

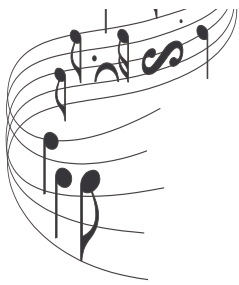
Curtain Call

SCHUYLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2009

Company, A Musical Comedy, on the SCT Stage:

Have you ever noticed that, when out to dinner with friends, if someone orders a particularly rancid piece of meat or a too-strong cocktail, they want everyone else to sample it? "This is disgusting – try it!" But what happens when such dinner party dialogue is supplanted by talk of love and relationships? Not necessarily in that order. What happens when you are the last single guy amidst a throng of happily ever-afters? Enter Robert: a witty and charming King of Denial on the eve of his 35th Birthday. Now, enter Robert's friends: a gaggle of wedded people in various stages of marital discord. And the stage is set for *Company*, Stephen Sondheim and George Furth's original concept musical finding its way to Schuylerville Community Theater this Spring. Under the direction of Avery Clark and Dennis Searles, *Company* asks the big questions that follow: "Do you promise to love and honor, in sickness and in health?" Set in the present in New York City, Robert is in the often unenviable position of "fly-on-the-wall" in his friends lives. Always the bride's maid and never the bride, Robert's friends playfully cajole and harass him toward the aisle, all the while illustrating that...



"It's the little things you share together,
Swear together,
Wear together,
That make perfect relationships.
The concerts you enjoy together,
Neighbors you annoy together,
Children you destroy together,
That keep marriage intact."



In his seemin perpetual role as the third at brunch, Robert struggles with how to maintain one's own identity in a relationship and whether romantic love is synonymous with marriage. With Technicolor characters and a minimalist style, *Company* was nominated for 13 Tony Awards and won 6, including Best Musical. Mature in content, with lyrics in a conversational style, *Company* is an honest, sometimes biting so, look at married life. With such classic anthems of marital hilarity as the motor mouth "I'm Not Getting Married Today" and the caustic "The Ladies Who Lunch," come celebrate dysfunctional relationships with Robert and "these good and crazy people, his married friends" in their first grown-up musical.

Check out *Company* on the SCT Stage at the Schuylerville High School Auditorium, opening on Friday, May 8th with a 8:00 pm curtain, followed by a performance on Saturday, May 9th at 8:00 pm, and a Sunday matinee on the 10th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$18.00 for Seniors and Students.

There will be a limited number of "Rush Tickets" available to high school and college students with a valid ID 15 minutes before curtain at a reduced cost of \$10.00. Call 695-5480 to reserve tickets, or buy them at the door for General Admission Seating. Please note that this play contains some adult content and is intended for mature audiences.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER IS STILL ON!

Thanks to our neighboring school, Greenwich Central, the SCT summer program will be performing Willy Wonka Jr. on July 17, 2009 while the Schuylerville High School auditorium gets a face-lift... There will be a few changes in the program so please see the SCT website at scttheater.org for more details and a registration form.

Contact the Executive producer, Donna Hillebrandt, at donna.mh@verizon.net if you have any questions.

SCT Board develops new Mission Statement

One of the responsibilities of the SCT Board of Directors is to ensure that the by-laws meet the needs of the organization. Each year the board reviews those by-laws, originally adopted in 1979, and makes the necessary changes. This year, the SCT Board participated in a marketing analysis of the organization which resulted in a comprehensive review of the current mission statement. As a result, a new mission statement was developed and will be presented to the membership for a vote of approval at the SCT Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 14th. Current active SCT members will receive a ballot in the mail along with the ballot for the new Board Members. Any members who have any questions are encouraged to contact an SCT board member.

Old Mission Statement: *The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its activities shall be limited and restricted in such manner and to such extent as is required by virtue of such status under the Internal Revenue Code, as more fully set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation.* New Mission Statement to be voted by the membership by ballot to be mailed to all active SCT mem-

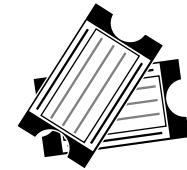
bers: *The corporation is dedicated to educating and enriching the lives of people of all ages, ultimately building the next generation of theater artists and audiences. SCT's aim is to create the highest quality theatrical productions at affordable prices. These individuals continue to commit to education, and civic pride as a vital component in the cultural heritage of their historic community.*

Nominating Committee

Each year the SCT membership elects members to sit on the board for a three year term. The board meets once a month and serves as the decision-making body for the group. This next year, there are three vacant board seats and the nominating committee has been seeking interested persons to run on the ballot. If you are interested or know of someone else who might run, please contact Chairperson, Debbi Terrio at 747-2791 no later than April 30th. This is a great opportunity for you to help make theater happen in Schuylerville and the surrounding communities. Please consider volunteering your time to Schuylerville Community Theater – no experience necessary – training available for all interested parties!!!

Ballots for voting on the three new board members will be mailed to all active SCT

members during the first week of May. Results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting/Banquet on Sunday, June 14th at Panza's Restaurant on Saratoga Lake.



Rush Tickets

A limited number of Rush Tickets at \$10 each are being offered for *Company* for those high school and college students with a valid ID. They will be available at the door 15 minutes prior to curtain time. Students are welcome to take advantage of enjoying quality theater at a significantly reduced ticket price. Please note: This show contains adult content and is recommended for mature audiences. Remember students will need a valid ID to take advantage of this offer.



Macica Announces Annual Meeting/ Banquet Plans

Jack Macica, SCT Vice-President, announces that the SCT Annual Meeting followed by a Banquet and the Twig Awards will be held on Sunday, June 14th at 4:00 PM at Panza's Restaurant on Saratoga Lake. Please consider joining your SCT friends for an evening of fun!! Check out the website at scttheater.org for further details or contact Jack at 587-5492.

SCT Membership Drive



The SCT Membership Year for 2009-2010 is fast approaching and all are reminded to renew your membership to Schuylerville Community Theater. A membership to SCT is a great way of supporting this not-for-profit organization and at the same time giving you the gift of theater. In this economic climate, SCT has made a commitment to leave the costs of each membership at their current level as a benefit to our loyal supporters. Consider upping your membership this year to a Patron Status. The savings on ticket prices alone make the Patron Membership a true bargain!!! Patron Memberships include 2 tickets to each of the Fall and Spring Productions (a savings of up to \$30!!), early registration for the SCT Summer Children's Workshop, the SCT newsletter, *Curtain Call*, invitation to attend SCT Board Meetings and the overall positive feeling of supporting such a worthwhile organization. Distinguished Patron Membership includes all the wonderful benefits of a Patron with support to the SCT Scholarship Program of a \$25.00 donation.

A new membership (or renewal) is available by simply by sending your membership checks to Donna Hillebrandt, Membership Secretary. The SCT membership year runs from June 1st to May 31st. Membership applications can be obtained on the website at: www.scttheater.org or by contacting Donna at PO Box 143, Schuylerville, NY 12871 or donna.mh@verizon.net.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Board member Anna Welfley tells us that she will be traveling to Mt. Shasta, CA on April 21 for two weeks to visit her daughter Joanna and 6 year-old grandson, Zephyre. Joanna has just earned her BA with honors and graduates on the 25th of April. Joanna first appeared on the SCT stage at 3 years-old in the *Sound of Music* and still loves to perform today.

Congratulations go out to author, farmer, storyteller and long time SCT member Joe Peck for his first runner up performance in the Toastmasters International Division F Speech Contest on March 26 at State Farm Insurance. To qualify for the International Speech Contest, a member must have completed at least six speeches. The contest speech must be motivational and or inspirational. Joe won his area contest on March

18 in Hudson Falls which entitled him to participate in the International contest. The title of his speech was "Follow Your Dream" You go Joe!!

Member Bob Joki is currently participating in an archeological dig in Israel. While there he gets to spend weekends with daughter Sara and husband Yitz who are awaiting the birth of their first child.

Editorial Staff Member Nelson Snowden is in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean crewing on the sailboat *Imagine*, owned by John Dickinson of Hudson Falls. The trip of approximately 3 weeks is from British Virgin Islands to Newport RI. "Fair Winds and Following Seas"

In the "Child stars grow up and do good" column, be sure to stop in and see our own Patrick Doyle who is currently performing at the Wine Bar on Broadway in Saratoga Springs every Friday

night beginning at 8:00 p.m. Also former SCT child star, Christopher Tucker is directing the revival of *Greenwich, The Musical*, to be presented at the Greenwich High School on July 9, 10, 11 at 7:00 PM and on July 12 at 2:00 PM. It is a remake of the original production, directed by SCT member, the late Ted Shuster, with a new musical number by Bob Warren including some additional, current Greenwich history/issues.

Website

Have you visited the SCT Website lately? It has a new look!! – Take a minute or two to visit scttheater.org. The cast list for *Company* is posted – you can view our calendar of events – learn more about Children's Theater and get the latest details about the Annual Meeting/Banquet.

Curtain Call is a newsletter of the Schuylerville Community Theater, P.O. Box 143, Schuylerville, NY, 12871. SCT is a non-profit community volunteer musical and theater arts organization. SCT is governed by an elected Board of Directors.

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COMPANY

Friday May 8th & Saturday May 9th at



8:00 PM and



Sunday May 10th at 2:00 PM

For Tickets call 695-5480

SCT Annual Banquet

June 14, 4:00 at Panza's

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