



# The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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## President's Column

The 2017-2018 season is winding down and what a great year it has been! This year's shows have very well received and it's time to make reservations for the very funny, family-friendly comedy, "Always a Bridesmaid" closing out the season. Our One Act Play, "The Last Trip" was selected to compete at the Eastern States Theater Association Festival. Many of our actors and production staff were honored by TANYs for their expertise and talent. Our slate of shows for next year is selected and season tickets will be coming out soon. The next big event is the Annual Election Meeting on June 19 at 730PM. Please try to make every effort to come out and show your support for YOUR Board of Governors. Rounding out the year is our Awards Banquet on June 29 at 6PM. Details for both can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Anyone who participated in any production is encouraged to send me ([bjseaton@usa.net](mailto:bjseaton@usa.net)) Ford Awards: light-hearted, inside jokes that can serve as a fun reminder of good times. I look forward to having more members volunteering in many ways to help OUR Community Theater be successful in the future. Barbara Seaton, RCT President 2017-2018



## RCT Receives Eastern State Regional Theater Awards

At the recent Eastern States Theater Association (ESTA) Festival held in Wilkes-Barre Pa., Rome Community Theater was selected to represent New York State with their production of "The Last Trip" by Mike Willis.

ESTA represents community theaters from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and New Jersey. The two-day event of one act plays are adjudicated by three international judges.

The cast of "The Last Trip", originally performed at RCT's One Act Festival in Oct., were Ted Lenio, Susan Muttillio and Suzanne Rodio. Lighting technician was Mike Sharp and Sound technician was Laura Sharp. "The Last Trip" was directed for ESTA by Arnold Galin.

At the ESTA awards ceremonies Rome Community Theater was presented with two awards; an award for Outstanding Production and Outstanding Acting Award to Ted Lenio. Great work folks!

## Come to RCT Elections!

The annual meeting for elections to the RCT board of governors will take place June 19 at 730PM at RCT. The election committee, chaired by Mike Carbone, has created the following slate of officers and trustees for this election:

President: Barbara Seaton ; First Vice President: Arnold Galin ; Second Vice President Ella Alsheimer; Secretary: Denise Morganti; Treasurer: Dominick Provenzano; Financial Secretary: Mike Carbone and prospective trustees: Mark Hanna, John Parker, Mike Sharp, Jean Gudaitis, and Andy Frank.

This year, due to a prior vacancy, there will be four trustees selected with the fourth place finisher serving a one year term, and the other three the normal three year terms. All candidates for election as officers or trustees should be prepared to say a few words about their goals for the position at the meeting.

You must be a paid member of RCT to vote. Anyone can sign up at the meeting as a member, pay \$5 and vote.

Nominations from the floor for any office or for the trustee positions will be taken. To be nominated, you must have been a paid member prior to Dec. 19, 2017.



## RCT End of Season Banquet

Everyone should plan to attend the end of year RCT Banquet at the Stanwix Veteran's and Men's Club 6774 Lamphear Rd, on June 29th, 6-10pm. 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. Lastly, all cast members should attend as the show which has the highest percentage of attendees will win a fabulous prize.

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". The cost is \$20 per person. Anyone reading this column can attend as the banquet is open to the public.

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## **“Always a Bridesmaid” Mark Your Calendars**

Director Barb Seaton announces the family friendly comedy “Always a Bridesmaid” will be held June 7-9 at 730PM and June 10 at 230PM. The show is being assistant directed by David Bunker and produced by Andy Frank. The following were cast in this production:

Brooke Costello--Kari Ames-Bissette; Kirstin Flynn Walker--Libby Ruth Ames; Emily Foote--Monette Gentry; Kim Darling--Deedra Wingate; TJ Phister--Charlie Collins; Erin Geddes--Sedalia Ellicott.

In this hilarious comedic romp, four friends have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their Senior Prom: to be in each other’s weddings – no matter what. More than thirty years later, these friends-for-life are still making “the long walk” for each other. Reservations can be made by calling 315-337-5920 between 6 and 9PM starting May 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets can also be purchased in advance on line at [www.romecommunitytheater.org](http://www.romecommunitytheater.org).

## **RCT Talent Team Activities**

**On June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM the RCT Talent Team is producing an evening of one act plays. These plays feature the active RCT youth. They also will be seen at the Rome American Cancer Society Relay for Life.**

## **“The Shadow Box” Concluded**

Director Brian Angel wishes to announce that the following awards were selected by the Theater Association of New York State for RCTs recent production of “The Shadow Box.

- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to S. Rodio for her portrayal of Maggie
- Meritorious Achievement in Community Service to Rome Community Theatre for their support of Hospice and Palliative Care
- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to T. Lenio for his portrayal of Brian
- Excellence in Dramaturgy to C. Gudaitis

The show was performed to steady audiences over its four night run April 5-8. Assistant Director Denise Morganti and Producer Kirstin Walker are also thanked for helping make this show a success.



**In June, RCT conducts its annual season ticket campaign (\$50-- \$10 per ticket, a real bargain) for the upcoming 2018-2019 season. The following shows are planned to be produced:**

How the Other Half Loves (comedy), Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Musical, hilarious comedy), Steel Magnolias (comedy-drama), Other Desert Cities (drama), Chapter 2 (Neil Simon comedy). For information or to purchase, contact Kirstin Walker, [kimpicc413@gmail.com](mailto:kimpicc413@gmail.com). Season ticket holders will soon receive a flyer in the mail.