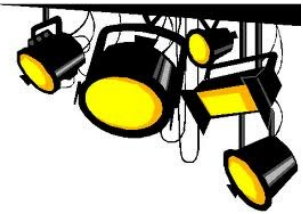




# StageLights

VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER



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## “Exit Laughing” opens November 4 — First Friday sold out!

VCCT’s Fall 2016 production of “Exit Laughing” opens Friday, November 4, though the first Friday performance is already sold out! “Exit Laughing,” is directed by Debby Katzman and features VCCT veterans Dana Cox, Amy Frank, Jenna Mingus, and Curt Helgren, and introduces Mary Ellen Taylor to

the VCCT stage. When the biggest highlight in your life for the past 30 years has been your weekly bridge night out with the “girls,” what do you do when one of your foursome inconveniently dies? If you're Connie, Leona, and Millie, three southern ladies from Birmingham, you do the most daring thing you've ever done. You “borrow” the ashes from the funeral home for one last card game, and the wildest, most exciting night of your lives involves a police raid, a stripper, and a whole new way of looking at all the fun you can have when you're truly living.

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](http://www.vcctrochelle.org)

(VCCT suggests this show for Mature Audiences)



### ◀EXIT▶ Laughing



By Paul Elliott

The show opens November 4, 2016, and runs for two weekends.

### “Exit Laughing”

#### Show Dates

Friday

November 4 & 11

8pm

Saturday

November 5 & 12

8pm

Sunday

November 6

2pm

Tickets

[www.vcctrochelle.org](http://www.vcctrochelle.org)

Or at the door

## 2016 Butter Braid Fundraiser Launched

If you enjoy delicious pastries, please support VCCT by purchasing some Butter Braids. Butter Braid® pastries are light and flaky, containing mouthwatering fillings like cinnamon, cream cheese, and raspberry. This year, try the



new Caramel Rolls! Butter Braids can be ordered online, through a VCCT member, or by calling the HotLine at 815-513-VCCT (8228). Deadline to order Butter Braids is November 4! Delivery guaranteed the week before Thanksgiving!

# VCCT Presents a Holiday Dinner Theatre Experience

Vince Carney Community Theatre announces its 2016 Holiday Dinner Theatre presentation of "A Christmas Carol: A 1930's Radio Play," an adaptation of the classic Dickens' story of Scrooge and the three spirits who teach him the importance of love and friendship. The play is based on the original transcript of the live radio production which aired on December 24, 1939.

Tickets for this show are \$40 per person and include a 5-course holiday dinner. Dinner will be served before the show, and a dessert bar will be offered during intermission.

This is an ideal venue for any company holiday party! Full tables of 8 may be purchased for celebrating the holidays as a group!



Tickets go on sale on November 14, and must be purchased online. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

For more information, please email [vcctrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:vcctrochelle@gmail.com)

## “Joseph” plays to standing ovations and sold out shows!



VCCT's summer musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," was a huge success! Audiences responded with standing ovations and cheers. Nearly all of its six performances were sold out, with close to 900 men, women, and children making their way to Paddock Hall to see the show. Although the show was one of the most expensive VCCT has done, "Joseph" paid for itself and more! Co-director Dianne Jenner,

who was also a cast member, said now her "bucket list" is complete for VCCT shows. Also co-directing was Doug Kroupa, who said, "the show took an entire community to bring to the stage." This show took over two years to bring to the VCCT stage. It was originally planned for Summer 2014, but VCCT was unable to secure the rights due to scheduling conflicts. Jenner and Kroupa brought "The Wizard of Oz" to VCCT that year, and waited patiently for this year, when they were finally able to secure the rights.

## 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](mailto:vcctrochelle@gmail.com)

## [ Season Tickets ]

Season tickets are now available for purchase on the VCCT website. You can purchase a season ticket, which guarantees you a seat for all 3 performances, for just \$25! That's a savings of \$11 (based on at-the-door ticket prices). Tickets purchased online now can be applied toward the first show coming up in November! You can also purchase season tickets at the ticket table during "Exit Laughing." Visit our website for more information: [www.vcctrochelle.org](http://www.vcctrochelle.org)

# Audition Opportunities for Upcoming Shows!

If you've ever thought about being on stage, now is your chance! VCCT announces audition for two of its upcoming shows.

Auditions for "A Christmas Carol: a 1930s Radio Play" will be held on Sunday, October 23 and Thursday, October 27 at 6pm at Hickory Grove. The director is looking for men and women of all ages to fill a variety of roles. There is one non-speaking adult role, and one or two speaking roles for children.

This show will be done as part of a Holiday Theater Dinner Special. Performances are December 9 & 10, 2016.

VCCT is looking for a number of young adult males to play military personnel in the Spring production of "A Few Good Men." Actors must be able to represent a military individual. This will require a military haircut, no facial hair, and a body build that will look "military" when in uniform or costume. The majority of those

cast will need to play characters between the ages of 18 and 30, with a few a little older. Most of the characters will be male, though we will consider casting females in certain roles that were traditionally played by males.

More details about both auditions can be found on the website at

[www.vcctrochelle.org](http://www.vcctrochelle.org)

or email us at [vcctrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:vcctrochelle@gmail.com)

## The Importance of Being Members

There are two ways to become a member of VCCT. To become an Associate Member, all you need to do is participate in any manner in any show! Associate members enjoy all the benefits of membership except for voting. If you would like to have a vote, you can become a Voting Member for just \$10 per year. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with a show aside from being on stage. Our next all-inclusive work day for the fall production of "Exit

Laughing" is October 23, which is "move-in day." Move-in day is when the set is constructed, props are gathered, risers are set up, and a host of other

tasks are completed. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the show's

producer, Ken Manning at 815-213-2901. Membership enrollment forms will be available on move-in day, or you can join online at [www.vcctrochelle.org](http://www.vcctrochelle.org).



## VCCT Participates in Creston's Booster Day Parade

Several members (and a few canine guests) represented VCCT during Creston's Booster Day parade on Sunday, September 18. Approximately 2,000 people attended the parade as we passed out information about the upcoming season and threw candy to the kids.



VCCT can be seen next in the Christmas Parade on Friday, December 2, in downtown Rochelle. We'll be helping Santa pass out candy canes so mark your calendars!

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**HAVE YOU VISITED THE VCCT WEBSITE LATELY?**

What can you do on our website?

- 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



“What I wear on and off stage is my mask. You see, a mask doesn't hide you, it exposes you.”

- Nuno Roque

**Who's Who in the Theatre?**

Choose the correct definition for each of the words that identifies common theater roles.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Assistant Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Choreographer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. House Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Properties Chief
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Scenic Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Stage Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Technical Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Understudy

- a. The person who is responsible for distribution of the programs, seating the audience, and the ushers
- b. The person who takes charge of the rehearsal when the director is absent
- c. The person in charge of gathering all the items that actors touch or carry
- d. The person who is completely in charge backstage during the rehearsals and performances
- e. A person who learns a role and who can perform it in the absence of the actor
- f. The person who creates and designs dances for the stage
- g. A person who designs settings, costumes, make-up, and lighting
- h. The person who executes the designs with the help of a construction crew

Answers: 1b,2f,3a,4c,5g,6d,7h,8e

Thank you to Carol Weidmann for this quiz