



# The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

8911 Turin Road Rome, NY

(315) 337-5920

Nov. 2016

## RCT Editor's Column

All are invited to the next show of our regular season "Miracle on South Division Street" opening December 8th. In this issue of the Prompter we will also be discussing two upcoming events we hope you choose to join us for-- the Holiday Party and Variety Show (Jan. 8) and the Talent Team Youth Cabaret (Dec. 29). Hope you are enjoying getting ready for the holidays! Remember, you can buy an RCT gift certificate for a loved one, good for admission to future shows by mailing a check to RCT, PO Box 91, Rome, NY 13442. John Parker, Editor



## Fred Normand, Remembered

RCT sadly announces that Mr. Fred Normand, the last original member of Rome Community Theater, passed away on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fred was well known around RCT holding many positions throughout the years. He was most famous for the sets he designed and built and the many hours he spent leading projects to expand and enhance RCT and its theater building. Most of the patrons know his name, since he also worked every show when not backstage as the 50-50 raffle chairman and season ticket chairman.

At its November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the RCT board suggested that the new theater storage area being planned be named "Fred's Shed". They also approved constructing a small table or cupboard for the 50-50 drawings with a memorial plaque. RCT requests contributions in Fred's memory be made to the Rome Community Foundation Fred Normand Fund, 301 N. Washington St., PO Box 609, Rome, NY 13442 to support the arts.

Fred was also honored with the New York State Theater Association Sherman C. Ward award for his many dedicated years of service to RCT on November 18<sup>th</sup>. God bless you, Fred! Your RCT family is thinking of you.



## RCT Talent Team Youth Cabaret

All are invited to support the youth of RCT by attending their cabaret on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. This will feature the youth performing skits and singing songs, including some popular seasonal songs. A donation of \$5 is suggested at the door. Mark your calendars today for this fantastic event!

## "Miracle on South Division Street"

The next show of our regular season is the comedy "Miracle on South Division Street". Meet the Nowaks of Buffalo, NY. Clara and her three grown kids have always known they were special, ever since the miraculous night in 1942 when the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa in his barbershop! Since then, the neighborhood has looked upon the Nowaks' 20-foot commemorative shrine as a beacon of hope and faith amidst the urban rubble. And now daughter Ruth unveils her plan to write and star in a one-woman show about the family miracle so the "whole world will know!" However, as her plans for theatrical immortality unfold, the entire family's faith is shaken to the very core when a deathbed confession causes the family legend to unravel. The results are heartfelt and hilarious. Show Director and Producer Carl DeFranco would love you to come to RCT on Dec. 8-10 at 730PM and Dec. 11 at 230PM. Reservations can be made by dialing 337-5920 from 6-9PM. Tickets also can be purchased in advance at the RCT Web site, [www.romecommunitytheater.org](http://www.romecommunitytheater.org).



## RCT Exciting "Trip to Turkey"

A very large crowd of 34 people gathered at RCT on November 13<sup>th</sup> for the annual "Trip to Turkey". Following some munchies they processed with one short delay due to a missing car to the Alpine Restaurant in Constableville for a delicious Thanksgiving Feast. The feast also featured party favors made by Sharon Parker and a nice view of the Supermoon. Thank you Ella Alsheimer and Sharon for organizing this great event.



## Cast Announced

### "The Laramie Project"

Director Michael Brown and Producer Brian Angell are thrilled to have the following individuals playing multiple roles in their show:

Paul Boehlert, Michael Carbone, Lenny Giardino, Mark Hanna, Tim Huey, Kirstin Impicciatore, Michaela Kennedy, Eryn Kenney, Erik Kenney, Susan Lincoln, Suzanne Rodio and Pat Stone

Tickets can be purchased at the RCT Web Site. Reserve a performance date on your calendar: February 9-12, 2017.

ROME COMMUNITY THEATER  
P.O. Box 91  
Rome, NY 13442



Nonprofit Org.  
U. S. Postage  
PAID  
Rome, NY  
Permit No. 88

## RCT Holiday Party and Variety Show

RCT's Annual Holiday Party and Variety Show will take place on January 8, 2017 at 3 PM. You do not have to be a member to share your talent with us. We will start off with light snacks that each of us has brought to share (sweet or savory). That will be followed by our variety show. Last year's event was well attended, and we are hoping to be even bigger and better this year. So, warm up that instrument (voice, piano, and/or instrument) or monologue, skit, magic and come out and share your talent with us. All performers, please notify our Mistress of Ceremonies and organizer Barb Seaton ([bjseaton@usa.net](mailto:bjseaton@usa.net)), so she can effectively plan the program. If you would rather just come and enjoy the free entertainment, you can do that too! There will be an intermission during which you are invited to bring that gift you received for Christmas that you have \*No\* idea what to do with for a mystery gift exchange. Please wrap the gift you bring as beautifully and tempting as you can. As part of our event, we are also asking that you consider bringing donations of paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, strong paper plates) for the Rome Rescue Mission. Please direct your questions about food to share, gifts to exchange or Rome Rescue Mission donations to Second VP Ella Alsheimer ([ellaalsheimer@gmail.com](mailto:ellaalsheimer@gmail.com) or call 336-6540). Fun for the whole family!

## RCT Quick News

- Thank you Arnie and Chris Galin, for your great work organizing all workshops at RCT this year including the recent widely attended costume workshop.
- The Theatre Association of New York State awarded RCT the Shirley Cockrell Award at it recent convention in Auburn on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. This award is for recognition of outstanding theatrical work, the demonstration of the spirit and diversity of community theatre and the commitment to community and educational theatre.
- At the State Convention, RCT performed the one act play "I'm Herbert". Thanks to actors Denise Morganti, Bill Moore and Director Arnold Galin for another enjoyable performance.
- Thank you Dave Bush and Don Hayes for their leadership of the RCT Talent Team through their recent trip to New York City and all their weekly activities.
- RCT is looking for a new volunteer for the role of "Costume chairman". Contact Trena DeFranco at [trena@twcny.rr.com](mailto:trena@twcny.rr.com) for information or to volunteer.
- For further information about RCT, go to our web site [www.romecommunitytheater.org](http://www.romecommunitytheater.org) or like us on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/romecommunitytheater>.