



Curtain Call

SCHUYLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER NEWSLETTER

Winter 2014

AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT

“Out of Sight – Out of Murder” by Fred Carmichael

Schuylerville Community Theater is looking for 4 male actors and 5 females (varied ages from 20-60+) to fill the roles in this Murder Mystery Comedy. Rehearsals start in January 2015 and will be held on Sunday afternoons and a weekday evening to be determined by the cast. Show dates are February 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd in the Schuyler Room in the Town of Saratoga Building in Schuylerville.

Auditions are Wednesday, December 10th beginning at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall on the corner of routes 4 and 29 in Schuylerville. Please contact Director Bonnie Thomas at 798-5984 thomasbpc@hotmail.com or Producer, Lorraine Thompson at 369-6558; lorthomp@aol.com for further information or a copy of the script. Character descriptions are available on the website. Check it out further at scttheater.org.



Festival of Trees

For the fifth consecutive year, the Schuylerville Community Theater will host the Festival of Trees and Craft Fair in the Saratoga Town Hall on the corner of Routes 29 and 4. On Saturday, December 6th, the sights and sounds of the holiday season will shine from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. All of the decorated items will be available for sale. In addition there will be artisans offering unique gift items for sale, and a variety of musical groups will perform throughout the day on Saturday. This is a great way to start the Holiday Season in the Historic Village of Schuylerville.



The annual parade down Schuylerville’s main street featuring the arrival of St Nicolaas on his white horse will begin at 4:15 pm on Saturday. Families and children are invited to join in the parade and carry lighted lanterns provided by the local Lion’s Club and sing Christmas Carols. The parade will end at the park at the south end of the village with the reading of The Story of St. Nicolaas, the official lighting of the Village Christmas tree and songs.

The Festival of Trees and Craft Fair will be open on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission to all events is free. Please join us!

Lighting of the Memory Trees

Once again, Schuylerville Community Theater is hosting the Lighting of Memory Trees, a well-received community event that opens the Holiday Season and Feast of St. Nicolaas in the Village of Schuylerville. On Friday night, December 5th, on the front lawn of the Town Hall, twenty-two trees beautifully decorated in memory of loved ones, will be lit by the Town of Saratoga Supervisor, Tom Wood. A short ceremony including an invocation by Rev. Peter Bailey, songs by Clair Prunier, a poem by Bonnie Thomas and the reading of the trees will be followed by a guest reception and preview of the Festival of Trees including the beautifully decorated trees, wreaths, centerpieces and craft vendors. Come out and join us.

What's Happening in SCT?

The Schuylerville Community Board of Directors is very excited to announce the 2014-15 SCT Season. It started with the ever successful Children's Summer Theater Workshop in July. August boasted the revival of the very successful Murder Mystery, "Murder on the Oriental Rug", performed at the Lake Lauderdale Campgrounds. December opens the Holiday Season in the community with the Lighting of the Memory Trees and the Festival of Trees. Auditions for the show, "Out of Sight - Out of Murder" by local playwright, Fred Carmichael, opening in February, are scheduled for the evening of December 10th. Show dates are February 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd (see related article for details). A bus trip to the show "Elf" at Proctors Theater on December 23rd, sponsored by SCT is just about to capacity. February opens up the SCT Scholarship Applications, an opportunity for June graduates to apply for funds for college studies in the field of the Arts. We are planning to showcase Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" in May, again on the stage in the Schuyler Room at the Town Hall. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 7th. Plans are in the works for a musical on the main stage in the Schuylerville High School in the Spring of 2016. We have a full calendar and are always looking for volunteers to join us.



WGY/Curtis Lumber Christmas Wish

SCT was one of the local recipients of the 2013 Christmas Wish Program and received funding to support the Children's Summer Theater Workshop. One of the goals of SCT is for all interested children to have the opportunity to participate in this summer program. This award was used to provide scholarships to participants to offset the tuition costs. Programs such as the WGY/Curtis Lumber Christmas Wish provide great opportunities for young thespians. Kudos to WGY and Curtis Lumber!

The McKrells Raise the Roof

On June 8th, our audience was mesmerized by the delightful performance of the renowned Celtic Bluegrass band, The McKrells. While there is always a touch of melancholy that goes with the Irish music, The McKrells always add a lilt to the tunes and a bouncing drive to the melodies along with the Irish humor and storytelling by the delightful Kevin McKrell. The percussionist, Brian Melick, was an enchanting elf making our toes tap with the amazing "Cajon" instrument and his on-stage antics. Kevin's daughter Katie rounded out the group with her vocals and guitar. The enthusiastic audience was rewarded with an encore by Kevin and his band.



DIRECTORS WANTED

SCT is looking for interested persons to fill production roles of Director, Musical Director, Choreographer, Set Designer, etc. We are excited about doing a Main Stage Musical in Spring 2016 and would love to hear from you with ideas or suggestions. Please contact Board Member, Bonnie Thomas at 798-5984 thomasbpc@hotmail.com with questions.

Children's Theater

A very talented group of young performers from the SCT Children's Theater Workshop will be performing at 2014 First Night in Saratoga on New Year's Eve at the Saratoga Children's Museum. They will be showcasing a 30 minute segment of the show "Groovy" beginning at 6:00 and repeating at 7:00 and 8:00. Ring in the New Year of 2015 with some fun and GROOVY kids!!

Membership

Membership Forms are available on the SCT Website. Support your local theater group by becoming a member. Check the website for activities and join us; we welcome new members and always enjoy seeing SCT friends past and present!

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Bobby Dick's Rock 'n Roll 101 Concert Rocks the House

If "Rock 'n Roll 101" sounds like a class about rock music through the years...what better teacher could we have than Bobby Dick? On May 18th, our audience enjoyed 90 minutes of non-stop music and rock 'n roll history presented by the unflappable and entertaining Bobby Dick and his talented wife Susie. From the 1950's when a very young Bobby Dick was playing high school dances and singing in the subways of Brooklyn, to being the leader of "Bobby Dick and the Sundowners" who were the opening act for such performers as the Rolling Stones, the Monkees and the Dave Clark Five, Bobby's rock roots afford him an honorary rock 'n roll music PhD. Bobby loves to engage the audience with his stage banter, comedy, parodies and just seeing the funny side of life while walking us through the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's to the present. We wish to thank Bobby Dick and Susie for making our Sunday afternoon such a memorable occasion.

SCT Scholarship News

Since the first Scholarship Winner in 1980, SCT has distributed over \$40,000 to graduating seniors attending a 2 or 4 year college program to study Music, Dance, Drama or Theater Arts. The recipient of the SCT Vicki Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in June 2014 was Janna Kozloski who graduated from South Glens Falls High School and is pursuing a degree in Musical Theater and Dance from Nazareth College. The Fran Williams Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Delaney Silvernell, a Queensbury High School graduate, who is attending Berklee College seeking a degree in Professional Music. Congratulations to Janna and Delaney. Applications for the June 2015 Scholarships will be available on the SCT Website in February of 2015 or from local school guidance offices.

SCT Club 200

Tickets are available for SCT Club 200 for a chance to win 10 prizes of \$25 each and a Grand Prize of \$500. Tickets are \$10 each and only 200 are available. Drawings begin on Sunday night, January 4th and continue for 10 consecutive Sundays. The Grand Prize winner of \$500 will be drawn on March 15th. Tickets are eligible for all drawings giving each ticket 11 opportunities to win a prize. Tickets are available from any board member or can be purchased at the Festival of Trees.

Proceeds to benefit the SCT Scholarship Program.

Need a Fundraiser for your Group?

SCT is available to provide groups with a full production of the hysterical, well-received murder mystery, "Murder on the Oriental Rug." For a small fee, SCT will bring the show to you, complete with actors, costumes, sets, lights and sound. Your group selects the venue, advertises, sells the tickets, fill the chairs with theatergoers and we do the rest. Your audience will not be disappointed and your organization will reap the profits. Not only is the show extremely entertaining with incredible acting, the actual set is very flexible and can be done in a variety of locations. This is the opportunity to do something different for fundraising.

If interested and would like further information, please contact Bonnie Thomas at 798-5984 thomasbpc@hotmail.com or Lorraine Thompson at 369-6558; lorthomp@aol.com

Stewart's Shop Award

SCT thanks Stewart's Shops and the 2013 Holiday Match Program for providing funds for the Children's Summer Theater Workshop to provide scholarships for participants and to support the new Internship Program. With the monetary award from Stewart's, Executive Producer, Donna Hillebrandt, reports financial aid was available to participants and stipends were provided to Interns, providing them with the opportunity to learn more about the production aspects of theater and to share their experiences with the younger performers.

SCT applauds Stewart's Shops for their ongoing support of the arts in Schuylerville and the surrounding area.



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UPCOMING DATES:

Memorial Tree Lighting: December 5

Festival of the Trees: December 6

Out of Sight-Out of Murder:

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Show: February 13, 14, 15, 21, 22



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