



The Prompter

Rome Community Theater

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Presidents Column

Happy Holidays from Rome Community Theater!

In this crazy world of the pandemic, we can choose to concentrate on the negatives of not being able to be together, cancelling an entire year of stage shows, worrying about our health all the time--OR we can appreciate all we do have and can share while looking to the future. RCT is a huge family, encompassing hundreds of volunteers (from all over the Mohawk Valley and beyond) in all aspects of theater and entertainment. We choose to look forward, to that time when we can gather safely and get back to the business of what we all love--theater. So in the spirit of looking ahead, we are searching for some "idea people" to serve on a programming committee and some "marketing minded" folks to help spearhead a publicity committee. We are looking for unique, clever and innovative ideas that the theater can use to keep RCT in the public eye. Publicity and Marketing will be the way we get that creativity noticed by audiences who may not know they need RCT. If either of those missions interest you, please contact Barb Seaton bjseaton@usa.net or 315-225-9452.

One easy way to support RCT is by becoming a member. Memberships (only \$5 per person) make a terrific present or stocking stuffer! Mail checks to PO Box 91, Rome, NY 13442.

Be sure to check the RCT Website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for updates regarding our virtual productions. Right now, you can watch our most recent show, "Waiting" on our YouTube channel. There is an option to make a donation to the theater as well.

Stay healthy, be safe and here's to some better days ahead in 2021.

Barbara Seaton President, RCT

RCT Trip To Turkey Highlighted

In November, 38 Friends of RCT took up the invitation to attend our Trip To Turkey which featured appetizers, prizes and a drive by turkey dinner provided by Eddie's Paramount Diner. Thanks Ella Alsheimer and Sharon Parker for organizing and carrying out this COVID-19 safe event.

RCT Virtual Theater

RCT is producing a series of One Act Plays. One way of viewing them is to subscribe to our YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/O5x9zwlBqt0>. Subscribing to our channel does not mean paying any money, it just means signing up to simply get and view our productions.

Rights to view the show "You Haven't Changed a Bit" have expired, but RCT wishes to thank the efforts of Maria Rich, Bill Moore, Arnie Galin, Barb Seaton, Suzanne Rodio and others for making this happen.

On our YouTube Channel RIGHT NOW you will be able to view a short one act play called "Waiting". "Waiting" is a multi-generational play which demonstrates the connections that people make with each other and the lessons which we learn from them. Suzanne Rodio and Denise Morganti directed the show. It stars Barb Seaton, Mark Hanna, Mike Beehm, and Joshua Thompson. It was written by TANYS adjudicator Joan Luther. We would love ALL of you to view it!

We are working to produce our next show "The Cat's Meow" by local author John Ossowski. Valerie Abel is directing this endeavor. It stars Mike Beehm, Carrie Bostick, Melissa Brass-Maggio, Pat Stone, John Ossowski and the recording editor is Adrian Maggio.

Steve Hampe will be directing a show called "Pandemic Romance" which is George Bryjek's new version of "Nano Romance" a previously produced RCT one act play. We are also producing "The Accident" by April Littlejohn, directed by Andrea Kennedy Hart of Michigan. Andrea has quite a bit of experience in virtual theater and is excited about working with RCT. RCT sees working with an out of state theater illustrates how theaters throughout the country can band together to weather the storm of the pandemic.

Lastly, we are looking to produce some published skits from the Carol Burnett Sow, directed by Wayne Yadow.

Although dates are not included here as the shows are all in a different state of production, make sure you follow RCT through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) as that is where immediate notice of their release will take place.

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RCT & Jervis Library

RCT has partnered with Jervis Library to perform story telling of various children's books. Every Saturday between Sept. 19 and Nov. 14 RCT recorded the reading of a book and it appeared on the Jervis Library Facebook Page. You can currently go to that Facebook page and scroll down to the Saturdays and view the dramatic book readings. Readers were Arnie Galin, Denise Borek Morganti, Suzanne Rodio, Mark Hanna, Janet Hanna, Barbara Seaton and Josephine Perkins. Stay tuned for more book reading/story telling in the spring.



RCT Talent & Trivia Evening Via Zoom Talent Sharing & Trivia Game Gathering January 3, 2021 3PM

Everyone is invited to gather via Zoom at 3PM on Sunday, January 3, 2021 for our annual Holiday Party. Anyone interested in performing is invited to contact Barb Seaton in order that that she may organize the schedule of performances. Paul Phister will be coordinating our virtual trivia game. Please contact the theater at 315-337-5920 to sign up for our virtual party!

Quick News

Knowing about RCT's 2017 production of "Radium Girls", the Capitol Cinema invited those involved to a premier showing of the movie of the same name. On November 29, folks involved with that production gathered via Zoom. In addition to catching up with each other, the recent release of the movie was discussed and compared to RCT's production. Here is a picture of those who participated.



RCT was grateful for those who participated in the RCT parking lot drive-in movies, whether you were a worker or a person who attended them. You can look to have more of these in the spring.