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Rome Community Theater

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President's Column

It is an exciting time in the life of RCT and I hope many of you are planning on including the theater in your life. This month is the Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Board Members (May 22nd at 730PM). There is a slate of officers approved by the Nominating Committee, but anyone who has been a member since January 1, 2014 can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone for any of the officer positions or the 3 board trustee positions up for election. The board is always open to new blood for a fresh outlook and vision. There are several standing committees that could use your input as well. It is, after all, YOUR community theater and it's up to you to get involved in whatever way you think you can benefit the programs--it's relatively painless! May is filled with some wonderful programs that partner with the upcoming June production of "Kindertransport" which are documented elsewhere in the newsletter. Congratulations on a successful run of "The Sisters Rosensweig" to first time director Pat Burke and her cast and crew.

Barb Seaton
President, RCT Board
2013-2014



RCT Slate of Officers and Trustees Announced

The RCT Nominating Committee (chaired by Denise Morganti) has recommended the following slate to be voted on at the May 22nd membership meeting at 730PM.

- President: Barb Seaton
- 1st Vice President: Arnold Galin
- 2nd Vice President: Pat Burke
- Treasurer: Maria Rich
- Secretary: LuAnn Isherwood
- Financial Secretary: Carl DeFranco

Trustees Fred Normand, John Frank, and Vanessa Hansson

As stated above in the President's column, nominations will be accepted from the floor. Anyone who has paid the annual membership fee is eligible to vote. You can pay your membership fee on the day of the elections to vote as well, if you currently are not a member. Please be sure to come to this very important meeting.

"The Sisters Rosensweig" Wrapup

RCT thanks Director Pat Burke and Producer Barb Seaton for their excellent production of "The Sisters Rosensweig". It was a very successful run, which concluded each night with audiences leaving the auditorium with a smile on their face. The show was adjudicated by Neil Jones from the Theater Association of New York State and was selected for two individual merit awards:

Excellence in Acting to **Denise Morganti** for her portrayal of Sara Goode.

Meritorious Achievement in Acting to **Derek Proulx** for his portrayal of Geoffrey Duncan.

Congratulations to these actors, and for the entire cast and crew for a job well done!



"Kindertransport" Cast Announced

"Kindertransport", a play by Diane Samuels, is a modern classic about one woman's struggle to come to terms with her past. Brutally 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.

Arnold Galin, the director, is pleased to announce his cast. Denise Morganti plays Evelyn, a middle-class woman who is a survivor of the Kindertransport still trying to cope with her past experiences. Melissa Brass plays her daughter Faith, a young woman very interested in her mother's past. New comer, Merissa Marthage portrays the young Evelyn, the central character of the play. It is through this character we begin to understand Evelyn's past. Laura DeFranco plays Helga, Eva's mother. A very complex woman, who has to make life changing decisions. Rounding out the cast is T.J. Phister as Lil, the English foster mother who was responsible for Eva's survival. The production takes place June 5, 6, 7 and 8th.

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CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!

Due to a lack of response, RCT is still seeking directors for its shows for the 2014-2015 season. Here is the season lineup with suggested dates of performance:

"Annie Warbucks" (book by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strouse, and lyrics by Martin Charnin), musical, October 9-12 & 17-19.

"Star on the Door" a backstage comedy, December 4-7.

"Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner" (by Pat Cook), comedy, February 12-15.

"A Murder is Announced" (by Agatha Christie), mystery, April 9-12.

"Saloon Keeper's Daughter" (Book, Music and Lyrics by Jack Sharkey and Dave Reiser), musical melodrama, June 4-7.

This is an excellent opportunity for those seeking experience to partner with a qualified director; all shows need stage managers, producers, assistant directors in addition to the usual cast and crew. Contact Barb Seaton immediately if interested in directing. The deadline for response is 31 May.



RCT on the Web

RCT can be found on the internet at the following addresses and try out our QR codes above:.

www.romecommunitytheater.org

www.rometheater.com

www.romecommunitytheater.net

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Upcoming Events

Here are some special events being produced dealing with the subject matter of "Kindertransport". All events are free and open to the public. These projects are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a grant program of the NY State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature and administered by CNY Arts. More information on these events is on the RCT web site.

May 10 Documentary - Into the Arms of Strangers
12PM Jervis Public Library, Rome. A 2000 documentary film that tells the story of the Kindertransport.

May 18 Karl Buchholz a Kindertransport Survivor 2 pm
Jewish Community Center, 2310 Oneida St. Utica. Presents his experiences with his exodus from Germany and the separation from his parents.

May 21 Presentation by Judy Rapaport – Safe Haven
Museum 7PM Rome Historical Society, 200 Church St. Rome, NY The Museum and is dedicated to keeping alive the stories of the 982 refugees from World War II who were allowed into the United States as "guests" of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Auditions for the annual RCT summer childrens show "The Mad Adventures of Mr. Toad" directed by Kirsten Impicciatore will take place **June 15th and 16th** at 630PM.