



# The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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## President's Column

Ever complain that there's nothing to do? Want to try a part of theater that doesn't require memorizing lines or songs, appearing in costume or make-up?

The final show of the season is a very funny comedy, "Always a Bridesmaid" and as the director, I like to involve people who may not feel the pull of the footlights. Are you organized? Do you have the ability to scavenge and seek things out? Do you have a desire to see what goes on behind the scenes? Just curious about how the show goes up? I need a PRODUCER—someone who can keep track of things, find other people who might want to help out and basically allow the director to direct. Are you handy with a needle and thread, sewing machine and have an eye for bridal wear? This show is a big costume show and ideally SEVERAL COSTUMERS would make the project flow easier. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help put on the very best show we can. Contact me [bjseaton@usa.net](mailto:bjseaton@usa.net) or 315-334-7737 (or come to auditions on April 15-16 at 7:30) and let's talk! Many hands make light work....and you get credit in the program!

On another note, the Annual Elections are fast-approaching (May 15 at 7:30—mark your calendar) and the Nominating Committee is looking for board members and officers (must be a paid member since November 15, 2017) so please seriously think about serving YOUR community theater. You can contact me if you're interested and I will pass your name to the committee.

Barbara Seaton, RCT President 2017-2018

## "Whodunnit, Darling?" Concluded

Director Laurie Marshall wishes to thank her cast and crew who battled through the snow and provided those who came a rootin'-tootin' performance. The audience members who came paid close attention to all the clues and played along trying to figure out who did it. Producer Barb Seaton is also thanked for all of her work behind the scenes supporting the production performed February 8-11.

## RCT's Next Production "The Shadow Box"

Rome Community Theater is taking on a new role with its upcoming production of "The Shadow Box," the Pulitzer Prize-winning play about three terminally-ill patients who face physical and emotional challenges as they approach the end of life. RCT is partnering with Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., to provide an opportunity for the audience to talk with cast members and Hospice representatives following the performances. Hospice staff and volunteers will also host an information table containing details about how Hospice can assist patients and their loved ones with end-of-life care.

The idea of involving Hospice originated with the play's cast members, who extensively researched the challenges that patients with terminal illnesses face. The collaborative effort will enable the Rome Community Theater and Hospice and Palliative Care to focus public awareness on a serious, as well as sensitive, subject.

Cast members for the show are: Mark Hanna, Tylor Lybolt, Suzanne Rodio, Ted Lenio, Catherine Gudaitis, Denise Borek Morganti, Chuck Teska, Valerie Abel, Carol Eggleston. The show is directed by Brian Angell, with Assistant Director Denise Morganti, and Producer Kristin Walker. Performances are April 5-7, at 7:30 PM and on Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 PM. Even though your season ticket says "Amadeus", those tickets will be accepted for this show. The box office (315-337-5920) is open for reservations between 6 and 9PM from Mar. 29 through April 4. Tickets can also be purchased on the RCT web site.

## TANYS Selects RCT Show

The Theater Association of New York State (TANYS) announced that Rome Community Theater's "The Last Trip" was recently selected to perform at the Eastern States Theater Festival. The show, directed by William Brown will perform with other shows from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The show is a part of the Sherman C. Ward Jr. Original Works Festival May 4-6 at the Kiss Theatre in Wilkes Barre, PA. Go to the web link <http://www.estafestival.org/> for further information.

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## Auditions

### “Always a Bridesmaid”

Director Barb Seaton announces that auditions for the next show “Always a Bridesmaid” will be held April 15&16 at 7:30 at RCT. The cast consists of 6 women: 1 20-30 years old, 4 40-60 years old, and 1 aged 50-70. Those auditioning should bring their calendars to list their conflicts. The show takes place June 7-10. A description of the show is listed under auditions on the RCT web site.



### RCT End of Season Banquet

End of year RCT Banquet will be held at Stanwix Veteran's and Men's Club 6774 Lamphear Rd, Rome, NY on June 29th, 6-10pm. The cost is \$20 per person.

The menu: turkey, bowtie Alfredo, sausage and peppers, cottage potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and butter, coffee/tea. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations may be made by contacting Ella Alsheimer at 315-336-6540 or [ellaalsheimer@gmail.com](mailto:ellaalsheimer@gmail.com). Payment must be received in hand by 6/22/18. Checks should be made out to “Rome Community Theater”.

At the banquet, the annual Henry awards will be presented to best show, best performers etc. Also, Barb Seaton is requesting you send her the light-hearted moments which occurred during a production or a rehearsal, called the Ford Awards. Her email is contained in other columns.

## RCT Quick News

- **Rome Arts Hall of Fame:** Congratulations to RCT's Denise Morganti who was selected to be inducted in the Rome Arts Hall of Fame at the Capitol Theater, May 6 at 4PM.
- **RCT Help Wanted:** Chris Galin is looking for volunteers to assist with distributing information to advertisers for the Season Program. If you are interested contact Chris at 315-339-2545.
- **Summer Student Production:** If anyone is interested in directing a theater show with student performers, contact Barbara Seaton, [biseaton@usa.net](mailto:biseaton@usa.net) as soon as possible. Barb desires the show name, a brief description and an idea of a budget.
- **Regular Season Director Needed:** At press time, RCT is looking for someone to direct Neil Simon's “Chapter Two” next season. If interested, contact Arnold Galin, 315-339-2545 or [agalin21@hotmail.com](mailto:agalin21@hotmail.com).
- **RCT Elections:** As indicated in the President's column, RCT is holding elections in May. The column also indicates eligibility. If interested in serving on the board and eligible, contact Eric Almleaf, Mike Carbone, or Paula Bush. Anyone anyone can come and cast a vote, even if you become a member that evening so plan on it!