



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

YOUR Community Theater is THE place to be! We are searching for someone who would like to choose and direct our annual children's production. Prior experience not required, but commitment to work with all ages is necessary. Please contact me (bjseaton@usa.net) ASAP to discuss options and more information. Don't let our kids miss out on this important theatrical program.

Our Annual Election Meeting in May 21--if you are not already a member, you can join then and vote for YOUR board members.

The last show of the year, Neil Simon's classic comedy "Chapter Two" will be on stage June 6-9 and tickets are available online now--make your reservations early for what should be a well-attended weekend of performances. <http://www.tktassistant.com/Tix/?u=RCT> Right after that, our Talent Team Youth Group will be presenting two evenings of One-Act Plays on June 14-15.

SAVE THE DATE--June 29 is our bigger, better, end of the year blow-out--The Curtain Call Celebration--where YOU can share the honors, excitement and friendship that is a hallmark of RCT. Actors, Technicians, Audiences--EVERYONE--is invited to walk the red carpet on your way to dinner at the Stanwix Veterans and Men's Club. I hope to be able to greet each and every person affiliated with RCT at the door that evening.

As we move forward to hosting the TANYS Festival, the board members are coordinating clean-up days and will be contacting people to come help out. Costume organization, props relocation, furniture storage and much more will need many hands to make light work. Shoot me an email if you want to help and I'll hook you up with a coordinator.

Barbara Seaton, RCT President 2018-2019

Curtain Call Celebration

This fabulous event takes place June 29th at 6PM at the Stanwix Veterans and Men's Club. Your invitation is enclosed for our mail customers and attached for our email customers. Reserve your spot TODAY!

"Other Desert Cities" Concluded

Director Denise Morganti writes: "I want to publicly thank the best cast and crew for all their hard work and their professionalism. "Other Desert Cities" was a wonderful success and that wouldn't have happened without all of you. The Wyeths became a family onstage but we are a definite family offstage. I can't imagine having tried to do this show with anyone but this group of people. From Trip with his Russian love of half his age to Rick pushing Linda onstage and portraying Silda when Eileen couldn't be there. The laughs were many and hearty. You all did so much work and we had so much fun. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Eric Almleaf, Valerie Abel, Linda LaPorte, Richard K Stoodley, Eileen Tiller, Tim Huey, Jean Loria-Lopez Gudaitis, Andy Leo, Barb Seaton, John Doiron, Lynne Angell, John Frank, and Sarah Sterling".

RCT adds thanks to director Denise, assistant director Eric and producer Barb. And, to all of you who came to this great production!



"Chapter Two" Opens June 6

Recent widower, writer George Schneider (Ryan Clapper), is encouraged by his older brother Leo (Chuck Teska) to start dating again. This sends George into even more depression after a series of bad matches. Then Leo comes up with Jennie Malone (Jillian LaLonde), and she's a keeper. Still, it's a bumpy trip on the road to Dreamland for these not-so-young lovers. George and Jennie stumble on, overcoming both their hesitation on the rebound and emotional neediness. In a hilarious, farcical subplot, Leo has a fling with Faye Medwick (Renee Abstender Marchak), Jennie's neurotic married friend.

This show, a Neil Simon Classic, promises to be hilarious so mark your calendars today to attend this June 6-9 production. And, to ensure you get a seat, you can purchase your tickets today on the RCT website

www.romecommunitytheater.org.

The show is directed by Kirstin Walker, produced by Barb Seaton, with assistant director David Bunker.

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Theatre Association of New York State Festival in Rome

This year's TANYS Festival will be held Nov. 22-24 at RCT. The Festival will feature at least eight of the finest live theatrical productions from the past year in New York State. The Festival will conduct an opening ceremony at 7PM on Nov. 22nd and conclude no later than 2PM on the 24th. The top shows are announced Sunday afternoon along with several awards from the 3 nationally known adjudicators. The top two short productions will compete further at the 2020 Easter States Theater Association Festival, usually held in May.

There will be a sale of Jewelry to help offset the cost of the Festival. Jewelry and costumes are being collected by TANYS to sell at Festival as well as at various craft fairs in New York State. If anyone has any spare jewelry or costumes to donate, please contact John Parker.

Currently, details in scheduling, registration, and hotels are being worked out, however, watch the RCT and TANYS web site and Facebook pages for further details. If anyone desires to receive this information directly when it is worked out, contact John Parker festival chair, 315-337-3254 or preferably at jparker3531@twcny.rr.com. It promises to be a very exciting 3 days of theater, so I hope you will plan to join us!

Other RCT News

One Act Plays: If you wish to direct a one act play in Oct. please submit to Barb Seaton a script, a cast, set design, costume and prop list by 31 July. Keep in mind the one acts will be done offsite and thus require portability of set and other aspects of the suggested production.

RCT Awards: At the Curtain Call Celebration RCT announces its Henry Awards from this past season. An anonymous committee selects best show of the season, best actors, and several other awards. Also, various volunteer awards are given to RCT personnel. It is an exciting night for all who attend.

BIG THANK YOU to John Frank, Dan Warren, John Doiron and the rest of the Wednesday crew who meet every Wednesday to maintain the theater facility and assist all theater chairs on various projects.

Some events to report on in the next Prompter--- May 14 at 730PM there is a meeting at RCT to finalize directors and dates for next year's productions. May 21 at 730PM is the annual election of officers and trustees to the RCT board. A list of nominees was included in the last issue of the Prompter. Lastly, as indicated in the President's column come to RCT June 14-15 for the RCT Talent Team One Act Plays.