

# Curtain Call

SCHUYLVERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

## Spring 2012 Dessert Theater

In collaboration with the local American Legion Old Saratoga Post #278, SCT is very excited to announce the Spring Musical, *Bingo, the Musical*, a show that turns Grandma's favorite form of gambling into fun-loving musical theater with popcorn on the tables and dessert at intermission! Audience members will even have the opportunity to play three games of Bingo with prizes!!

Directed by Fran Williams with musical direction by Christopher Tucker, *BINGO, the Musical* allows the audience to play along with Bingo, the game of chance, as it mixes character songs, very quirky contestants, romance and rivalry into an interactive, presentational contest – all during a fierce hurricane!!

*BINGO* was written by Michael Heitzman and Ilene Reid with lyrics and music by Heitzman, Reid and David Holcenberg. Writers

Heitzman and Reid co-wrote the song "Throw That Girl Around" from the Grammy Award-nominated Broadway show. The Los Angeles Times describes the show as "A Fun, Cheerful and Witty New Show With Songs to Bring Down the House!"

In this musical comedy, held at the American Legion Hall on Clancy Street in Schuylerville, you will have the chance to meet Vern, Honey and Patsy: three pals that have driven through Hurricane Dora in the name of their weekly obsession. Minnie and Sam will meet you at the "Legion Bingo Hall" to welcome and get you set for an evening of fun and games. During the confusion of the storm and power shortages, their long-time friend Bernice secretly shows up with her daughter Allison, who fif-



teen years later, tries to restore an old friendship. In between the number calling, strange rituals and fierce competitions, love blossoms and estranged friends reunite, sending everyone home a winner.

Get your game faces ready!! Bingo cards will be distributed at the door as part of the ticket price. Desserts will be served at intermission and you will not be disappointed as you join SCT and the Legion on Friday night, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM or Saturday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM and again on Saturday night, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM for *Bingo, the Musical*. Tickets for general seating are \$20 each for adults, \$18 for seniors and students and can be purchased at the Legion or by calling the SCT ticket line at 695-5480. Reserve your tickets early; seating is limited.



### Children's Theater

This year's Children's Summer Theater Program is ready to roll! The five to seven year-old group will run for two weeks beginning on June 25<sup>th</sup> while the eight to eleven and twelve to sixteen year-old

groups run a third week and perform on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The program is 9:00 to noon daily at the Schuylerville Central School and full attendance is very important. Please contact executive producer, Donna Hillebrandt, at 745-1123 or [donna.hillebrandt@gmail.com](mailto:donna.hillebrandt@gmail.com).

## Meet the Bingo Characters-

**Vern**, played by long-time SCT Veteran Donna Dodd-Thomas, who lives in Fort Miller, is the colorful, competitive matriarch of the Bingo girls. Even though Vern is stubborn and crusty, she has a good heart buried beneath that gruff exterior.

**Patsy** is a neurotic and obsessively superstitious with an anxious exterior covering up a rock star who can let it rip! Filling the role of Patsy is Donna Hillebrandt, of Gansevoort, who has oodles of trinkets in her many bags to ensure a win at the Bingo Hall.

**Honey** is leggy and beautiful but perhaps a bit past her prime. She is a lovable sex kitten, but not one of the brightest bulbs in the lamp. Deana Tracey, a bright star herself from Glens Falls, will be flirting with whomever she can at the Bingo Hall and has her eyes set on Sam.


**Minnie** is the friendly Bingo Hall manager at the Legion. She is a local favorite - a cute and cuddly grandma. Newcomer to the SCT stage, Paula Jo Smith, will be playing the oldest woman in the group, but shows that she is still quick and spry on her feet.

Poor **Bernice Boodalay** was banished from the Bingo Girls fifteen years ago when she and Vern had a bad night at Bingo. She is a super mom and genuinely sweet and cheerful, spreading sunshine wherever she goes. Well cast, Julie Martin from Schuylerville will have you rooting for her good health and return to the fold.

**Alison Boodalay** is Bernice's daughter whose secret wish is to mend a broken friendship between her mother, Bernice, and Vern, who were once close friends. Played by Mikaela Thomas, whose real-life mom is Donna Dodd-Thomas, she learns all about Bingo from the "pros" and becomes a lover of the game herself.

Another newcomer to the SCT stage, Bryon Cerney, from Galway, is cast as **Sam**, the bingo caller. Feeling "tall, rugged and handsome," he loves his job and takes it seriously. The only thing that can distract him is Honey, the woman of his dreams. Sam becomes "Frank" as the Bingo girls have their flashbacks reminiscing about that fateful night when Vern and Bernice had their falling out. Come meet the girls, play Bingo with Minnie and Sam, and enjoy your fellow theater-goers at SCT's Dessert Theater!!

## Memory Trees

Did you enjoy the lighted decorated trees on the front lawn of the Town of Saratoga Hall this past holiday season?  They were placed there in memory of loved ones, each decorated with an individual flair and lit at night as a beautiful reminder of the persons named for each tree. As a result of the outstanding success of the 2010 event, six trees were added to the total for this year. "The Geezer Squad," consisting of Dave Roberts, Bob Thompson and Bob Foster provided the man power and equipment needed to set up the trees purchased from Ken Macica at Schuyler Farms. The tree lighting ceremony held on Friday evening, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, was highlighted by an invocation by Rev Joyce Develder, outstanding music selections by Holly McCormack and Chris Tucker, accompanied by Mellenie Booth, an original poem by Vicki Wolfe, read by Lorraine Thompson, and the pulling of the switch by Village of Schuylerville Mayor, John Sherman. A reception was held in the town hall where guests enjoyed a preview of the Festival of Trees. On behalf of the SCT board, chairperson, Anna Welfley would like to thank all those who participated in this event and invites those who are interested in being a part next year to contact her to reserve a tree. It is not too early; believe it or not, Anna already has reservations for trees for 2012!! Anna can be reached at [annawelfley@yahoo.com](mailto:annawelfley@yahoo.com).

### SCT Goes Green

SCT is joining forces in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:donna.hillebrandt@gmail.com).

Be assured your email address will not be shared with any other organization or group. Help SCT **GO GREEN!**

## 2012 SCT Scholarship Program Announced

The Schuylerville Community Theater is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering a one time scholarship to a deserving high school senior who will be graduating in June of 2012 from a Warren, Washington or Saratoga County High School.

Applicants for the SCT Vicki Wolfe Scholarship must be entering a two or four year accredited college in the fall of 2012 and **majoring** in Music, Dance, Drama or Theater Arts.

Those applying will also be eligible for one of three other one time commemorative scholarships offered as well. These scholarships, in whose honor they are named, are in memory of long time SCT members, Sharon Festo, Katherine Hopkins and Ted Shuster.



Students may obtain scholarship applications by downloading the application in its entirety from the SCT website, [www.scttheater.org](http://www.scttheater.org) or by written request to:

Michele Peters  
SCT Scholarship Chairperson  
50 Duncan Lane  
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## Board Members Wanted

Each year, four seats on the board are vacated. Nominations are accepted from the membership or interested parties are welcomed to step forward. 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. A ballot goes out the full membership at the beginning of May for voting and election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting/Dinner on June 3rd. SCT is looking for persons interested in helping good things happen in the interest of theater in the Schuylerville community and the surrounding area. Nominations are open to any (and all) person(s) who may be interested in running for a seat on the board. Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. Please contact Donna Dodd-Thomas, nominating chairperson (or any board member) if you are interested in the Board of Directors – no experience necessary; just the interest in SCT!! Donna can be reached by email at [donnadoddthomas@aol.com](mailto:donnadoddthomas@aol.com) or contact any board member at [scttheater@scttheater.org](mailto:scttheater@scttheater.org)

## Festival of Trees

The second annual SCT Festival of Trees, held at the Town of Saratoga Hall on December 3rd, was a HUGE success. Thirty lighted trees donated by individuals and businesses were decorated by a number of volunteers and were on display on at the Festival on Friday night, Dec 2nd and all day Saturday. Various vendors provided visitors with the opportunity to get a jump start on their holiday shopping. Entertainment graced the "stage" in the Schuyler Room at the Town Hall to the delight of the many attendees. The decorated trees were available for sale with the proceeds of the event supporting the SCT Production Fund.

The annual Feast of St. Nicolaas followed with a parade down Broadway with St. Nicolaas on a white horse leading the children to the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. Both the Festival of Trees and the Feast of St. Nicolaas are an annual event in the village of Schuylerville and will be held again next season on December 1st, 2012. Think about joining in the fun!! If you wish to donate or decorate a tree for the 2012 Festival of Trees, please contact Michele Peters at [mpeters@localnet.com](mailto:mpeters@localnet.com) or leave a message at 695-5480.

RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP NOW!  
Check the code on your mailing label to see your current membership status. The year runs from June 1 to May 31....

**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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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### *BINGO, THE MUSICAL!*

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*Saturday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM*

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**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**SCT Annual Meeting and Dinner.**

**Check the SCT website for more information.**

**Check the Web: [SCTTHEATER.org](http://SCTTHEATER.org)**



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