



The Prompter

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Editor's Column

It amazes me how much RCT volunteers are involved in other things during the Holiday season. Whether they are performing in the Nutcracker, participating in church activities, singing at the City Christmas Tree lighting, or participating in school events it is great to see.

Despite the hustle and bustle, RCT's shows go on. Make sure you see "Radium Girls", the true story of America's shining women. Also, please sign up and participate in RCT's annual Christmas Party and Variety show. Lastly, this issue describes results of RCT participation in various Theatre Association of New York State activities.

Enjoy Radium Girls and I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Parker, Prompter Editor.



"Jekyll and Hyde The Musical" Concluded

The Utica College Theater Department in conjunction with Rome Community Theater completed its production of "Jekyll and Hyde the Musical". This joint venture was performed November 2-4 at 730PM and November 5 at 230PM at Utica College's Strebel Auditorium. Thank you Director Nick Abounader, Musical Director Rusty Ritzel and orchestra conductor Deb Holling (erroneously reported in last newsletter) for putting on such a fine show.



RCT Annual Trip To Turkey Report

Twenty two friends of RCT gathered on Nov. 12th for the annual Trip to Turkey. The mystery restaurant this year was Johnny B's Tavern in Holland Patent. Organizer Ella Alsheimer thanks all who joined us as well as Sharon Parker who made the party favors and helped set up. Everyone had plenty to eat and seemed to have a great time! Thank you to those who gave financial donations to the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Rome, New York. A significant amount of personal care items were purchased with the donated money and were dropped off on 11/13/17 for distribution to those in need in our community. Thank you Ella, as well.

"Radium Girls" Opens Dec. 7

Director Arnold Galin invites all to our next production "Radium Girls". In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity and luminous watches the latest rage -until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, "Radium Girls" traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court.

Tickets can be purchased on-line or at the door for this event being produced by Sharon Parker. The show is being performed Dec. 7-9 at 730PM and Dec. 10 at 230PM.

RCT will be conducting a Toy Drive for Loaves and Fishes, a non-profit organization, during the production. There will be a wrapped box to put your toys in the lobby. A RCT volunteer will be there offering you a \$5.00 discount on that evening's performance for your donation.



One Act Plays

Rome Community Theater performed its seven one act plays Oct. 27&28. The seven shows were very well received by those who attended.

As a result, two shows were selected by the Theater Association of New York State to perform at the State Festival in Auburn on Nov. 17-19, "The Last Trip" directed by William Brown and "Soccer Mamas" directed by Barb Seaton. At this Festival, there were ten shows presented and RCT was honored to perform two of them.

At the Festival, Ted Lenio of "The Last Trip" was awarded a New York State best actor award from the nationally rated adjudicators. For its RCT performance, the show received an Excellence Award in Ensemble Acting. Other Merit Awards for RCT's one act festival included:

- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Bill Moore for Tracks
- Meritorious Achievement in Ensemble Acting to the Cast of Five Ex-Wives in ICU
- Meritorious Achievement in Lighting and Sound Design to Mike Sharp for Five Ex-Wives in ICU.
- Excellence Award in Acting to Laurie Marshall for Lemonade
- Meritorious Achievement in Direction to Barb Seaton for Lemonade
- Excellence Award in Acting to both Paula Bush and Kirstin Walker in Soccer Mamas.

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RCT Holiday Party and Variety Show

RCT's Annual Holiday Party and Variety Show will take place on January 7, 2018 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), so she can effectively plan the program. If you would rather just come and enjoy the free entertainment, you can do that too! 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 or Rome Rescue Mission donations to Second VP Ella Alsheimer (ellaalsheimer@gmail.com or call 336-6540). This event promises to be fun for the whole family!



RCT Director Wanted

RCT requires a director for the comedy "Always a Bridesmaid" being performed June 7-10. If interested in directing or reading the show, contact Arnold Galin at 315-339-2545 or agailin21@hotmail.com **by December 12.**

RCT Quick News

- **Talent Team:** Please plan to attend the annual RCT Talent Team Christmas Spectacular being coordinated by Dave Bush and Don Hayes. The event is being performed by the RCT youth December 29&30 at 7PM.
- **Auditions:** Director Laurie Marshall announces auditions for RCT's next production "Whodunnit, Darling?" on Dec. 10&11 at 730PM. Looking for 5 men and two women for this wry comedy-mystery set on a dude ranch.
- **TANYS awards for Pirates of Penzance:** The following are awards given to RCT for this production by adjudicator Bob Frame:

Meritorious Achievement in Acting to **Ken Maxwell** for his portrayal of Pirate King

Meritorious Achievement in Acting to **Linda Potts** for her portrayal of Ruth

Meritorious Achievement in Acting to **Michael Carbone** for his portrayal of Frederic

Meritorious Achievement **Barb Seaton** for her Orchestral Conduction

Excellence in Performance to **Claire Haile** for her portrayal of Mabel