

THE CALLBOY

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NOVEMBER is the month to celebrate Thanksgiving, and that involves family time, and holiday traditions. It is also a time to reflect, be grateful, and to partake in some wonderful autumn food.

Here is a recipe that is quick and easy, and will make a good dessert treat for Thanksgiving day:

PUMPKIN FROST

16 Ginger Snap Cookies, rolled until finely crushed
1 Cup Pumpkin (you can use fresh or canned)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup of Sugar
1 Quart (4 Cups) of Quality Vanilla Ice Cream, softened
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. Salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ t. Cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{8}$ t. Nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Chopped Nuts



Place crushed ginger snaps in bottom of well greased 8" square pan. Reserve $\frac{1}{4}$ cup for topping. Combine remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pour over crumbs. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Freeze until firm. Cut into squares and serve.

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 1 - Daylight Savings Time Ends...so turn back your clocks
- November 3 - Don't forget to take advantage of your right to vote
- November 11 - Make sure, on Veteran's Day, to honor all those who have served their country
- November 26 - Eat some turkey and take time to be thankful

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"The Heiress"

DO NOT MISS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS SHOW!

The set design is amazing; the costumes and hair-dos will take you back to a different century, and the story will keep you in suspense. Bruce McLean will once again demonstrate his love of theatre, with each performance of "The Heiress". The show can be seen November 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15. For details call 610-375-9106, or visit www.rcptheatre.org



MIRACLE ON 34th STREET

David A. Mote and Colin Brosey, the directors for "Miracle on 34th Street", are happy to announce their cast and crew members:



Susan Walker - Kathryn Majesky
Kris Kringle - Bill Brosey
Doris Walker - Nicole VanCoeur
Fred Gailey - TBA
Dr. Pierce - John Fielding III
Mr. Shellhammer - Brad Saint

Miss Adams - Angie Altamirano
Mr. Sawyer - Bob Barskey
Judge Harper - Patricia Fielding
Mrs. Mara - Laura Stewart
Thomas Mara - Logan Stewart-Mugno
Charlie Halloran - Earl Boehmer

Children (Male and Female) - Jack Ambarian, John Fielding IV, Kate Sherman, Sydney Manderbach, Keira Zeiber, Joanna Fielding, Maggie Trexler, Colleen Borian, Alison Willingmyre, Mikayla Ambarian, Claudia Barnard, Katie Loew,
Other Females - Elizabeth Boehm, Molly Letcher, Mary Jane Saint, Nadine Poper, Sharon Majesky
Other Roles - Jeannie Zeiber, Stage Manager

We still need someone to run sound and lights for our shows, so don't hesitate to volunteer!

Reading Community Player's 90th Season

For any person who turns 90, there is usually a special celebration planned - so it should be for RCP. RCP was formed as an organization on October 20, 1920. As members of RCP, we would like to hear from you with different ideas of how we can celebrate the 90th Season - please submit them to rcptheatre@gmail.com

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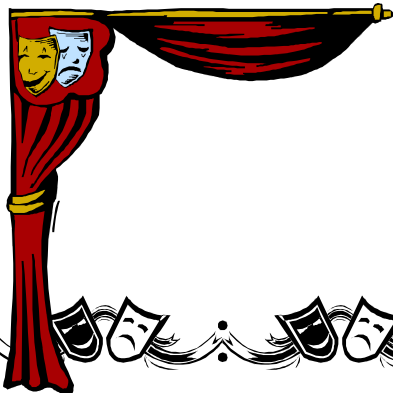


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Here are some of the shows we hope to do for you next year:



Take Me Out
The Secret Life of Girls
Always, Patsy Cline
All My Sons
Hansel & Gretel (An original musical)
A Christmas Story

"Purgatory", a play written by Sue Sneeringer, played to some well-attended audiences. Struggles with sexual identity, religion, and the desire to be accepted by a parent, are all real-life situations that were brought to the stage during this, sometimes, very intense play.

Julia Parsons, who played the lead role, Peg Murray, was very believable, and you felt either sympathy or empathy for the dilemmas she found herself up against. The play was a fine example of a story told from the heart, as the actors gave character to the written words.

The entire cast played well to the credibility of the whole story, and each played his or her part with passion. When Ruth Martelli, who played the role of Dot Murray, expressed her sadness at the death of her husband, you had tears right along with her! You could feel the tension in the classroom, when Maureen McGrath, as Sister Veronica, was "cracking the whip" on Philippe Levesque, who played schoolboy, Danny Smith. Chuck Gallagher, as family patriarch, Jim Murray, howed concern for his daughter, by constantly asking, "Do you believe?" Genia Miller was convincing in her role as Val, the frustrated co-worker who showed a love interest in Peg. Kirk Lawrence, Kathy Newville, Lisa Uliasz, and Marisa Hoover were great siblings - each with their own unique personalities. Helen D. Reeser Fecho, showed many sides of herself (no pun intended), playing the radical woman. Allen Moyer was amazing as the Priest and Bishop, and his Latin was perfect.

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As with any good show, it couldn't be done without a dedicated Stage Manager, and Director, and John Gancar and Faye Warmkessel stepped up to the plate in those roles. Great job, everyone, and kudos to Sue!

"Blonde Bombshell" is currently my favorite Sue Sneeringer show. Bombshell tells the story of Lois McGintly, an actress who was blacklisted in the 1950's during the McCarthy era. The play takes place following Lois's funeral. Lois' daughter, Emma, and granddaughter, Shannon, meet at Lois' apartment to gather up her things. She never knew her grandmother, but is stunned by the quantity and quality of the mourners gathered for the funeral. As she begins to go through her grandmother's things, she discovers that that the two of them have a lot more in common than she knew. Aided by Lois' diaries and the reluctant recollections of Emma, Shannon learns that Lois was quite the rebel rouser in her youth. This is the beautifully told story of three generations of women which exposes the true impact of the McCarthy witch hunts while bringing them all closer together.

Directed by Sue Sneeringer, herself, Diann Stewart, Tama McConnell, and Amanda Guistwite starred in this wonderful ensemble piece of courage, determination, family, and love. If you missed this show, you truly missed the highlight of our 2009 season.

-- Submitted by David A.Mote

MEMBERS OF RCP CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

Tait Lapham - 11/3

Ruth Martelli - 11/4

David Mote - 11/5

Robert Hoffman - 11/6

Brian Cibulsky - 11/10

Bill Santoro - 11/11

Bonnie Wyandt - 11/17

Sandra Bennett - 11/18

Rebekka Schwenk - 11/18

Karon Wolf-Brosey - 11/18

Ron Miller - 11/22

Conrad Karlson - 11/28

Chris Schwenk - 11/29



Take a moment to wish these people a "Happy Birthday"!

A special "Happy Birthday" to my fellow Scorpions born on November 18, which according to this list, seems to be quite a popular birth date ... Mickey Mouse also shares our birthday of November 18.

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THIS AND THAT

We are in need of a **PRODUCTION MANAGER**, so if you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a part of the action at RCP, please contact our president, David A. Mote, and express your desire to be an RCP team member at rcptheatre@gmail.com

FUND RAISING EVENTS

We are going to be having some Fund-Raising Events starting in November. Keep your eyes posted on the website for further information. How does a Wine & Cheese, or Beer & Pretzel Tasting Event hit you? Yes, we will have the traditional Bake Sale, and several other clever ways to help out the theatre, financially.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Pat Perfect for allowing me the pleasure of creating the *Callboy* for October and November - I had so much fun - so any time you need a stand-in, I would be delighted to help out!

Our next Board Meeting will be November 10, 2009 at 7 PM.

SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE

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