



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

8911 Turin Road Rome, NY

(315) 337-5920

June 2023

RCT Closes Its Season with Helium

Helium, by Julian Wiles is the moving and uplifting story of Mrs. Kingsley (Denise Morganti), a brilliant, humorous, and beloved former chemistry teacher who braves the trials of frailty and aging, all the while keeping her imagination, charm, and dignity intact. No longer bound by space and time, Mrs. Kingsley's mind has begun to wander. With the help of colorful bunches of helium-filled balloons, she takes flight and visits the seashore of her youth, her old high-school classroom, and even drops in on an old episode of *Star Trek*. Back in the present, Mrs. Kingsley's daughter Alice (Kaysey Hinkle) struggles to keep her headstrong mother's feet firmly on the ground and her aging mind solidly anchored in reality. It is a losing battle. As sparks fly between mother and daughter, Mrs. Kingsley's grandsons (Joshua Thompson and Micah Simanowski) watch in wonder and amazement as their mischievous grandmother's wit and imagination continues to charm even as her mind slips into amazing and often humorous flights of fancy. Rounding out the cast is Alexis Carey as Ruth, Mrs. Kingsley's nurse, and Levi Simowski as Mrs. Kingsley's former student. There will be a talk-back session following the June 16 performance. The audience is invited to chat with the actors and a member from the Alzheimer's Association in a group setting. This will be an open discussion regarding any aspects of the play, including its portrayal of the disease. Arnold Galin directs with assistant director Valerie Abel, and producer Suzanne Rodio. *Helium* opens June 16th. Visit www.romecommunitytheater.org for showtimes and tickets.

"Helium" is produced by special arrangement with the DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois



New way to contact Box Office:

boxoffice@romecommunitytheater.org

Email your requests for Flex seat assignments or necessary season ticket exchanges!!

Season Ticket holders who have an assigned seat and day should call or email before you miss the performance if you want to come on an alternate date. Please understand your preferred seat may not be available on the alternate day. If you are not going to use the seat on that day, we would like to be able to put someone else in it and can't if it is held for you, so we request you let us know.

Flex ticket holders: Call or email to reserve a seat if a specific seat is desired. We will do the best we can to accommodate. Remember, Flex Tickets can be used to bring a friend too! Don't forget to bring your Flex Ticket with you for accurate accounting.

Comp Ticket Holders: You must stop at the Box Office to book your seat before going into the theater.

Your help with this enables us to get everyone in their seats quickly as the Show Must Go ON! **Thank you!**



Audition Dates: June 18th and 19th at 6:30

Who: Children ages 4-18 interested in learning any part of a theatrical production, including: acting, singing, dancing, lights, sound, costume design, set design, properties, stage management and more.

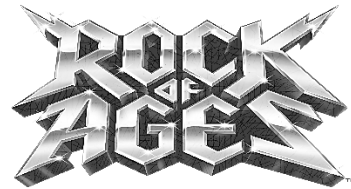
Preparation: Wear closed-toed shoes or sneakers and bring your energy!

Show Dates: August 10-13, 2023

Director: Kirstin Walker; **Assistant Director:** Carolyn Goodfellow; **Music Director:** Caitlin Fenton

Where: Rome Community Theater 8911 Turin Rd., Rome

Produced by special arrangement with the Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois and is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by CNY Arts.



Rock of Ages (Book by Chris D'Arienzo, Arrangements & Orchestrations by Ethan Popp) takes you back to the time of big bands with big egos playing big guitar solos and sporting even bigger hair! This Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical features the hits of bands including Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister and more. Under the direction of Justin Jones, these outstanding performers will have you rocking out to your favorite 80's songs this **July 20th - July 23rd**: Dustin Mouk, Claire Bosley, Adam Jones, Josh Beckinsale, Steve Zumchak, Jessica Sargent-Wilk, Sofie D'Andreano, James McNeil, Rick Reichert, Carlie Stalker, Tim Huey, Kris Majka, Abbie C. Morgan, Brandon Moore, Carol Price, Danielle Harvey, Marygrace Kehrl and Joan Price. Josh Clanton is musical director, Trevor Jones and Noah Alexander-Price provide choreography and Jen Martin is the producer. **ADULT CONTENT, LANGUAGE & THEMES**

Rock of Ages is produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, NYC www.concordtheatricals.com

ROME COMMUNITY THEATER
P.O. Box 91
Rome, NY 13442

**Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Rome, NY
Permit No. 88**



RCT is completely governed and managed by regular, everyday people like YOU. If you have the time, we can put you to work—not just on stage, but backstage, in the box office, at the concession stand, cleaning, organizing, building—you name it, we can use you!

Email rometheater@gmail.com or call 315-337-5920



2023-2024 ELECTION RESULTS

President: Steve Hampe

1st VP: Kirstin Walker 2nd VP: Ella Alsheimer

3rd VP/Plant Manager: John Frank

Secretary: Jen Martin Treasurer: Pat Stone

Financial Secretary: Maria Rich

Trustees: Cassandra Dolan, Catherine Dolan, Arnold Galin, Justin Jones, Nancy Novak, John Parker, Elizabeth Saunders, Jeanette Schwertfeger, Mike Sharp

Past President: Barb Seaton

Special Thanks to John Doiron, Denise Morganti, and Suzanne Rodio for their years of service on the board.



Friday July 7: Awards Banquet at The Back Nine Restaurant starting at 6:00 PM. \$18/person. Reserve by June 23: 315-336-6540 or ellaasheimer@gmail.com

Sunday & Monday June 18-19: Auditions for Children's show "Rockin' Robinhood" at 6:30 PM. Ages 4-18

Thursday July 20-Sunday July 23: Rock of Ages—Tickets on sale now: <http://www.tktassistant.com/Tix/?u=RCT>

Thursday August 10-Sunday August 13: Rockin' Robin Hood performances

Saturday August 5: 4th Annual Give-n-Take Fundraising Event. *GIVE* your returnable cans and bottles; *TAKE* your pre-ordered Krispie Kremes & Broaster's Coffee from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.