



# Curtain Call

SCHUYLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010

## Thirty Years Ago...

Schuylerville Community Theater was founded in the 1979-80 season and opened its first musical in March of 1980, *Mame*, by Jerry Herman, and has been going strong ever since! When the curtain on the Schuylerville High School stage was opened that March night there were 56 members in the cast, 55 in the production crew and 24 musicians in the orchestra pit. It was a community event, a smash hit, and well received by the audiences. Thirty years later and over 60 productions under our belts, we bring the musical revue *Showtune* to our audience to honor the music and words of Jerry Herman. Please join us as we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of community theater in Schuylerville!!

The Schuylerville Central School has been the home of SCT since that first production in 1980. This past year the school has been actively involved in an energized building project, including some exciting changes and upgrades to the High School auditorium. SCT appreciates the on-going relationship with the school and looks forward to the new renovations with a great deal of eagerness. We plan to return to the "SCT stage" for the 2010-11 season. We will be sure to keep you all informed.



## Showtune on Stage for Spring 2010 Production

Join SCT as we celebrate our 30th year on the SCT Stage. *Showtune* is a musical memoir of the life of composer-lyricist Jerry Herman of *Mame*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Mack & Mabel* and *La Cage aux Folles* to name just a few. You can be sure to be well-entertained by the outstanding cast directed by Joann Searles with Musical Direction by Dennis Searles. Richard Cherry of Cambridge will be tickling the ivories as Man 4. Bill Howard, SCT co-founder and first SCT director of Jerry Herman's *Mame*, and Gisella Case, with that amazing voice, fill the roles of Man #1 and Woman #1. Newcomers to the SCT Stage, Charles Stogner of Saratoga Springs, Kate LeBoeuf of Queensbury, and Kristal and Justin Crandall of Whitehall, round out the cast. Produced by Debbi Terrio, *Showtune* will provide a reason to spend an evening sitting back and enjoying musical theater in Schuylerville. There will be six performances on the magical stage at the Saratoga Town Hall in the Village of Schuylerville. Seating is limited, so be sure to call for a reservation. Tickets are only \$20 each and \$18 for seniors and students. Bring a friend or two on April 23rd, 24th, 30th and May 1st at 8:00 PM. There will also be two Saturday matinees on April 24th and May 1st at 2:00 PM. Call today for tickets – 695-5480.





## 2010 Scholarship Program



Since 1983 The Schuylerville Community Theater has awarded over \$35,000 in scholarships to deserving local high school seniors who wish to enter an accredited college to pursue a career in music, dance, drama or theater arts. The application period for the 2010 graduating class is open and details are available on the SCT website at [scttheater.org](http://scttheater.org). In addition, high school guidance counselors have access to applications and can assist students with the process.

Completed applications are due to Scholarship Chairperson, Michele Peters before April 23, 2010. Auditions will be held the first week of May; applicants will be contacted to schedule a date and time.

The SCT Scholarships for 2009 were awarded to four deserving seniors. The \$500 Katherine R. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship went to Timothy Doak, a graduate from Queensbury High School, and son of Robert and Aimee Mc Master of Queensbury. Tim attends Shenandoah University and is pursuing a degree in Music Therapy/Vocal Performance. Matthew Angelini, a graduate of Saratoga Central Catholic School, son of Raymond and Mary Angelini of Saratoga Springs, was awarded the Edward "Ted" Shuster Scholarship for \$500. Matt is majoring in Music and Theater at DeSales University.



The Sharon R. Festo Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was given to Andrea Nardone, daughter of Don and Catherine Nardone of Gansevoort. After graduating from South Glens Falls High School, Andrea enrolled at SUNY Fredonia as a voice major and will earn a degree in Music Education.

Haley Beauregard, daughter of Daniel and Eve Beauregard of Saratoga Springs, graduated from Schuylerville High School and received the SCT \$500 scholarship award. She also attends SUNY Fredonia and is working on a BFA degree in Theater.

The SCT Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors applaud the achievements and talents of these representatives of the Class of 2009 and wish them much success in their endeavors. The Class of 2010 is encouraged to apply this year for one of the four SCT Scholarships. For further information, please refer to the scholarship section on the website at [scttheater.org](http://scttheater.org).

## Vote of Thanks

The challenges of the nation's economy have had an impact on all of us. Funds have either been significantly reduced and in some cases cut in many areas, the arts being one greatly affected. Families have shifted their priorities and have had to make sacrifices.

SCT is also struggling to keep afloat and wants to be able to continue to provide quality theater to the local community, to give families a "night out" at a reasonable cost, to continue to offer scholarships, and to be a visible part of the arts in the Schuylerville area.

Despite the increase in the overall costs of producing shows, SCT does not want to pass the expense on to our faithful audiences. We would like them to be able to enjoy theater close to home and at a reasonable ticket price. We are seeking additional support from various resources and will continue to do so. We have been very fortunate to have local businesses provide financial assistance through program ads and we offer our sincere appreciation. We ask you to patronize these businesses as a demonstration of your support of their generosity and be sure to mention SCT. Other funding options are being sought through grants and we certainly will accept donations of any amount from private sources. It is this kind of support that will allow for SCT to continue to provide quality theater to you. Thank you.

## Survey Says...

The SCT Board of Directors is reaching out to our members and audiences to ask for your thoughts and ideas as to what you would like to see on the SCT Stage. Please take a few minutes of your time to provide us with some feedback using the enclosed survey. Or if you prefer technology, the survey can be completed electronically on the SCT Website at [scttheater@scttheater.org](mailto:scttheater@scttheater.org)

## Courtroom by Day, Theater by Night

While waiting for the renovations of the SCS High School auditorium to be complete, SCT needed an alternate location for the Spring 2010 Production of *Showtune*: enter the Town of Saratoga. Supervisor Tom Wood offered the use of the court room in the new Town Hall space in the village of Schuylerville on the corner of Routes 4 and 29. Actors will perform on the same "stage" at night that is used by the judge during court proceedings. Roll away the judge's bench, bring in a piano, and Voila! Live Musical Theater!!! Be sure to visit the courtroom to buy a ticket instead of to pay a fine!!



Applause! Applause! to Supervisor Wood and the Town Board for the loan of the space to ensure that theater happens in Schuylerville!!

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Annual Meeting/Dinner and Election  
Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**SCT Children's Theater Workshop  
June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**A Musical Car Wash, Summer 2010**

**Fall Show 2010**

**Spring 2011 – A BIG surprise – stay tuned**

## Call for Directors

Do you love theater? Do you have a favorite show? Would you like to see it on stage? SCT is interested in talking with you about being a part of the SCT family. Please contact a board member or send an email with your interest to [scttheater@scttheater.org](mailto:scttheater@scttheater.org).

## Help Wanted

No Experience Needed – On-the-Job training provided – excellent variety of job types including construction, producing, costuming, painting, ushering, just to name a few. No salary, but rich in the reward of providing quality theater to the community. We need volunteers and welcome anyone interested in jumping on board!!!

Please call one of the board members or contact SCT at [scttheater@scttheater.org](mailto:scttheater@scttheater.org).

## Board of Directors Elections on the Horizon

The Schuylerville Community Theater is a not-for-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twelve volunteers who each serve a three year term. Each year there are four seats available for election by the membership. For the 2010 -11 season there is an additional board seat needed for a one year term to fill a vacancy as a result of a resignation. Nominations are being accepted now, with voting during the month of May and election results announced at the Annual Meeting/Dinner on June 6<sup>th</sup>. SCT is looking for persons willing to volunteer their time and talent to the organization. Nominations are open to any (and all) person(s) who may be interested in running for a seat on the board. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Please contact Anna Welfley (or any board member) if you would like to serve on the Board of Directors – no experience necessary, just an interest in Schuylerville Community Theater and helping to make good things happen in the world of local community theater. Anna can be reached by email at [annawelfley@yahoo.com](mailto:annawelfley@yahoo.com) or contact any board member at [scttheater@scttheater.org](mailto:scttheater@scttheater.org)

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**A musical review of  
Jerry Herman's works  
at the Saratoga Town  
Hall in Schuylerville**



**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at  
8:00 PM and April 24<sup>th</sup> and  
May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM**

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