



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

The next couple of months should bring us some weather that may encourage you to get out a little more, and why not give some thought to volunteering at your theater? We are in the process of looking for people interested in serving on the board. There are many opportunities from joining the nominating committee (contact Laura Brace at defranco@ymail.com ASAP) to being a governing member of the trustees or even one of the officer positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, or Treasurer. For board consideration, you must have become a current member of Rome Community by January 1, 2015. Please feel free to contact me (Barb Seaton, bjseaton@usa.net) for more information on any of these very important elected positions. The Annual Election meeting is Thursday May 22 at 7:30 PM.

Barbara Seaton 2014-2015 RCT President



Cast for "A Murder is Announced"

Director Carl DeFranco announced the cast for our next show, "A Murder is Announced":

Miss Marple: Penny Zugner
Miss Blacklock: Debby Martin
Dora Bunner: Melissa Bosco
Mitzi: Jennifer Stalnaker
Philippa Haymes: Jillian Lalonde
Mrs Swettenham: Deborah Harrison
Julia Simmons: Amanda Milone
Patrick Simmons: Ryan Oliver
Edmund Swettenham: Brandon Severs
Inspector Craddock: Jim Bintz
Sergeant Mellors: Dave Bunker
Rudi Scherz: Ken Blumberg

This year marks the 125th anniversary of Agatha Christie's birth, and we're going to help celebrate. We'll be introducing six new faces to the RCT stage, along with some of our seasoned actors in this clever mystery from Agatha Christie. The show will run from April 9th to 12th. Tickets will be available to be purchased through Ticket Derby on the RCT web site and the Box Office for reservations (337-5920) will be open starting Apr. 2nd from 6-10PM.

THOSE CRAZY LADIES WERE TRULY CRAZY!

From February 12th – 15th, RCT presented the very funny comedy "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner". Thanks to director Laurie Marshall and Producer Jim Bintz the house was alive with laughter every night of the show. It was truly exciting on a very cold Sunday afternoon to see the house almost sold out for the performance. Joan Luther from the Theater Association of New York State came on that very cold Sunday and provided the production with the following TANYS Merit awards:

- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Lorraine Goewey as Dora Miller
- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Barb Seaton as Lydia Van Horn
- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Denise Morganti as Maggie Brown
- Meritorious Achievement in Direction to Laurie Marshall
- Excellence in Scenic Design and Construction to Laurie Marshall and John Frank

Joan also summed up the show as follows. "Funny things happen when three crazy ladies live in the house on the corner. Rome Community Theater warmed our hearts and tickled our funny bones in below zero weather with their production of "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner". The acting was skillful, the story line was funny, and the technical aspects delightful to watch. All in all, it was a great way to spend a frigid afternoon."



DIRECTORS NEEDED

RCT is seeking directors for shows proposed for the 2015-2016 season. A short summary of these shows is contained on the RCT web site. This exciting season is as follows:

- The Drowsy Chaperone (Musical)
- Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike (Comedy)
- Dr. Jekyll No Place to Hyde (Comedy)
- Suite Surrender (Comedy)
- Dreams (Drama)

Contact Arnold Galin (339-2545) by the end of March if you are qualified and wish to direct one of these productions. Be prepared to present your ideas to the RCT board on April 2nd. If interested in reading these plays please, contact Denise Morganti, 339-3981 ASAP,

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Summer Youth Opportunities

There are three local opportunities for youth involvement in theater. First, RCT is exploring offering its second annual youth theater summer camp. Information will be provided on the RCT web site and through the Prompter.

RCT is also exploring ways to offer their services to the Capitol Theater Rising Stars youth theater program. Registration is underway for the next series of Rising Stars classes. Three sessions are scheduled. The first ten week session begins April 11. Classes will meet Saturday mornings at the Capitol and are for grades 5-8 and 9-12. Tuition is \$120.00 per student with discounts for multiple students from the same household. Janet Foote is the director and can be reached at RisingStarsJanet@aol.com. Information is also available on the Capitol web-site and from Maria Rich - 336-0422.

Finally, RCT announces that it will be producing its annual summer youth theater musical "Princess Whatshername" Aug. 6th - 9th with auditions in June directed by Kirstin Impicciatore.

RCT QUICK NEWS

- Mark your calendar to attend the extra show being presented at RCT April 23rd -26th. The very funny Ray Cooney Comedy "Cash on Delivery" is being presented in cooperation with Outcast International. See the web sites for RCT and Outcast for information. Directed by Eileen Tiller.
- RCT Invites all singers to audition for the fun filled production of the musical melodrama "The Saloonkeeper's Daughter" directed by John Parker. Audition dates are Apr. 12-13 at the First United Methodist Church at 400 N. George St. in Rome.
- RCT regrets the passing of volunteer Jim Cable.



RCT on the Web

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