



# The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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## President's Column

As we close out 2013, I reflect on the wonderful entertainment that RCT has provided and the number of lives our community theater touches--actors, actresses, stagehands, directors, producers, painters, audiences, raffle players, TANYS awardees, ESTA Festival participants, musicians, children, adults, box office workers, concessionaires, board members, volunteers of all ages. How can we do it without YOU?

As I look forward to 2014, I encourage more of the so-called "rank and file" to get involved with the daily, weekly, monthly running of your theater. Attend a board meeting and see where your talents can be used. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month (unless there is a show in performance, then we meet the second Thursday) and are open to the public. If you have anything you would like to ask or have clarified, please feel free to email me ([bjseaton@usa.net](mailto:bjseaton@usa.net)) or drop me a note via US Mail (7656 Old Floyd Road 17, Rome 13440). There are many committees that need members to serve; some meet more frequently than others, but all can use the insight and input of new faces and thoughts.

Our Annual Holiday Party is coming up quickly on January 10 at 7:30 PM in the theater. This is a wonderful, low-key and fun way to come out and meet other RCT supporters and get to know YOUR Theater a little better. Second VP Patrice Burke has more information about the party elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope to see lots of new faces there--Happy New Year!

Barb Seaton  
President, RCT Board  
2013-2014



## RCT on the Web

RCT can be found on the internet at the following addresses and try out our new QR codes on the next page.

[www.romecommunitytheater.org](http://www.romecommunitytheater.org)  
[www.rometheater.com](http://www.rometheater.com)  
[www.romecommunitytheater.net](http://www.romecommunitytheater.net)

Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rome-Community-Theater/215815868442296>

## "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody" Wrapup

RCT would like to thank Laurie Marshall and the cast and crew of "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody" for putting on a very entertaining production. The special added touch of the crew dressing up like the wait staff kept the audience focused throughout the production.

The production was adjudicated by Paul Nelson from the Theater Association of New York State. He was pleased to award the production five merit awards:

- Excellence in Ensemble Acting to the Cast.
- Meritorious Achievement in Scenic Design to Laurie Marshall and Fred Normand.
- Excellence in Direction to Laurie Marshall.
- Excellence in Acting to Eric Amleaf for his portrayal of Buttram.
- Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Derek Proulx for his portrayal of Donald Baxter.

Laurie Marshall offers the following personal thanks:

*"As the director of "A Little Murder...", I cannot be more ecstatic about the awards we received from TANYS! And although I am overwhelmingly proud of my cast and crew, there are two people I would like to give a "special thanks" for going above and beyond what was expected of them, and did such an outstanding job in an extremely short time. To my Producer, Barb Seaton, and her assistant, Jean Gudaitis for handling everything from programs, to props, to prompting, to...well, everything! If it weren't for you two, I would have never made it to Opening Night! So a very heart felt 'thank you' for giving me 110% of your talents and time!"*



## "Harvey"

Feb 6-9

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next production "Harvey" to be presented on the dates above. "Harvey", directed by Carl DeFranco, is the classic story of Elwood Dowd who makes friends with a spirit taking the form of a human-sized rabbit named Harvey that he only sees. This promises to be a very fun show, so do not miss it. Cast and other details will be in the next Prompter.

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## **RCT Upcoming Holiday Party**

RCT's Second Vice President Pat Burke is inviting all to the annual RCT Holiday Gathering. This will be held at RCT on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 730PM. Pat promises fun for all... bring your favorite dessert or pot luck something or other. Entertainment will include some fun things for all of us to do (holiday charades, sing-a-long) etc. This is a good time to relax from the Christmas festivities and think about our resolutions for the New Year! Expect a large turnout, so mark your calendar and plan to attend!



The Prompter Editor hopes you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you have any comments on this Prompter or on any RCT business in general, contact Editor John Parker, [jparker3531@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jparker3531@twcny.rr.com).

## **RCT Quick News**

The RCT marquee can now be rented again for birthdays, anniversaries etc. The message will be scrolled all day along with the regular RCT messages. If interested in more information or to make a reservation see the RCT web site or call John Parker, 337-3254.

Thanks to all who donated to Operation Sunshine at the last production.

As a reminder, if you wish to receive this newsletter via email to save RCT postage costs, send an email to [jparker3531@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jparker3531@twcny.rr.com).

RCT regrets the passing of original member Emilie Hayes who died in December at the young age of 94.

RCT thanks Arnold and Chris Galin for dutifully manning the box office this season.

Auditions for "The Sisters Rosensweig" will be held at RCT Feb 9-10 at 730PM. For information, Pat Burke, director, [pburke675@gmail.com](mailto:pburke675@gmail.com).

The next RCT board meeting is Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 730PM.