



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

I can't believe it's time for the fall musical--and what an exciting show it's going to be! Wouldn't it be terrific to have at least one full house--or two--or three--or all seven performances?? YOU can make that happen--bring a few friends for an evening of fun. "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (based on the movie starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin) is filled with intrigue, laughs and a jazzy musical score full of hummable tunes played by a live orchestra.

Another of our Fall traditions is the evening of One Act Plays on October 19 & 20 at 7:30 PM and new this year, a matinee on Sunday October 21 at 2:30 PM. No reservations are required to attend any performance and enjoy 6 very different plays showcasing new directors, new performers and new material.

There are many ways to serve and help out YOUR community theater--acting, directing, working backstage, building and painting sets, maintenance projects around the theater and one very important way....serving as a trustee on the board of governors. We currently have an opening for a one-year appointment to the board. All you need is to be a paid member of RCT and want to help make the theater run. Meetings are once a month on the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm. If you feel you want to be a bigger part of YOUR community theater, please contact me at bjseaton@usa.net. See you at the shows!

Barbara Seaton, RCT President 2018-2019



RCT "Villain School"

All of the villains have seen the path to goodness and so the show has successfully been achieved. RCT wishes to thank Director Sean Arnold for his vision and enthusiasm in putting the show all together. Other key helpers included production assistant Tammy Arnold, producer Barb Seaton, sound and light designer Wayne Murphy Jr., Stage Managers Ryan Schmandt and Kelly DeGrace and spot light operator Jordyn Smith. The show could not have taken place without the great work of the kids and their parents. RCT announces the show received the following TANYS award:

- Meritorious Achievement in the Growth and Development of Youth Theatre to Sean Arnold, His Production Staff, Parents and Rome Community Theater.

RCT Musical Opens Sept. 27

RCT will open its 2018-2019 season with the hilarious musical, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels". The Tony Award winning musical by David Yazbeck and Jeffery Lane based on the 1988 movie by the same name is being directed by Catherine Gudaitis.

The French Riviera is the perfect setting for two con men to swindle beautiful rich women. Suave, seasoned and sophisticated Lawrence Jameson, played by Don Hayes, is at the top of his game as he sweet talks women out of their riches. Freddy Benson (Vincent Cavo) is a small time crook that comes to town following the women and the money. Deciding that this town isn't big enough for the two of them, Lawrence and Freddy set up a challenge. Enter the seemingly naive heiress, Christine Colgate played by Heather Serway. The first to scam her out of \$50,000 gets to stay while the loser leaves town. A twisted journey filled with nonstop laughter ensues. Mischievous, clever and sometimes outrageous, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" is fast paced and will keep you guessing until the end.

In addition to Hayes, Cavo and Serway, Linda Potts plays Muriel Eubanks. Andre is portrayed by Chuck Bastien and Valerie Abel plays the energetic Jolene Oakes. The active and engaging ensemble, playing multiple roles include John Parker, Emma Rogowski, Jane Sylvester, Rachel Bastien and Sam Abdelhak. The delightfully jazzy tunes will have you humming between the laughter.

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" will be performed at RCT Sept. 27-30 and Oct. 5-7. Thursday – Saturdays begin at 7:30 and Sunday matinee is at 2:30. Adult tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.romecommunitytheater.org or you can make reservations by calling 315-337-5920 a week before the show between 6-9 pm or at the door the night of the show. **This show contains adult humor and situations that are not suitable for children.**



RCT has changes to its Board of Governors. Financial Secretary Mike Carbone and Trustee Paula Bush had to resign due to work and other commitments. Thanks Paula and Mike for your service. Susan Provenzano was appointed to the board as Treasurer, with existing Treasurer Dominick Provenzano moving to Financial Secretary. At the October 2 board meeting a new trustee will be appointed to replace Paula.

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RCT Talent Team Performs

On Sept. 15, the RCT Talent team performed funny skits, melodious songs and spoken monologues. RCT thanks coordinator Sean Arnold and performers Brandon Severs, Evelyn Simanowski, Alexa Lyness, Cassie Dolan, Matt Aceto, Haley and Hannah Gatley, Miranda Catanzaro, Kendall Lee, Zac Leffingwell, Elaina Smaldon, Makayla & Sean Arnold Jr., Lilly Keach, Annabelle Trela, Amanda Lindsay and Michaela Debowey with a guest appearance by Dave Bush. All performers brought their "A" Game and the evening was full of laughter and hearty applause.



RCT Quick News

Auditions: Director Arnold Galin announces that auditions for the comedy "How The Other Half Loves" will take place Oct. 8&9 at 730PM. Arnie is looking for 3 men and 3 women ranging in age from 20-60. Details are on the RCT web site. Dec. 6-9 are show dates.

RCT Boscov Fundraising Reminder: RCT is selling 25% off shopping passes to Boscov on Oct. 17 for \$5. The money is kept by RCT and you can go shopping for bargains on that day. Call 315-337-5920 if interested.

Improv Classes: If interested in learning about performing improvisational theater, the Uptown Theater for the Creative Arts is sponsoring several classes. See www.utcany.org/classes for information.

One Act Plays

Coming Oct. 19-21

RCT is performing a number of one act plays Oct. 19&20 at 7:30 and Oct. 21 at 2:30. Among those being considered for performance are:

Universal Language by David Ives---Communication gone wild. A student learns from her teacher the true meaning of understanding.

The Red Coat by John Patrick Shanley---two young friends find romance on the front porch steps one starry night

Naomi in the Living Room by Christopher Durang---a couple deals with a zany woman in their living room

Finger Food by Nina Shengold-- a young hand model and a photographer forge a relationship in a studio

Andre's Mother by Terrance McNally---a touching story of saying goodbye to a young person

Haiku by Kate Snodgrass---a mother and daughter's relationship is tested over the truth about another disabled daughter.

I even hear the **Talent Team** is planning to put one together so the evening promises to be full of fun. Plan to attend this exciting evening. No reservations are required. POC for the event is Barbara Seaton, bjseaton@usa.net.