



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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Presidents Column

Many times in this past year and a half, I feel like I've been traveling along a shadowed path with few directional signs or familiar landmarks. Perhaps many of us have had similar impressions, I'm sure. RCT has gone above and beyond thinking outside the "normal" theater box to keep our name in your minds and generate some revenue with streaming and virtual productions on our YouTube channel, drive-in movies in the parking lot and a unique take on fund raising. Hopefully, the end is in sight as we dip our toes back into the performance pool on July 16 and 17 with "Raise the Curtain," a variety show put together by Suzanne Rodio and Denise Morganti, featuring singers, dancers, actors and more. Even though NYS guidelines have been relaxed, out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our patrons, we are requesting that masks be worn while inside the theater (lobbies, house, restrooms etc.). In that way, we will not have to require proof of vaccination or antibody testing, nor will we need to space the audience members apart. Please honor this decision at this time. We will revisit the safety protocols as the virus information changes.

Looking forward--and it feels terrific to say that! We will again utilize our parking lot for the Second Annual "Give and Take" event on Saturday August 7 from 10AM until 4 PM. We will be again taking orders for Krispy Kreme Donuts (delivered fresh that morning by Andy Frank) and Broaster's Coffee (roasted just for us!), Please start collecting your returnable cans and bottles (no juice or tea, please) to drop off, or you can always leave them at J&J Bottle And Can Return (8589 Turin Road)--just tell them to credit our account. We will also be collecting scrap metal--the list of acceptable items will be posted soon. There will be a couple more surprise options announced soon.

A teaser of more upcoming events: An evening of once-act plays in October to be adjudicated for TANYS. "All Together Now: A Global Return to Musical Theater" and "Three Conversations" will be live, on stage in November. Look for information about Season's Tickets and the TANYS Festival, as well as more announcements for upcoming shows as the information becomes available.

Theater has been around for almost 2500 years; RCT since 1953; don't think we won't be back! See you at YOUR Community Theater!

Barbara Seaton President, RCT

Yes, It's Time For The Return of RCT Live Theater July 16&17

Lights up! Rome Community Theater is excited to announce that they will be bringing you live entertainment! On Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17, some of the area's top performers will be on stage at RCT. Comedy sketches, vocal performances, a monologue, dance number, and a radio show will welcome you to the theater for "**Raise the Curtain: An RCT Variety Show**". Tickets for the event are \$10. Advance purchase is strongly encouraged by going to the link <http://www.tktassistant.com/Tix/?u=RCT> (Go to the RCT web site, select tickets, then select the link for purchasing tickets online). If you do not purchase your tickets online, you are encouraged to call 315-337-5920 and make a reservation between 6 & 10PM. This phone number will not be answered outside of these hours since the box office personnel work during the day. Tickets can be purchased at the door but to be guaranteed a seat advance ticket purchase or reservations are strongly encouraged. The show will begin at 7:30 and concessions will be available to purchase.



New To RCT YouTube

- Created and written by Philip Rapp, The Bickersons were the first married couple on radio to have a truly adversarial relationship. Scathing, sarcastic and comical, John and Blanche would fight about anything. Listen to Mark and Janet Hanna bicker for 6 episodes on YouTube. There are also links on the RCT Web Site.
- RCT produced a one act play called "Pandemic Romance" and placed it on its YouTube Channel. The comedy, written by New York's George Bryjak, is about a guy and a gal who meet during the pandemic. The show was directed by Stephen Hampe and features the outstanding acting of Brooke and Dominick Provenzano. There is also a link to the show on the RCT Web Site.
- Lastly, YouTube also features additional Sunday Spotlights with RCT's Ted Lenio, Deb Martin, Steven James and Raine White

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RCT Drive in Movies 2021

RCT concluded its drive in movies for the summer at the end of June. We would like to thank any of the patrons on this mailing list who showed up at our movies. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate on most weekends, but nevertheless those that had the opportunity to view our movies were there with a smile on their face. RCT would like to thank all the volunteers who took time away from their usual Friday or Saturday activities to work either inside or outside of RCT. Especially, RCT thanks the Sharp family who every night of every movie set up and took down the movie screen and put together the movies that were shown.



RCT Bylaw Vote Results

On June 22, the RCT votes for approving the bylaws were counted by Chairman John Parker, RCT President Barb Seaton and Carol Brigandi, representing the membership. All proposal changes achieved greater than two-thirds positive vote and were thus approved. RCT thanks committee chair John Parker and volunteers Maria Rich, John Doiron, John Frank, Josephine Perkins and Suzanne Rodio who met several times to come up with the final changes that were made.

RCT Quick News

- RCT thanks all who worked the Chicken BBQ fundraiser May 25th. RCT appreciates the efforts of organizers Arnold and Chris Galin and all of the volunteers who sold tickets in advance or worked at the function.
- RCT will be hosting the annual Theatre Association of New York State Festival Nov. 19-21. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to work at the Festival please contact Festival chair John Parker at jparker3531@twcny.rr.com.
- A new membership year for RCT started on July 1. Membership this year costs \$10 a person and can be mailed to PO Box 91, Rome, NY 13442. All board members who wish to be re-elected to their positions in 2022 need to be members six month prior to the May annual meeting with a date to be determined. As a reminder, a member is a person who desires to vote in our annual election or participate in board activities. Supporters of RCT can mail a donation to the PO Box.
- RCT hopes to be starting a season ticket drive soon. The season ticket chair would mail out renewals and work with patrons to renew their tickets for our upcoming 2021-2022 season. If interested in being chair for this event, with other helpers already identified contact Arnold Galin, 315-339-2545.
- RCT requests volunteers come on July 10 at 10AM to support general cleanup around RCT in preparation for our reopening.