



StageLights



VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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“A Few Good Men” opens March 17, 2017

VCCT’s Spring 2017 production of “A Few Good Men” opens Friday, March 17. “A Few Good Men” is directed by Will Mingus and assistant director Amy Frank. This Broadway hit about the trial of two Marines for complicity in the death of a fellow Marine at Guantanamo Bay sizzles on

stage. The Navy lawyer, a callow young man more interested in softball games than the case, expects a plea bargain and a cover up of what really happened. Prodded by a member of his defense team, the lawyer eventually makes a valiant effort to defend his clients and, in so doing, puts the military mentality and the Marine code of honor on trial.

The cast features Karl Rand, Carrie Johnson, Curt Helgren, Terry Camplain, Denny Boynton, Michael Hynek, Matthew Frison, John Davis, and Jax Fane. The supporting cast includes John Whitaker, Todd Burghardt, Gary Mason, Vicki Martinez, Ivan Zwinklis, Chelsea Erickson, Nathan

Holda, and Zach Crabtree.

The show opens March 17, 2017, and runs for two weekends.

Tickets are \$12 at the door, but just \$11 if purchased online. Full tables (8 seats) are just \$80 and must be purchased online. More information available at:

www.vcctrochelle.org

(VCCT suggests this show for Mature Audiences)



a captivating courtroom drama by **Aaron Sorkin**

“A Few Good Men”

Show Dates

Friday

March 17 & 24

8pm

Saturday

March 18 & 25

8pm

Sunday

March 19

2pm

Tickets

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Or at the door

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Auditions Set for 2017 Summer Show, “Bleacher Bums”

Vince Carney Community Theatre announces open auditions for its 2017 summer production of “Bleacher Bums.” Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 20 & 21, from 6pm until 9pm. The auditions will be held at Paddock Hall in the Hickory Grove Center, 1133 N 7th Street in Rochelle. The director, Kimberly Ekes, is looking to fill the following roles:

- Melody - an attractive and serious sun worshiper.
- Greg - a gentle young man in his 20’s. He has been blind from birth.
- Zig - a large man in his 50’s. He is able to bellow and chew on a cigar simultaneously
- Decker - a successful, energetic businessman, around 40 years old.

Richie - in his 20’s. His personal habits and hygiene are disgusting.

- Marvin - a professional gambler, 30 or so.
- Cheerleader - a hyper-active teenage fanatic.
- Rose - Zig’s wife of 30 years and a closet Cub fan.
- The Guard - a big guard.



Those wishing to audition should wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to move around and read selected passages from the script.

For more information, please call Kimberly at 641-295-2078 or email EkasArt@hotmail.com

VCCT Announces “Carney Clubhouse”



Earlier this year, VCCT obtained exclusive use of the room located immediately behind the stage in Paddock Hall. The room has been dubbed, “The Carney Clubhouse.” The space, previously occupied by “Something Borrowed, Something Blue,” will serve as rehearsal space and makeup/dressing space during shows. Between shows, the space will be used for social events, special events, board meetings, fund

raising events, and other purposes approved by the board. For rehearsals, the floor space is as large as the stage, so directors and actors can block scenes more accurately. The room includes the large rehearsal area, a bathroom, a secured storage area, and extra space for storing set supplies, costume supplies, and other items that were previous crammed into the tiny light booth. The lease for the Carney Clubhouse was created to coincide with our current contract for using Paddock Hall and the stage. The space will be managed by the board through its designated representatives.

VCCT Needs YOU to Get Involved!



VCCT is always looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Even if you would never dream of getting up on stage to act, there are still a number of ways you can get involved. Carpenters, painters, make-up artists, hair stylists, seamstresses and

tailors are just a few of the “behind the scenes” people needed to make each show a success. If you would like to get more involved with community theatre, go to our website and fill out the volunteer form. Or send an email to: vcctrochelle@gmail.com

Audiences exited laughing after watching “Exit Laughing”

The VCCT production of “Exit Laughing” (Winter 2016) was a huge success. Audiences reported “laughing so hard it hurt” during the show about Connie, Leona, and Millie, three southern ladies from Birmingham, who did the most daring thing they've ever done. They "borrow" the ashes from the funeral home for one last card game, and the wildest, most



Dana Cox, as Millie, enjoys the attention of a stripper, played by Curt Helgren.

exciting night of their lives, The excitement involved a police raid, a stripper, and a whole new way of looking at all the fun you can have when you're truly living. Over 500 people attended the show, which was directed by Debby Katzman. “I am grateful to this wonderful cast and crew who have given so much of themselves every rehearsal and performance,” Katzman said.

VCCT Fundraiser To Feature LuLaRoe

Vince Carney Community Theatre will be hosting a LuLaRoe fundraiser at the Clubhouse on April 1 from 11am-12:30pm. LuLaRoe is an empowering company that sells comfortable, affordable, & stylish clothing for all body shapes from size 00-26. There are styles for women, men, and kids! Each print is only made into 5000 pieces which are distributed between 45,000 consultants nationwide so you could be the only

person in your city or state that has that piece. Because the pieces are so unique, every consultant has different inventory so there are no catalogs or websites to shop from. You can only shop at pop-up boutiques like this and, even better, VCCT will earn a portion of every sale! There will be dressing rooms where you can try on pieces before buying, and the consultant will be on hand to answer any & all questions and help you find the perfect outfit. Come support VCCT on April Fool's Day! No joke!



VCCT to Participate in Rochelle’s Irish Hooley Parade

Cast members from VCCT’s upcoming production of “A Few Good Men” will join other VCCT members marching in Rochelle’s St. Paddy’s Day Parade on March 11, 2017. Cast members will wear military uniforms and be accompanied by an antique truck provided by cast member, Gary Mason. The parade kicks off at 1pm and is part of Rochelle’s “Lucky’s St. Paddy’s Day Parade & Irish Hooley” celebration.



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- Get information about upcoming shows
- See pictures and details from past shows
- Purchase tickets
- Get information about auditions and special events
- Become a member
- Find directions to the theater
- Get information on how YOU can get involved!
- Find out who is currently serving on the Board of Directors



“Heroes in drama are people who try hard to reach a virtuous ideal. And whether they succeed or fail really doesn't matter - it's the trying that counts”
- Aaron Sorkin

10 Facts About Theatre...

1. Theatre as we know it began in ancient Greece with a religious ceremony called ‘dithyramb’ in which a chorus of men dressed in goat skins.
2. The word ‘tragedy’ comes from a Greek expression meaning ‘goat song’...
3. ...and ‘theatre’ comes from a Greek verb meaning ‘to behold’.
4. Ancient Greek audiences stamped their feet rather than clapping their hands to applaud.
5. World Theatre Day has been held on March 27 every year since 1962 when it was the opening day of the “Theatre of Nations” season in Paris.
6. The longest continuous dramatic performance was 23 hr 33 min 54 sec achieved by the 27 O’Clock Players in New Jersey, USA, on July 27, 2010.
7. They performed The Bald Soprano by Eugene Ionescu, a play written in a continuous loop and said to be totally pointless and plotless.
8. According to Aristotle, the plot is the most important feature of a dramatic performance.
9. Walt Disney World, Florida, has a record 1.2 million costumes in its theatrical wardrobes.
10. The oldest play still in existence is The Persians by Aeschylus, written in 472 BC.

Source: <http://www.express.co.uk/life-style/top10facts/467068/Top-10-facts-about-theatre>