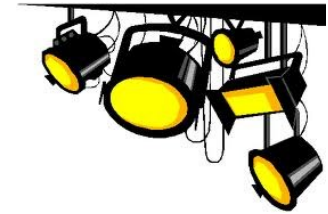




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“Escanaba” Opens October 23



“Escanaba” opens as Alphonse Soady puts the finishing touches to a cabin in the woods, the deer camp that means home to him. He’s struggling to hold the door in place while hammering in the hinges. Will he hit his thumb? Of course he will. That door is important both literally and symbolically. It can keep out scary things, allow entry to the occasional miracle and also vent the place of bad memories. The first entrant is James Negamane, who hurls himself through the unfinished barrier in flight from a bear. Negamane is obnoxious, posturing, fast-talking, irrepressible and full of unwanted advice, and Soady can’t get rid of him. There are farts and songs, as well as an eating contest of sorts and

a poem recited by Soady during an unexpectedly sentimental moment. And it turns out that Negamane is a bit of a philosopher. Plunking himself down in a rocking chair, he talks about breath coming and going, mentions Lazarus and proclaims, “Now I’m dead” (rocking backwards) and “Now I’m not” (moving forward). So expect the dead to intrude, and indeed they do, in a magical sequence you’d never have predicted from all the homespun philosophizing and earthy, silly jokes that preceded it. Soady’s father appears, wounded in the Civil War and helped along by Black Jack, a runaway slave. “Do not question those things that occur around me,” pronounces a grandiose Negamane. “I am a man of luck and inspiration.” Tickets for “Escanaba” are on sale now through the website. Tickets pur-

Escanaba

Show Dates:

Friday
October 23, 8pm

Saturday
October 24 & 31, 8pm

Sunday
October 25 &
November 1, 2pm

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chased at the door are \$12 each. Save \$1 per ticket by purchasing online using a credit card. Group rate (8 or more for the same show) is \$10 per ticket when purchased in advance through the website. More information about “Escanaba” can be found on the website as well.

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VCCT to hold Costume Culminating Event on October 16

VCCT will host its annual Culminating Event on Friday, October 16, 2015, from 6pm until 11pm. This year's Culminating Event will feature a Costume Party and Pizza Night. The event, held annually, celebrates the previous theatrical season and ushers in the new season. This year, the event will be held at the Creston Opera House on Main Street in Creston, just a few miles east of

Rochelle. Attendees are encouraged to wear a costume of their choice, which could be from their favorite show, or could be something in the spirit of Halloween. Of course, we know not everyone likes to be on stage, so costumes are not required. The event planners ask that those attending bring a fully-cooked pizza of their choosing, or a dish to pass that goes with pizza, and whatever non-

alcoholic drinks they would like. The evening will feature dinner in the lower level, and then a trip upstairs for a wrap-up of the past season and a peek at the new season. The evening will end with music, dancing, and costume judging! Membership forms will be available at the event. All friends of VCCT are welcomed to attend and RSVP is not required.

“A...My Name is Alice” cast helps raise money for HOPE



Four cast members from the 2013 VCCT show, “A...My Name is Alice” helped raise money for HOPE of Ogle County by performing several

numbers during the August monthly meeting of the Rochelle Women's Group. Debby Katzman, Amy Frank, Jeanette V. Mingus, and Amanda-Claire Lowe resurrected several of the more popular numbers from the show, including “Pretty Young Men,” “Hot Lunch,” and “Honeypot.” And, of course, the audience howled at the hilarious poems, “For Women Only.” Abby Mogge played piano, and Doug Kroupa provided lights.

Katzman, who organized the VCCT portion of the evening, says the troupe was very happy to play a part in helping to raise money for this worthy cause. “Plus it was a lot of fun getting to do a few numbers from A...My Name is Alice. It's such a fun musical!” The Rochelle Women's Group raised over \$1000 by holding a silent auction. The proceeds will go to benefit HOPE of Ogle County, an organization that offers support, assistance, and resources to those who are contending with the effects of abusive relationships.



2015-2016 Season Tickets Now On Sale

Season Tickets for the upcoming season are on sale now through the website. Season ticket holders save at least \$9 off of full price tickets. Patrons will be asked to indicate which performance they would like to attend: First Friday, First Saturday, Sunday Matinee, Second Friday, or Second

Saturday. Tickets are easily exchanged for another date by calling the HotLine or by visiting the website. 2015-2016 Season Tickets are only \$25 and include all three shows. Get your family and friends together, get your seats reserved now, and enjoy a season of theatre at economical prices!



Seasoned Veteran to Hold Director's Workshop

Have you ever thought about directing a play but didn't know where to begin? VCCT is hosting a workshop that will take you through the basics, from play selection to curtain call. The workshop will take place over four

Wednesday evenings, November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 2015, from 7pm until 8:30pm. The event will be held in the Flagg Township Library. The only



things to bring are paper, a pencil, and curiosity as to how to put together a marvelous production! This workshop should be a fun adventure into the world of dramatic arts.

Participants can bring along a friend or child who can become a "body on stage" as the group arranges and focuses for meaning while learning the fundamentals of blocking. Carol Weidman, the

instructor for the workshop, said, "As we work through the basics, hopefully all your questions will be answered, and you will be chomping at the bit to begin your first try at play direction or to improve what you already know!" There is no cost for this workshop, but a minimum of eight participants is required, so sign up soon! To reserve your spot, leave a message for Carol at (815) 562-7373 or sign up on our website under "Events."

Volunteers Needed to Pack Lunch for Hungry Children

VCCT is calling for volunteers to help pack lunches for "Feed My Starving Children," a non-profit organization committed to feeding hungry children. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and these meals are shipped to their distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world. VCCT has signed up to bring a team of volunteers to help pack lunches on Thursday, November 12 from 7pm until 9pm. The event will take place at the Suter Company, 1015 Bethany

Rd in Sycamore (near the DeKalb County Farm Bureau at the corner of Bethany and Peace Road.) We are looking for at least 15 volunteers who can stand or sit for two hours and help pack lunches.

To volunteer, visit the Events section of our website, or call Sally Sawicki at (815) 562-6656.



VCCT Still 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.

As a not-for-profit organization, we also accept financial donations. Remember that your donations are tax deductible. You can donate on our website, or you can send a check to the address listed on the back page of this newsletter.

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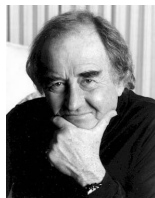
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Have you Visited the VCCT Website Lately?

What can you do on our website?

- Get information about upcoming shows
- See pictures and details from past shows
- Purchase Season Tickets
- Get information about auditions and events
- Pay your membership dues
- Find directions to the Theater
- Get information on how YOU can get involved!
- Find out who is currently serving on the Board of Directors



“When you go to the theater, if you’re really involved in the play, you don’t think about it – you’re in it.”
(William Kraft)

2015 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 various fruit flavors. Unlike a dense bread, Butter Braid

pastries are hand-braided with a sweet dough base containing over 25 layers of light, airy dough and 100% real butter. This gives the one-and-only Butter Braid pastry its unique and incredible flavor! Thaw, rise & bake. Icing packet included. Great for breakfast, dessert or

any special occasion. Butter Braids can be ordered online, through a VCCT member, or by calling the HotLine at 815-764-2287. Delivery will take place on November 9 at Paddock Hall. Just in time for the holidays!

