



Curtain Call

SCHUYLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010

SCT Awards Scholarship Monies to Deserving Seniors

Since 1983 The Schuylerville Community Theater has awarded over \$35,000 in scholarships to deserving local high school seniors who plan to enter an accredited college to pursue a career in music, dance, drama or theater arts.

The following SCT Scholarship awards for 2010 are:

The \$500 SCT Scholarship has been awarded to Aaron Butler, son of Richard and Tammy Butler of Salem.



As a graduate of Salem High School, Aaron will major in

composition at the Berklee College of Music in the hopes of pursuing a career as a songwriter.

Also attending Berklee will be Zachary Di Meglio who was awarded the \$500 Katherine R. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship. Zach, who graduated from



Schuylerville High School, is the son of L. Ralph and Jane Di Meglio of Saratoga Springs. Zach plans to pursue a degree in Music Performance with a concentration on Jazz Studies.

The Sharon R. Festo Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 has been awarded to Madison M. Kircher daughter of Mark and Patty Malone Kircher of Queensbury. Madison plans to



double major in Vocal Music and Political Science at Hamilton College.

The \$500 Edward "Ted" Shuster Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to James Alexander, son of Jim & Chiquitta Alexander of Gansevoort. Following graduation from Saratoga Springs High School

James will pursue a degree in Vocal Music from Carnegie Mellon University.



The SCT Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors applaud the achievements and talents of these representatives of the Class of 2010 and wish them much success in their future endeavors.



Musical Car Wash

SCT sponsored the premier performance of a Musical Car Wash on Saturday, August 14th on the corner of Routes 4 and 29 in the village of Schuylerville. Chaired by SCT Members Donna Hillebrandt and Christopher Tucker, patrons were entertained by the featured music of SCT's own DJ, Chris Tucker while their cars/vans or trucks were washed until sparkly clean!! Donations totaling \$152 were greatly appreciated and will be used to offset the production costs of SCT as we continue to provide quality theater to the Schuylerville Community and the surrounding areas. Special thanks goes out to Dave Roberts for the use of the corner lot and access to water and power and Bob Thompson for the use of the tent!!! Another shout out of thanks to Chuck Woznack of Kustom Airbrush for his donation of the artwork on the banner and the Hansen family for all the cleaning supplies. It was a fun time for all workers including Terry Mumby, the Kilpeck family, the Barker family and Bob Thompson. And as a result, there are more clean and happy vehicles in the Schuylerville area!

Annual Meeting 2010

The annual meeting of the Schuylerville Community Theater was held on Sunday afternoon, June 6th at *kitchen at the Dovegate Inn* in Schuylerville. Following the meeting a delicious dinner prepared by Cara and Steve was enjoyed by all. Aaron Butler and Zachary DiMeglio, two of the 2010 SCT scholarship winners entertained the guests. Three outgoing board members, Dennis Searles, Joann Searles and Debbi Terrio were recognized for their time and commitment to SCT during their tenure on the board. The annual Twig Awards provided a few laughs as Lorraine Thompson and Michele Peters read the nominees and announced the winners. The coveted Branch Award was presented to Debbi Terrio for her



many years of service both on and off the stage. Mikaela Thomas was awarded the Budding Twig Award for her talent and interest in the arts with a special place in her life for the SCT Children's Theater. Election results were announced and Christopher Tucker was re-elected to another three year term and new board members, Donna Dodd-Thomas, Jeremy Hammond and Elinor Stein were each elected for a three year term; congratulations to all. At the time of the annual meeting, there was another one year term vacancy on the board as a result of a resignation earlier in the year. Following the annual meeting, Bev McKim did step forward to fill the duration of the term. Thanks Bev.

Schuylerville Community Theater Children's Summer Program



SCT'S
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gram was a huge success. After only three short weeks the group of 38 participants put on a wonderful rendition of *Aladdin Jr.* on July 16th at our neighboring Greenwich Central School venue. Under the fine leadership of director, Christopher Tucker, the audience was welcomed to Agrabah, City of Enchantment, where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail! His energetic Assistant Director, Kris Clements, added much fun to this talented group of singers and dancers. Musical Direction of Sabrina LaPointe and Choreography from Kara Lapitsky livened up the stage which was decked out by the set and costumes of Pam Barker, Terry Mumby and Kim Dauphinais. With the producer, Adrienne Morris' organization and the entire staff's patience and flexibility, the children proved to all of us what wonderful, talented, rising stars they are! We look forward to watching them grow in theater.

A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers who took time out from their busy schedules to help make our humble production a success. Thanks also to the wonderful community for coming out to show their support for the children's program. Without community support, there can be no community theater. It's the people (and kids are people too) who make SCT great. If you are interested in learning more about our summer program please visit our website or contact the Executive Producer, Donna Hillebrandt, at donna.hillebrandt@gmail.com. See you all next year!

Amendments to By-laws

At the June 2010 SCT Board Meeting, the board approved the proposal of two amendments to the current by-laws, last revised June 14, 2009. These amendments will be presented to the general membership for approval at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Special General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 at the Schuylerville High School. All current active adult members are eligible to vote on these amendments and are encouraged to attend this meeting on the 15th.

The first proposed amendment is to Add to Article VII – Standing and Special Committees - Section 4. Audit Committee: *There shall be an independent Audit Committee of at least two (2) people, one of whom will be a member of the board of directors, who will serve as the chairperson and another person, selected by the chairperson. Neither the President nor the Treasurer may sit on this committee; committee*

Members, other than the Chairperson, do not have to be Board members. The committee should have adequate financial literacy to understand, analyze and assess the organization's financial statements. The Audit Committee shall perform an annual audit of the financial activities of the corporation and report the results to the entire Board of Directors.

The second proposed amendment to the by-laws is to change current by-law regarding officers to read as follows: [text in brackets to be removed] - Article V – OFFICERS - Section 2. *The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the first regular monthly meeting of the board following the annual meeting, and serve until the next successive annual meeting. [The President may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same office]. All [other] officers may serve as they and the membership agree to without restriction of term.*

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER

SCT joins forces with two local organizations for its fall Dinner/Theater production of *Don't Dress for Dinner*, a hilarious comedy by Marc Camoloetti and directed for SCT by Fran Williams of Corinth. Bernard is planning a weekend with his chic mistress in a upstate farmhouse. He simultaneously arranges for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights as he packs his wife Jacqueline off to her mother's. Cleverly, he has invited his best friend to provide the alibi. It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong? Suppose Robert turns up not knowing why he has been invited? Suppose Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers? Suppose the cook is mistaken for the mistress and the mistress is unable to cook? An evening of hilarious confu-

sion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed.

You are all invited to enjoy an evening out on the town with dinner followed by an enjoyable theater experience at the American Legion Hall on Clancy Street in Schuylerville on either Friday night, October 15th or Saturday, October 16th. All dinners will start at 6:30 with the show at 7:30. Tickets are available for only \$30 each and include both the dinner and show. Seating is limited and reservations are strongly encouraged. Tickets can be reserved by calling SCT at 695-5480. Accommodations are available for groups of 10 or more; please call 695-5480 for further information.

Visit our website: scttheater.org
Check out our Calendar of Events
on the website: scttheater.org

Festival of Trees

Schuylerville Community Theater will be hosting its first (and hopefully annual) Festival of Trees in conjunction with the Village Feast of St. Nicolaas on Saturday, December 5th in the Saratoga Town Hall, located on the corner of Routes 29 and 4 in the Village of Schuylerville from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Groups and individuals are being invited to decorate 4-foot Christmas trees in a theme of their choice to be sold at the end of the Festival to benefit the Production Fund for Schuylerville Community Theater.

Trees will be provided by SCT and can be reserved by calling 695-5480. Step forward and show your talents and support community theater in Schuylerville and the surrounding area.

In addition to the decorated trees, there will be craft tables in the town hall to help festival goers get a jump-start on Holiday Shopping. Crafters are invited to contact Lorraine Thompson at 695-3349 if interested. There will be a \$20 fee for a table and space is limited.

Following the Festival, members of SCT will participate in the Annual Parade of St. Nicholaas on his white horse down Broadway to the official lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. All are invited to join in the parading with lanterns, singing of Christmas Carols and hearing the story of St. Nicolaas.

Please join us!



Girl Scouts Share Time and Talents with SCT

The Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest honor a Jr. Girl Scout can earn, requires the scout to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community. Working towards this award demonstrates her commitment to helping others, improving her community and the world, and becoming the best she can be. The girls can work on the award as individuals or in a group. Six girls from Troop #3229 from South Glens Falls provided three hours each of girl power to the Schuylerville Community Theater to help "clean up" and "organize" a portion of the Costume Shoppe. Together with their leader, Kathy Herren, they spent the morning sorting and categorizing the many hats in the SCT collection. In addition to improving that section of the costume storage area, they learned about the various hats and the styles of the different time periods and had some fun trying them on! SCT thanks Junior Girl Scouts, Emily Gulbrandsen, Brianna Hammond, Karli Hanna, Emily Herren, Amanda Klopp and Emily Vetter for their time and energies and wishes them the best of luck as they continue to pursue the coveted Bronze Award.

SCT Goes Green

SCT is joining forces in the 21st century to help the environment by offering the membership the opportunity to read the SCT "Curtain Call" newsletter via email to save paper (and postage as well!) If you are interested and willing to receive an email for each of the editions, please send your email address to Donna Hillebrandt at donna.hillebrandt@gmail.com. Be assured your email address will not be shared with any other organization or group. Help SCT
GO GREEN!

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STAY TUNED FOR COMING EVENTS:

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER

OCTOBER 15TH, 16TH AT

SCHUYLERVILLE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

DINNER AT 6:30-

SHOW AT 7:30

Help Wanted!! Directors

Needed Schuylerville Community Theater, an established company for over 30 years, is looking for directors to stage musicals and comedies. All degrees of experience will be considered. Interested directors should submit a resume to: Director and Play Selection Committee, Schuylerville Community Theater, P.O. Box 143, Schuylerville, NY 12871 or send an e-mail to scttheater@scttheater.org. A director's modest honorarium is provided. For information, call 587-6289.

Check the Web: SCTTHEATER.org



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