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Presidents Column

There is encouraging news on the horizon—New York State will soon be allowing small entertainment venues to open with reduced capacity, masking, distancing and other COVID protocols—that means US--RCT!! Although RCT will remain "closed" for the near future, our Programming Committee has been working hard to get people safely involved in the life of YOUR Community Theater. If you have not already seen our virtual plays, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5x9zwlBqt0> and see what we've been up to. Keep checking for more shows and updates, too. We will be bringing some original content including interviews with local theater people and educational videos on a variety of topics.

Something new, just for fun, that we are trying is Virtual Karaoke on the last Friday of the month. It's free, but you will need to get the information to attend from social media, email or the RCT website to participate. Plans are also afoot for our second season of Drive-In Movies later this summer, some Radio Theater shows, as well as live outdoor productions, when the weather permits. We are also going to organize another "Give and Take" event in August, so start saving your cans and bottles!

Barbara Seaton President, RCT

RCT Virtual Theater Update

President Seaton above suggests you click on the link in her column to advance to our YouTube channel. Once you do this, you can see our current promotional video titled "Welcome to RCT" showing some highlights of recent productions and some of the people behind the scenes. If your computer does what mine does, on the right side of the screen you will also see our latest video releases. Described in Dec. in this newsletter, you should make sure you watch the RCT entertaining production of the one act play written by John Luther titled "Waiting". New this month is a verbal status update from President Barb Seaton worth watching titled "Rome Community Theater Update February 2021". Lastly, added this month is a monologue titled "Tierney from *The Birds* by Conner McPherson" acted out by RCT's Mark Hanna. It's a real hoot! If they do not appear on your screen in the way it appears on mine, you can search for the titles in the YouTube search box.

New RCT Event

"The Art of the Audition"

RCT is presenting a workshop in auditioning via Zoom, called "Let's Chat About ... The Art of the Audition". In this virtual workshop, directors from the Mohawk Valley (Arnold Galin, Denise Morganti, Art Felshaw, and Suzanne Rodio) talk about the audition process in the area community theaters from their perspective. Following a roundtable discussion, the audience will be part of a **ZOOM** talkback where they can have questions answered. Adults and Students are welcomed as we learn from each other.

The event is free and is occurring on April 14th at 7PM. Register today at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/144340952675> or go to the RCT website and click on "Learn More". If you have any questions on this event, contact coordinator Suzanne Rodio, at suzannerodio@gmail.com or Arnold Galin at 315-339-2545. This is the first of a series of roundtables planned to cover other aspects of theater.

RCT Board Of Governors Elections

All current RCT members are alerted that they will be receiving a mailing in the near future which will announce the following slate of officers and trustees. As the mailing will state, nominations will be accepted from the membership. Voting will ultimately be performed via mail.

The nominating committee has provided the following slate to the membership (three trustees are elected):

President: Barb Seaton First VP: Arnold Galin
Second VP: Ella Alsheimer Secretary: Steve Hampe
Treasurer: Maria Rich Financial Secretary: John Frank
Trustees: John Parker, Mike Sharp, Catherine Dolan

Final results of the election will be presented via Zoom on May 13th at 730PM at the annual meeting. It is emphasized that ALL current members need to watch for our mailings AND vote. That is your obligation as a member.

One other Board note, RCT thanks Jean Gudaitis for her service to the board the last few years. She recently resigned from the Board and is being replaced by Nancy Novak.

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RCT Virtual Karaoke

Many folks are starving for karaoke since singing in public places is challenging in the pandemic. Now you can sing from home and join your friends for some karaoke fun. In cooperation with the Virtual Voicebox, RCT will sponsor an evening of virtual karaoke on March 26 from 730-930PM. With this service, you can use your phone to select a song to sing then when it is your turn you would use your computer to turn on your microphone and give us your all! Use of a headset is recommended rather than using the microphone in your computer. It is also suggested that when someone else is singing you CAN sing along but make sure your microphone is turned off to avoid unnecessary interference. One requirement of participating is that you must have the Zoom application loaded onto your computer.

To register for participation and to receive the official Zoom link for the evening please watch the RCT web site for registration information or email me at jparker3531@twcny.rr.com and I will be sure to provide you with the information once available. We hope to provide this fun for our patrons on the last Friday of the next month or two once we see how it goes so spread the word and sign up TODAY!.

Quick News

Thank you Ella Alsheimer for organizing our Holiday Party virtual trivia night and for Paul Phister for hosting. Congratulations to our trivia expert of the night, Barb Seaton.

One of the things we say is to subscribe to our YouTube channel. This makes it easy to view what is produced by RCT and placed on it. Subscribing to our channel does not mean paying any money, it just means signing up to simply get and view our productions once posted. In the near future you will see a production of the one act play "Cat's Meow" directed by Val Abel and some interviews of RCT personnel conducted by Eric Almleaf.

RCT has a programming committee. They were wondering if those who read this newsletter would like to learn about a theater related topic. They are also interested in knowing if anyone has any fundraising ideas. And, what do you think of RCT and what ideas would you like for us to pursue in any area? Is there a public domain movie you would like us to show? Send your input on any or all of these things to jparker3531@twcny.rr.com. Please take the time to submit your ideas for the committee to discuss.