



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

As we roll toward the end of our first "pandemic season," I want to thank all the audience members, casts, crews, and volunteers for your support in trying times. We are looking forward to the future of RCT and getting more folks involved in many different ways. First up, the annual meeting and election of officers and board members. Even if you personally are not up for election, we need your input! The meeting will start with my annual "state of the theater" report along with some light refreshments; board members will be at your disposal for any questions you may have, and it's a nice way to meet and greet everyone who makes YOUR theater run smoothly.

June brings our Awards Banquet and Gala Celebration of Rome Community Theater, open to anyone and everyone for good food, good fun and good friends. Info on reservations can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, we have a very special presentation of the contemporary musical, "Next to Normal" on August 11-14 with book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt. The show was nominated for eleven Tony Awards in 2009 and won three: Best Original Score, Best Orchestration, and Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical for Alice Ripley. It also won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The story, which centers on a mother who struggles with worsening bipolar disorder and the effects that managing her illness has on her family, is intended for more mature audiences. Watch the website and social media for audition dates and mark your calendars for this additional dramatic offering.

We will be announcing the 2022-2023 season of shows very soon with a varied slate of shows, including the rescheduled "Amadeus" and "Helium" from the shortened 2020 season.

As always, volunteers for all aspects of running the theater are welcome--email bjseaton@usa.net for more information.

Barbara Seaton, RCT President 2021 – 2022

After 15 years this is the last Prompter I am editing. Passing the reins of creation back to Barb Seaton. Thanks to all my writers, and of course you my loyal readers.
John Parker

"The 39 Steps" Completed

RCT completed performances of its last production successfully. It was incredibly fast-paced with lightning fast scenery changes, costume changes, and video effects working together to make it a wonderful evening. The theater Association of New York State adjudicator Joan Luther announced the following well-earned merit awards:

- Excellence in Direction, Production Concept and Technical Execution to **Pat Stone and the Entire Production Team**
- Excellence in Ensemble Performance to **the Cast**
- Excellence in Stage Management and Backstage Performance to **Paris Freeman and the Stage Crew**

RCT Annual Meeting

RCT will be holding its annual meeting on May 24th at 7:30 PM at RCT. Members are requested to come to participate in the election of officers and trustees. The slate proposed by the nominating committee is listed on the back page of this newsletter. Nominees will be requested to say a few words about themselves and their RCT experiences or qualifications. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Anyone can sign up and pay for a membership and vote, if you are not a member already. Hope to see you all there.

RCT Presents "Geezers"

Rome Community Theater's production of a light drama entitled "Geezers" by Tommy Lee Johnston will take place June 3-4 & 10 – 11 at 7:30 PM and June 5 & 12 at 2:30 PM. On June 4th and June 11th there will be a talk back session with the cast and director after the show.

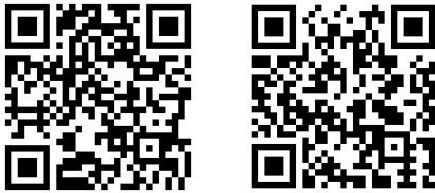
"Geezers" introduces us to some beautiful and wonderful old people who are enjoying their golden years in a retirement home. Arnold Galin directs this unique funny, heartwarming drama about growth and wisdom, learning and loving, life and death. In the cast are Janet Hanna, Joshua Thompson, Denise Morganti, Michele Buday, Susan Nackley Mojave, Bill Moore, Mike Cosgrove, Graycee Fern, Sully Walker and Erik Carlson. The show is assistant directed by Justin Jones and produced by Chris Galin.

Buy your tickets today on RCT's website, www.Romecommunitytheater.org or at the door during all performances. Be sure you mark your calendar and come enjoy this heartwarming, light drama.

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RCT 6/30/22 Curtain Call Celebration

All actors, backstage workers, ushers, house managers, other theater volunteers and of course our patrons are invited to our annual end of year Curtain Call Celebration. It will be held at the Franklin Hotel in Rome from 6 to 10 PM. Dinner begins at 7 PM with awards being presented starting around 8. Cost: \$25 per person, payment due in hand by 5PM 6/23/22 to Ella Alsheimer, 315-336-6540. Bring your money/sign up at the annual meeting!



Election Slate

Position	Slate 2022-2023
President	Barb Seaton
1st vice president	Steve Hampe
2nd vice president	Ella Alsheimer
3rd vice president	John Doiron
Financial secretary	Pat Stone
Treasurer	Maria Rich
Secretary	Jen Martin
Trustee	Ed Ramsey – Lewis
Trustee	Nancy Novak
Trustee	Jeanette Schwertfeger

Box Office Bites

- Season Ticket holders- Need to change your date? Whenever possible please call and leave a message in advance. We will always try to accommodate your needs.
- Flex Ticket holders- With Flex tickets you have many options. You can come in day of the show and choose your seat. You can call and leave a message stating: flex ticket holder, day desired and area (up front, riser, back of theater). Want to bring a friend? You can use a flex ticket to bring a friend with you! Give a friend the experience of live theater. We will do our best to call you back and confirm arrangements within 24 hrs.
- Remember there are now 2 weeks to choose from offering more options for you to see all plays. Having family/friends visit? There are group rates available for groups of 10 or more.
- Want to be involved in the excitement of the show? Help with tickets on show nights would be great. It's amazing what all goes on to get these shows on stage. Be part of the magic of live theater. It's always an exciting experience. Call or complete a volunteer sheet at the theater. (315)337-5920. See you at the show 😊