



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

Congratulations to the new board officers and members: Arnie Galin (First Vice President), Vanessa Hansson (Second Vice President), LuAnn Boone-Isherwood (Secretary), Maria Rich (Treasurer), Carl DeFranco (Financial Secretary) and yours truly returning as President. John Frank and Laura DeFranco (3-year term Governors) join the rest of the board: John Doiron, John Parker, Dave Bush, Paul Phister, Edward Ramsey-Lewis, Denise Morganti, and Fred Normand. Special thanks to those leaving the board: Josephine Perkins and Pat Burke.

There are lots of ways to get involved at YOUR theater: attend "Kindertransport," the final show of this season; kids can **audition for "The Adventures of Mr. Toad" on June 16th – 17th at 630PM**; everyone is invited to celebrate at the Awards Banquet on June 21st; volunteer to join any of the standing committees; buy season's tickets for yourself or as gifts; become an advertiser or sponsor of an upcoming show. Email bjseaton@usa.net for more information on any of these suggestions.

Barb Seaton
President, RCT Board
2013-2014



RCT Banquet June 21st

Here are the important details for the end of year RCT banquet. If you have any Ford Awards, (these are the funny, inside jokes from the season) please send them to bjseaton@usa.net no later than June 20th. All cast members of each show should plan on coming, as there is a special prize given to each director to share with their cast based on the number of performers who come to the banquet. The annual Henry Awards are also given for best show, actors, actresses and other categories.

Here are some of the particulars:

Date: June 21st. Time: 6PM doors open, 7PM dinner.
Location: Gone Coastal (formerly Yaworski's) at 5345 Lee Center-Taberg Rd. New Price: \$25 adults, \$12.50 children 12 and under which includes tax and gratuity.

Email Pat Burke pburke675@gmail.com or call 225-9782. You must reserve by June 8th (final count by June 14th) You can mail checks made out to RCT to Pat at 110 Ringdahl Court, Apt 3 in Rome.

"Kindertransport" Opens June 5th

"Kindertransport", a poignant drama directed by Arnold Galin will be presented at the Rome Community Theater on June 5th – 7th at 730PM and on June 8th at 230PM. "Kindertransport" is a play about the relationship between a mother and daughter that examines life, during World War II and afterwards, of a Kindertransport child. A modern classic about one woman's struggle to come to terms with her past. Separated from her German Jewish parents and brought to England with the promise of a new life, nine-year-old Eva ends up in Manchester. When Eva's parents fail to escape Germany, the child changes her name and begins the process of denial of her roots. It is only when her own daughter discovers some letters in their attic that Eva is forced to confront the truth about the past. Though fictitious, it is based upon many real kinder stories.

In the months between the November 9, 1938 Kristallnacht ("Night of Broken Glass") pogrom and the start of World War II, a unique rescue operation now known as the Kindertransport brought ten thousand unaccompanied children from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia to safety in Great Britain. Most of the children, but not all, were Jews. Most of the parents who had sent them to safety perished in the Holocaust. Most of the children settled in Britain; others re-emigrated to Israel, the Americas, and elsewhere, scattering over the world.

The Kindertransport Association has created a series of exhibition panels that trace their epic journey from 1938 into the 21st century. This display will be in the Rome Community Theater lobby during all the performances.

On June 5th the audience will have an opportunity to greet and talk to the actors at an after performance party. On June 6th after the production the audience will be able to ask questions of the actors about the play and their performance in a "talk back" session led by the director Arnold Galin. On June 7th the audience will be invited to listen to an adjudicator from the Theater Association of NY State commenting on the play. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children Reservations are recommended by calling 338-5006. Tickets can also be purchased in advance on the RCT web site (Ticket Derby).



RCT 2014-2015 Season Ticket Sale

Coming later this week, the RCT web site will have information on purchasing season tickets for the upcoming season. If you are not a current season ticket holder, they will be on sale for \$50, saving you 25% as compared to the regular season rate of \$15 per show. Offer expires on July 1st. so make your purchase today!

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RCT Announces New Youth Program

RCT is proud to introduce a new youth program beginning this summer. This program is designed for grade 7-12 students to develop their creativity and talent with theater games, improvisation, skits and other activities in a well-structured environment based on encouragement and support. Play-writing projects, technical workshops, and hands-on set design ensure that those who prefer to stay off the stage have as much fun as the performers. The "come when you can" program has a flexible schedule which encourages involvement in other activities throughout the community. We will meet each Wed. and Sun. 2-4PM along with additional projects and workshops starting with the Kickoff Celebration on July 6th at 2PM. This event will be free and open to the public. For more information check the RCT website or the RCT YOUTH Facebook page.

The summer program will be conducted primarily by college age students, led by RFA graduate Trevor Cardwell. Trevor has been a Boys and Girls Club volunteer for several years and has assisted the Drama Club at Strough Middle School with the last three musical productions as well as performing at the Rome Community Theater. Trevor is a wonderful example of what we hope to see our young people become. The goal is to instill a tradition of volunteering as they become our future leaders; directors, stage managers, cast and crew,

committee members, board members and of course, audience members.

This summer program represents the beginning of our broader long term "youth involvement initiative" to get young people involved in every aspect of theater, by "shadowing" all of our volunteers. The purpose of our program is not just to encourage singing, dancing, acting, painting, and building, but at its core this program is designed to plant seeds for future growth, not just at RCT, but in the community as a whole. The program will also encourage the involvement and participation of parents, family and friends.

Performing arts takes a lot of hard work and dedication. We need to get young people excited enough about the arts to want to dedicate themselves to the arts in the future. Contact Dave Bush at dtbush29@yahoo.com.



RCT on the Web

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