

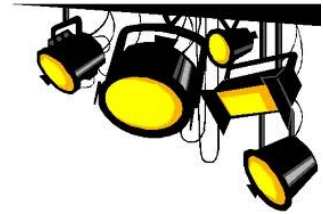


# StageLights

VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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## “Bleacher Bums” opens July 21, 2017

VCCT’s Summer 2017 production of “Bleacher Bums” opens Friday, July 21. “Bleacher Bums” is directed by Kimberly Ekes and assistant director Diane Ekes.

In the bleachers at Chicago's Wrigley Field, die hard Cub fans root for their team. The group includes an enthusiastic cheerleader, a blind man who follows the game by transistor radio and does his own play by play, a bathing beauty, a nerd and various other bleacher denizens. As the game proceeds, they bet among themselves on every conceivable event, go out for frosty malts or beers, try to



pick up the bathing beauty and, occasionally, watch the game. The bleacher bums remain undaunted – they will be back tomorrow to root for the home team.

The cast features Nikki Dobbs, Michael Hynek, Ken Manning, Karen Schwanert, Todd Burghardt, Nathan Holda, Alexander Cremeans, Vicky

Martinez, Dean Wren and Alyssa Schwanert.

The show opens July 21, 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](http://www.vcctrochelle.org)

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### “Bleacher Bums”

Show Dates

Friday

July 21 & 28

8pm

Saturday

July 22 & 29

8pm

Sunday

July 23

2pm

Tickets

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

Or at the door

## Auditions Set for 2017 Fall Show, “High Spirits”

Vince Carney Community Theatre announces open auditions for its 2017 fall production of “High Spirits.” Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 7 & 8, from 6pm until 8pm in the VCCT “Clubhouse” located immediately behind Paddock Hall in the Hickory Grove Center, 1133 N 7th Street in Rochelle. Director Ken Manning is looking to cast 4 adult males and 6 adult women. For more information, please call Ken at 815-213-2901. Additional details can be found on the website at [www.vcctrochelle.org](http://www.vcctrochelle.org).



## VCCT Receives Grant from RACF

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) awarded VCCT a grant in the amount of \$1,200. The grant request was submitted by VCCT in order to upgrade technology and equipment. The money received was used to purchase a new laptop for the light booth. The laptop will eventually be used to run a software package that will control the lights and sound for

shows. VCCT is grateful for the generosity of RACF this year and in years past. These grants have been invaluable as VCCT continues to bring high-quality theatre productions to the Rochelle and surrounding areas.



## Winter VCCT/Woman's Club Fundraiser

Always been interested in getting involved in a VCCT production but haven't been able to because of the time commitment? Or has the need to memorize lines kept you from coming out? Dianne Jenner has an opportunity for you! In February 2018 Dianne is looking for 5 men and 2 women for a Presidents month history

presentation for the woman's club. There are only 2 rehearsals and 1 show required and you'll be able to keep your script in hand, so no need to commit any lines to memory.

Interested? Contact Dianne for further details: [Dianne@jennerranch.com](mailto:Dianne@jennerranch.com)

## Flagg-Rochelle Museum Exhibit



The Flagg-Rochelle museum will be featuring VCCT as its special exhibit in the cabinet of curiosities for the month of July. There will be several props, programs, costume pieces, and a lighting instrument. In addition all the scrapbooks will be available for viewing during the exhibit. The film “A Thousand Acres” is also reaching a milestone. It has been 20 years since filming in Rochelle and there will be a few mementos from that. Many locals were extras in the film. There will be a special reception on Saturday afternoon, July 15. The museum is on the corner of 4th Ave and 6th St diagonally across from Unger Funeral Home. While visiting the museum, one might enjoy viewing some of the 20+ wedding dresses around the museum. One dates to 1847, and is in such beautiful condition it could be worn today.

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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



“All the best performers bring to their role something more, something different than what the author put on paper. That's what makes theatre live. That's why it persists.”

- Stephen Sondheim

## He who laughs... (or the jealous marshal)

An actor playing Napoleon was enjoying tremendous success which made one of his colleagues, who played the part of a marshal, very jealous. During one scene, Napoleon had to read a long letter brought to him by the marshal. The actor had never learned the letter by heart; he would simply read the text off the pages brought to him by his colleague by the glow of the footlights. One night, the jealous actor brought the letter, sealed in red, and handed it to his king with a malicious smile saying: “Read, sire.” The pages were as blank as Napoleon’s memory. In a moment of panic, he cursed both the instigator of this nasty trick and himself for being too lazy to learn the text in the first place. As he watched his partner savour the moment, he had a stroke of genius and began to smile himself. Handing the letter back to the joker, he said: “We have no secrets from you marshal, you read it.”

Source: <http://artsalive.ca/en/thf/jeux/anecdotes.asp>