



# The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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## President's Column

Now that the Nuns are back safely in the convent, it's time for a fast-paced, twisty-turning thriller. "The 39 Steps" by Patrick Barlow (adapted from the 1915 novel by John Buchan and the 1935 film by Alfred Hitchcock) is on its way to discover the mystery of the title and give you the experience of Alfred Hitchcock movie imagery. Get ready to follow the harrowing journey of Richard Hannay (Tim Huey) as he tries to clear his name of murder, figure out just what and where those 39 steps are, perhaps find the love of his life (Melissa Brass-Maggio) and save civilization as we know it. Either helping or hindering along the way, the rest of the cast of thousands is portrayed by Kirstin Walker and Graycee Olds. Director Pat Stone and Assistant Director Mel Maneen have deftly intertwined the story line with lightning fast scene changes and dizzying costume variations, while Stage Manager Paris Freeman keeps the stage crew busy as the audience is catapulted through England and Scotland in pursuit of the mysterious man with only half a pinkie finger. "The 39 Steps" is produced by Barb Seaton and presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals of NYC, NY. Show dates are April 1, 2, 8, 9 at 7:30 PM and April 3 & 10 at 2:30 PM. Reservations: 315-337-5920 and online tickets are available now at the following link: <http://www.tktassistant.com/Tix/?u=RCT>.

Rome Community Theater will abide by NYS and Oneida County masking guidelines to be determined one week prior to opening. Watch the website and social media for updated requirements.

See you at the show!

Barb Seaton RCT President. 2021 – 2022

Rome Community Theater is strictly a volunteer organization. The editor of the Prompter wishes to offer sincere acknowledgment to John Frank and John Doiron, our plant managers. Not only do they build most of our sets but they also keep the facility running. They can be found there almost every Tuesday performing their plant management duties of the week and we sincerely appreciate all of their efforts. THANK YOU!!!!

## "The 39 Steps"

### Additional Information

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have "The 39 Steps", a fast-paced whodunit. A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, "The 39 Steps" amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure! A cast of 4 performers perform about 150 different characters. Information on reservations and show dates and times are located in the President's column.



## "Nonsense" Is Habit-Forming

Rome Community Theater completed six very successful and entertaining performances of the theatrical spectacular "Nonsense". Each of the sisters were witty and had a well defined character which contributed to the comedic aspects of the production. Wow, Sister Mary Leo could really dance! And Sister Mary Amnesia could tell a story with a puppet while holding it and singing at the same time. Sister Mary Hubert was "Holier Than Thou". Sister Mary Robert Anne shined as the understudy. Lastly Reverend Mother; Sister Mary Regina was in the spotlight especially in the high and mighty smelling scene towards the end of Act One. Director Barb Seaton conducted a small orchestra for live accompaniment which included musical director Deb Holling. The audience enjoyed some very well done choreography thanks to Cassandra Dolan which included ballet, tap dancing, and a catchy gospel dance at the end of the show. Thank you to the cast, crew and musicians for putting together this great production. And, thank you to the many patrons who supported this production. We hope you'll come back for "The 39 Steps".



## RCT Annual Meeting

RCT will be holding its annual meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. At this meeting we will discuss the state of RCT. We will also elect officers and trustees for the following year. The slate of officers and trustees to be voted on will be placed on the RCT website in early April. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. All current members should plan to come and participate at this meeting. Anyone can sign up and pay for a membership and vote, if you are not a member already. Hope to see you all there.

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## **Auditions for the Season's Final RCT Production "Geezers"**

Director Arnold Galin will be holding auditions for the light Drama "Geezers" on April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> at Rome Community Theater, Upper Turin Road at 7:30 PM. There are roles for 5 men and 5 women ranging in age from the 20's to the 70's.

"Geezers" introduces us to some beautiful and wonderful old people who are enjoying their golden years in a retirement home. Jack, a pathologically shy, 27-year-old man, begins a job there helping the seniors with their daily needs. But it's the "geezers" who wind up helping Jack with his needs. On his road to an epiphany, Jack learns from the old folks that he must break out of his comfort zone to achieve anything in life. Jack learns to crawl—then walk, then fly—with a wise group of mentors guiding him along. A funny, heartwarming drama about growth and wisdom, learning and loving, life and death. "Geezers" will be presented in early June.

## **Quick News**

- RCT thanks all concession volunteers who work tirelessly to stock the soda cooler, make popcorn, purchase candy, and serve all of this at every production. Thanks primarily to Sharon Parker and AJ Parker who organize and man the stand.
- Thanks to Suzanne Rodio, Arnold Galin, and Maria Rich, our primary public relations team. They write articles, create graphics, take pictures, and publish newspaper ads for every production. Suzanne is especially thanked for her social media efforts and expertise she shares with fellow RCT members.
- Ushers are at the entrances of the auditorium for each production to take tickets, hand out programs and ensure that each member of the audience is accounted for. When you come to our production please be sure you stop and acknowledge them before being seated..
- We are attempting to grow our volunteer force as many hands make light work. Let's talk! I would love to hear from you and discuss these opportunities. Call John Parker at 315-337-3254 or email him at [jparker3531@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jparker3531@twcny.rr.com). In addition contact him if anyone wishes to be deleted from our mailing list,