

The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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Editor's Column

Since this is packed full of information we have no President's column this month just a BIG thank you for some things in this edition. Thanks Arnie and Chris Galin for spearheading the workshops. Thank you Jennifer Stalnaker for agreeing to direct a children's show. Thank you Ella Alsheimer for your work as second VP, planning the end of season banquet. Thank you Adrian Maggio and Trena DeFranco for leading the Shakespeare initiative with the Rome Art and Community Center. And, thanks to all of you for reading this edition of the Prompter. We hope you will purchase preseason tickets as well (Big thanks to Kirstin Impicciatore for initiating the campaign!). Be sure to come to our June show!

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Officers & Trustees Elected

Election Chair John Parker announces that the following RCT members were elected by the membership at the May 18th meeting for board service beginning July 1:

President: Barb Seaton First VP: Trena DeFranco Secretary: Denise Morganti 2nd VP: Ella Alsheimer

Treasurer: Dominick Provenzano Financial Secretary: Carl DeFranco Trustees: John Frank, Mike Carbone, Paula Bush

Thank you Jean Gudaitis for manning membership and all who attended to vote. RCT also thanks Maria Rich for her many years of keeping track of our finances; and Rusty Ritzel and John Doiron for their service to the board. We hope you all stay involved in the business affairs of RCT.

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Upcoming EventsIn the Community

- 1. On July 14-16, RCT is performing Shakespeare's "12th Night" at the Rome Art and Community Center.
- On Nov. 2-5 RCT is working jointly with Utica College to produce the musical "Jekyll and Hyde" directed by Rusty Ritzel.
- RCT Talent Team was prominent at the Rome Relay For Life June 3-4 and has been asked to present at the Arts on the Erie events at the Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration at Bellamy Harbor Park and the Canal Waterfront in Rome on July 22nd & 23rd.

"Rumors" June 8-11

Director Eric Almleaf and Assistant Director Denise Morganti invite all to the hilarious Neil Simon Comedy "Rumors". At a large, tastefully appointed townhouse, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of Farce. Gathering for their tenth wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken and wife Chris must get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity. The show is being performed June 8-10 at 730PM and June 11 at 230PM. **Tickets** be purchased can www.romecomunitytheatre.org. Reservations are strongly suggested to be phoned to 315-337-5920 between 6 and 10PM. The show contains adult content.

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End of Year Banquet

SIGN UP TODAY for the 2017 end of year RCT banquet at Seymour's Diner and Grill, 4836 State Route 233, Westmoreland, NY on June 30th. Social ½ hour begins at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person. The menu for the social ½ hour: broccoli roll, sausage roll, cheese, pepperoni and crackers. For dinner: BBQ chicken leg quarters, pork BBQ with rolls, mac and cheese, salt potatoes with butter, BBQ baked beans, cole slaw, tossed salad with dressing, strawberry shortcake, and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available for beer and wine. Reservations may be made by contacting Ella Alsheimer at 315-336-6540 or ellaalsheimer@gmail.com. Payment must be received in hand by 6/21/17. Checks should be made out to "Rome Community Theater".

This banquet celebrates the 2016-2017 season at RCT. All should send their Ford awards to Barb Seaton (bjseaton@usa.net), which celebrate some of the lighter moments of the season. The Henry awards for the season will be presented. All cast members should plan to attend to help their director win the annual Curtain Call awards. So, directors—seek out your cast and get them to attend so you can be awarded this prestigious honor.

<u>Auditions</u> for the annual RCT <u>children's production</u> "Blather, Blarney, and Balderdash" will be held for ages 6-16 June 11&12 at 630PM. Further information is on the RCT web site.

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RCT 2017-2018 Season

RCT announces its annual season ticket campaign. To take advantage of purchasing season tickets at a large discount (\$50) they must be purchased by June 30th. On the RCT web site a second, more flexible season package is described for those patrons, who perhaps go to Florida each year and miss a show or two as a result; or whom only might want to see one or two shows.

The shows, dates, and directors for next season are as follows:

"The Pirates of Penzance" (Musical), director Pat Stone, Oct. 5-8 & 13-15, 2017.

"Radium Girls" (Drama), director Arnold Galin, Dec. 7-10, 2017. "Who Dun it Darling" (Comedy), director TBA, Feb. 8-11, 2018.

"Amadeus" (Drama), director Eric Almleaf, April 5-8, 2018.

"Always a Bridesmaid" (Comedy), director Carl DeFranco, June 7-10, 2018.

The season package also includes free tickets to the Oct. RCT Evening of seven One Act Plays if you buy a season package and a chance to purchase advanced, discount tickets to Utica College's musical "Jekyll and Hyde".

To order tickets, go to the RCT web site, fill out the form and mail it to Kirstin Impicciatore as indicated on the web site. For further information or to get a form and information in the mail contact Kirstin (kimpicc413@gmail.com) or by calling 315-337-5920 and leaving a message. The form

can also be used to purchase a membership to RCT (\$5 per person) or to just make a donation.

Lighting Design II - Saturday, June 17, 10am - 2pm, presented by Robert Frame, Director of Theater Operations at Cayuga Community College. Lighting always starts with the basics, which although covered in the first workshop "Without Light its Dark" this workshop will again touch on the functions and controllable properties of light. After the recap, lighting will be covered more in depth. There will be hands on hanging and circuiting, ladder safety and focusing, washes and specials, different directions and what they mean, "Why did you pick THAT color" and finally combining them all together: reading a script, create a cue structure and set levels! All that is needed to design lighting. Bob has designed lights for over 100 shows, in situations ranging from 6 lights on sticks to full professional venues, from single acoustic performers to television to dance to opera to musical theatre. Location - RCT, 8911 Turin Road, The cost is only \$20 Adults, Students are Free with ID. Register online at www.tktassistant.com or call 339-2545. You can send a check to THT Workshop Coordinator, 514 Mayberry Road, Rome, NY 13440. Make check payable to Rome Community Theater.