

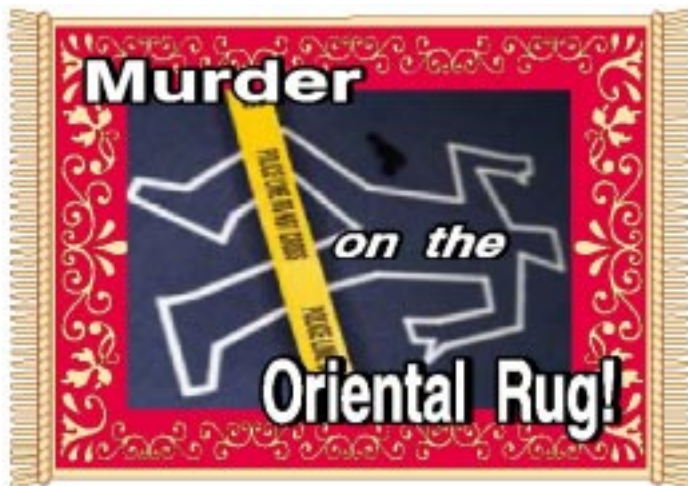
# Curtain Call

SCHUYLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER NEWSLETTER

Fall 2013

## THE SINGING ANCHORS

**SAVE THE DATE;** You've seen them on T.V., now see them on the SCT stage! On Sunday afternoon October 20, 2013, as originally produced at the Fort Salem Theater, SCT presents CBS Channel 6 anchor Jerry Gretzinger and News Channel 13 anchors Benita Zahn and Jessica Layton (joining melodic forces with FST's musical director Jay Kerr) as *The Singing Anchors* for a fantastic collection of Broadway favorites. So mark the date on your calendar, Sunday afternoon, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the Schuylerville Senior High School Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$14, students/seniors \$12. For ticket reservations call 695-5480 or purchase at the door.



## Murder Mystery Dessert Theater; Murder on the Oriental Rug;

Move over ...or roll over Agatha Christie, when the Schuylerville Community Theater presents its murder mystery dessert show that spoofs old fashion whodunits, the medical profession and theater folks!

When half the cast of *Murder on the Oriental Rug* bails out, the remaining cast members are stuck playing all the roles. During the first act, you'll meet a Shakespearian actor with a drinking problem, a washed-up former child star,

a bimbo with a short memory and a hapless costumer who finds herself onstage—playing a man.

During the “play within a play” you will visit the exclusive clinic of Dr. Charles Ovary, renowned hot flash specialist who is secretly treating a famous actress desperately trying to regain her youth. You will get to know the doctor's coldly efficient wife, his passionate female protégé, the actresses' hunky husband, a flighty French maid, a shifty handyman, and an inspector investigating the dead body on the oriental rug.

Will the play make it to Broadway? Will the performers remember their lines? Will the Shakespearian actor fit into the maid's costume? Will the inspector solve the murder? Will another murder occur?

Before the evening is over, someone else will be ruthlessly murdered and it is up to the audience to solve the crime. A prize will be awarded to the first person who correctly guesses the murderer and the motive.

This production also marks the return of Bonnie Thomas as director for the group. Auditions will be held around December 10th with rehearsals starting in January. Director Thomas is looking for 5 performers to fill 2 male roles and 2 female roles and 1 role for either male or female. If you would like a copy of the script for your perusal, please send an email to [thomasbpc@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasbpc@hotmail.com).

The show is scheduled for February 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23rd, 2014 at the Saratoga Town Hall in Schuylerville.

## Memory Trees Announcement

SCT is very excited to announce the 4th Annual Memory Trees Celebration and Festival of Trees to be held the first weekend in December. Once again, the front lawn of the Town Hall will be adorned with lighted, decorated trees in memory of a loved one and the inside will be filled with holiday treasures. Memory trees are available for purchase for \$40 each and can be reserved by contacting Anna Welfley at 695-4732. The Lighting of the Memory Trees Ceremony will be held on Friday night, December 7th followed by a reception and a preview of the Festival of Trees.



The Fourth Annual Festival of Trees will open on Friday night, December 7th following the Lighting of the Memory Trees and will be open from 10 to 4 PM on Saturday Dec. 8th and, again, 10 to 2 PM on Sunday, Dec. 9th at the Town Hall in the Village of Schuylerville. The beautifully decorated trees will be on display and available for sale in addition to craft items.

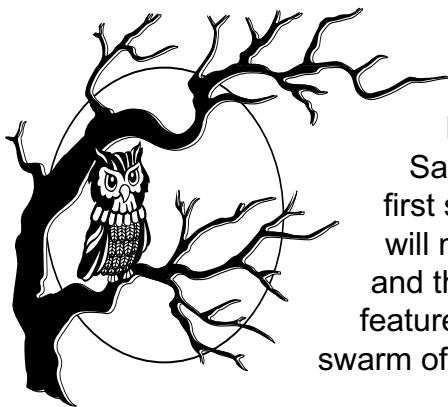
Trees are available for decorating and those who are interested may contact Michele Peters at 695-5332 to obtain a tree. A variety of musical numbers will be featured on Saturday at the event. The Feast of St. Nicholaas parade, featuring St. Nicholaas himself on his white horse and story-telling will follow the Festival on Saturday evening at 4:30 PM.

## SCT CLUB 200



The second Annual SCT Club 200 is ready to go again this year. Only 200 tickets are available at \$10 each for ten weeks of drawings and eleven opportunities to win. A number is drawn every Sunday beginning January 5th for a chance to win \$25. Numbers are returned to the lot each week and on the tenth week a \$500 Grand Prize is drawn in addition to the \$25 weekly prize. Buy your \$10 ticket early; only 200 will be available. Contact any SCT Board member or call 695-5480 to purchase your winning ticket. Proceeds to benefit the SCT Scholarship Program.

## Thriller Fest in Schuylerville



The Schuylerville Public Library is hosting a Thriller Fest! Partnering with Schuylerville Community Theater, the Library will be showing a double feature on Saturday October 26 starting at 6:30 pm. Our first showing is an Alfred Hitchcock Classic that will make you question hotel showers forever; and the second showing, starting around 8:45, features a Hollywood Hottie being chased by a swarm of zombies. For more details, call 695-6641.

There is no cost for admission.

\*Bring a blanket and chairs for an outdoor viewing (weather permitting).





Each summer for the last 32 years, SCT has conducted a Children's Theater Workshop and this past July over 70 children, age 5 to 16 participated in a once again very successful theater program. The three week session ended with incredible performances by the three age groups and the talent on the SCT stage was amazing. Applause! Applause! to the SCT Team who made it possible, chaired by Donna Hillebrandt, Executive Producer. One of the teen participants, Lydia Martin shares her SCT experience with our readers:

### **How Schuylerville Community Theater Has Affected My Life** By: Lydia Martin

Schuylerville Community Theater has had a great positive impact on my life. I discovered my love for musical theatre when I was only in 6th grade, and ever since, I've been constantly involved with SCT and local musicals.

My first play ever was SCT's production of *The Sound of Music* when I was 11 years old. I had a small role as one of the puppets, yet I was very excited to be part of the production. I was nervous about being onstage, but I didn't let that hold me back at all. I ended up having a blast and met tons of fantastic people that I will never forget. That show was when I realized that the theatre is what I really love and it became my new passion.

I went on doing other plays in the Schuylerville Middle School, like *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* in 7th grade. Once again, I had a small part, but I was excited to have my first solo. During that show I met my best friend, who introduced me to a guy who offered to have me record with him. I had no idea that being in plays would introduce me to amazing people that have become some of my favorite people in the world.

When summer came around, I begged my mother to sign me up for SCT's Children's Theater. When she registered me, I felt like the happiest person alive, remembering how much fun I'd had with plays before. I knew I finally had the strength to pull off a bigger part so I was delighted when I received the role as Jack in *Into the Woods, Jr.* I knew it would be a challenging role, trying to portray a boy, but it was definitely the most fun role I've ever done. It was very different for me, mostly because I had never had my own full song before and it was my first time ever having lines. Once again, I had a wonderful time, and I met some of my closest friends in "the woods!"

In 8th grade, the High School put on the production of *Once Upon a Mattress*. Since I was in middle school, I could only be in the chorus, but I was able to help out backstage. I went to all of the rehearsals I needed to attend and went to most of the rehearsals that I didn't need to show up! I volunteered to be a page turner during the show whenever I wasn't singing with the chorus, and I ran errands downstairs during practice.

This past summer vacation, I did Children's Theater once again. I had such a great time as the lead in *Just Another High School Musical*. I had the opportunity to be extremely goofy, to wear a fabulous sparkly jacket on stage, got to stick my butt through the fourth wall, and to just be plain rude. It was the biggest role I've had so far and it was extremely fun and a great way to spend my summer.

SCT was able to set me on the right track with what I want to do with my free time. They have given me multiple performing opportunities, and I am truly grateful for that. I can't wait to see what's in store for the years to come, and I'm thankful to have a second family - the SCT family.

Editor's note: Lydia was the recipient of the 2013 Budding Twig Award and continues to demonstrate the characteristics of a delightful budding young artist!!



### **Annual Meeting / Board Members**

The first Sunday in June marked the beginning of the 34th Season of SCT. At the Annual Meeting/Dinner held at the kitchen at the Dovegate in Schuylerville, the 2013-14 Season was kicked off with the meeting, board elections, and fabulous entertainment including the coveted SCT Branch Award to Julie Martin and the Budding Twig Award that went to Lydia Martin. This was the first time in SCT history that a mother-daughter combination was the recipient of both awards at the same time. Congratulations to Julie and Lydia! Save the Date for the 2014-15 Season's Annual Meeting to be held on June 1, 2014.

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