



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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Editor's Column

RCT belongs to the Theater Association of New York State (TANYS). This Association aspires excellence in theatre communities. It manages community theatre throughout the state and provides the roving adjudicators you occasionally see coming to our productions. They provide insights from their eyes after a production which is used as a learning tool for directors, actors, and the technical crew. The roving adjudicator system is a model for other states which are not as well organized.

Another highlight of TANYS is its annual theater Festival. These same adjudicators who travel around the state gather together and provide insights into the best theater they have seen throughout the year and the group selects the best of the best to be performed at its annual Festival. This year, the Festival is November 17-19 at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, NY. RCT usually has the largest contingent of theater goers at this Festival. If interested, details of this year's festival can be found in the Callboard at www.tanys.org or contact me for further information at jparker3531@twcny.rr.com.

This issue of the Prompter details a LOT of productions that have occurred over the last few weeks. We hope you have enjoyed at least one of these productions and look forward to you attending "Jekyll and Hyde the Musical" Nov. 2-5 at Utica College and "Radium Girls", Dec. 7-10 at RCT. Enjoy, John Parker, RCT Prompter Editor



RCT Annual Trip To Turkey Nov. 12

For the next RCT social event, attendees will drive from RCT to a mystery restaurant to be provided a turkey dinner with all the fixings. This dinner will take place on Sunday November 12th. We will meet at the theater at 2:30pm for quick appetizers and conversation before heading out at 3:30PM for a drive to....you'll see when you get there! Dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, salad, cranberry sauce, apple crisp, coffee/tea/soda for only \$20 (tip included). Alcohol will be available at your own additional cost. **Reservations and payment in hand are required by November 4th**. It is not required to be a member of RCT to attend. Please contact Ella Alsheimer at ellaalsheimer@gmail.com or call 315-336-6540 with your reservation today!

"Jekyll and Hyde

The Musical" Nov. 2-5

The Utica College Theater Department in conjunction with Rome Community Theater are producing "Jekyll and Hyde the Musical". This joint venture will be performed November 2-4 at 730PM and November 5 at 230PM at Utica College's Strebel Auditorium. Jekyll & Hyde is a musical horror-drama based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic thriller. It is the gripping tale of a brilliant mind gone horrifically awry, set to a powerful pop-rock score by Frank Wildhorn with book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. The production will feature a steampunk concept.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students (with ID), and are available at the door. Reservations are not required, however, reservations can be made no later than November 1st by calling 315-337-5920 between 6 and 10PM. Plan to come early as the event is expected to be well attended. The show is directed by Nick Abounader and musically directed by Rusty Ritzel with a small orchestra conducted by Barbara Seaton.



RCT Thanks

"The Pirates of Penzance"

This Gilbert and Sullivan hilarious, musical farce of sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dim-witted young lovers and an eccentric Major-General along with young Frederic dazzled audiences with their performances Oct. 5-15. RCT was pleased to receive many favorable written comments about the quality of this production.

Thank you director Pat Stone, musical director Barbara Seaton, and producer Carl DeFranco for all your hard work bringing this show to life. And of course, thank you to those many on stage characters who superbly played their part and provided easy to listen to music with class and style.



Contact RCT

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RCT One Act Plays

On October 27-28 RCT performed an evening of seven one act plays. Each one had its own cast and director. Some actors performed in more than one show, and one director directed two and performed in another! All in all, the evening was successful due to the hard work of the 32 volunteers that were involved in these on-stage productions as well as the many other ticket takers, concession workers, ushers and 50-50 volunteers.

And, imagine this, seven productions in rehearsal during the final time period of Pirates, a Talent Team Cabaret, a bylaw vote and other typical RCT activities. It was interesting to see one show rehearsing on stage, and a second rehearsing in the concession area. The green room was used on occasion as well.

Thanks to this cooperation and the perseverance of the directors and actors, the event came off without any major glitches. There were periods of laughter throughout the evening and the event was very well attended, Primary thanks go to volunteer directors Barbara Seaton (producer as well), Eric Almleaf, Denise Morganti, Paula Bush, William Brown, Andy Frank and Kirstin Walker.



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 agalin21@hotmail.com **by November 8**,

RCT Quick News

- **Talent Team:** Thank you RCT Talent Team for your fine performances during their Oct. 11 fundraising Cabaret. Thanks also to Dave Bush, Don Hayes and all the Talent Team parents for organizing and staffing this event. The funds raised were used Oct. 28 as some team members went to New York City to see "Aladdin" and take a song and dance workshop with a cast member.
- **Bylaw Change Membership Meeting:** Thank you to those members who voted by mail or in person for the changes that were put forth to the RCT Bylaws. Unfortunately, not enough votes were obtained to make the two-thirds of the voting membership required to make the changes so neither will be enacted at this time.
- **Radium Girls:** The show has been cast for the actors who will be performing multiple roles. Director Arnold Galin selected the following: Catherine Gudaitis, Steven James, Danny Barber, Mark Hanna, Jillian Lalonde, Eryn Kenney, Denise Morganti, Brandon Severs, Debbie Harrison, Debbie James, Suzanne Rodio and Erik Kenny.
- **Auditions:** Director Laurie Marshall announces auditions for its 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.