plays written by Talent Team members and one written by Dave Bush. Stay tuned to this newsletter for dates, times, and specific shows being presented. It has been postponed from June 14-15. When rescheduled, we hope you will support our youth as they represent the future of our theater.

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RCT Fundraisers

Do any of you LOVE chicken barbeques this time of year? Rome Teacher's Federal Credit Union is hosting one put together by Scotty's Smokehouse BBQ at its location at 924 Turin Rd. with profits from the event benefitting the programming at Rome Community Theater. The BBQ features chicken, salt potatoes, and coleslaw. The event is being held on Thursday, June 20th from Noon until sold Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$11.00 at the Tickets will be sold at all RCT shows before the door. 20th but if for some reason you will not be at the show, (315-337-3254 John Parker contact iparker3531@twcny.rr.com and he will make sure your request is accommodated.

This is our third year participating in the Boscov Department Store (Sangertown Mall) community event. RCT is selling 25% off shopping passes to Boscov on Oct. 16 for \$5. All of the money from sales of these passes is kept by RCT and you can go shopping for bargains on that day. Call Ella at 315-337-5920 if interested or you can purchase one at any RCT event. Our goal this year is to sell a hundred passes, so please help us attain that number.

Lastly, our season ticket campaign for the 2019-2020 season will be kicked off soon. See the next column for show dates and times. Watch your mail and the RCT web site for the preseason sale where you can purchase 5 shows for only \$50.

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Other RCT News

One Act Plays:

RCT is putting together an Evening of One Act Plays in Oct. at a community location to be announced. If you wish to direct one please submit to Barb Seaton a script, a cast, set design, costume and prop list by 31 July. Keep in mind the one acts will be done offsite and thus require portability of set and other aspects of the suggested production.

Season Show Dates and Directors:

The following dates and directors were chosen for the 2019-2020 RCT Season. Show times are not changing. Sundays are at 230PM and all others are at 730PM.

"Guys and Dolls": Oct. 3-6 & 11-13, Arnold Galin Director "Miracle on 34th Street": Dec. 12-15, Barb Seaton Director "The Game's Afoot": Feb. 13-16, Director TBD "Amadeus": Apr. 16-19, Eric Almleaf Director "Helium": June 4-7, Arnold Galin Director

As noted, no one came forward to direct "The Game's Afoot", a comedy/mystery by Ken Ludwig. If you are interested in directing this production, please contact Barbara Seaton at bjseaton@usa.net ASAP.