



# StageLights



VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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## “The Last Five Years” Opens Friday

Vince Carney Community Theatre’s 2019 spring production of “The Last Five Years” opens this Friday, April 12 and runs for two weekends.



Written and composed by Jason Robert Brown, “The Last Five Years” is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers in their twenties who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. The show’s unconventional structure consists of Cathy, telling her story backwards while Jamie tells the story chronologically. The two characters only meet once, at their wedding in the middle of the show.

This production has two very talented casts who will be performing on different days. Lindsey Lancaster and Kayla Bellows will open the run on Friday and will perform on April 12 & 13, and

again in the matinee performance on April 20. Michael Hynek and Michele McClane can be seen on April 14 & 19, and again in the evening performance on April 20. The show is being co-directed by John Whitaker and Becca Manning, with Jeanette V. Mingus as musical director.

Because VCCT is in the process of renovating the old Lincoln school for its new theater home, this production will be performed in the Palmer Room at Salt 251 in Rochelle. Salt 251 is located next to the golf course at 531 S. 7th Street. Show your tickets at the restaurant and receive 10% off of your food purchase on the day of your performance.

Remember that VCCT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so all of your contributions are tax deductible!

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## Quarter Auction Raises Money For Renovation

VCCT members staffed a Quarter Auction in March to help raise money for the renovation of the old Lincoln school. The event featured local businesses and was held in Paddock Hall. VCCT helped collect quarters, sold paddles, and collected 50/50 raffle money. By the end of the evening, VCCT raised over \$600. Thanks to Beth Kvoool who organized the event.



## “Exit 99” Performs at Kennay Farms Distillery

Earlier this month, Rochelle’s own improv group, “Exit 99,” performed at Kennay Farms Distillery to help VCCT raise money for the renovation of

been entertaining audiences for over 15 years now.

Kennay Farms Distillery is located in the building that was formerly the Hub Theater in Rochelle. Rick and Doris Kennay completely renovated the building which is now open to the public. The Kennays also donated the old Lincoln school to VCCT and continue to support our renovation project.

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“Exit 99” performers Terry Camplain and Beth Hahn demonstrate how to solve everyday problems.

the old Lincoln school. Over 70 people attended the event which included an optional tour of the distillery. “Exit 99” donated their time and Kennay Farms donated the space for this fundraising event which raised nearly \$1000 for our new building.

“Exit 99” is made up of four amazingly talented actors: Terry Camplain, Beth Hahn, Terry Dickow, and Carrie Johnson. The troupe has



Kennay Farms Distillery offers regular tours of the facility.



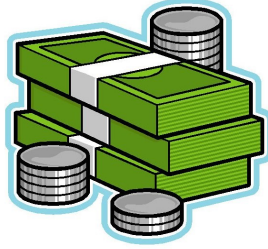
Kennay Farms Distillery is open to the public.



“Exit 99” performers Carrie Johnson and Terry Camplain.

# Matching Grant Opportunity Continues through April

Jerry & Annette Johns, long-time supporters of VCCT, have generously offered to match dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 all donations made to the building fund during the months of March and April. This means that your \$100 donation will



turn into \$200, and your \$1000 donation will become \$2000! If you've been considering making a donation to our renovation fund, now is the time to do it! You can check out the fundraising page on our website to see the various donor

levels, including how you can have a room in the theater named after you! VCCT is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, and thus all of your donations are tax deductible! You can make your donation through our website, or you can mail your donations to Vince Carney Community Theatre, P.O. Box 474, Rochelle, IL 61068.

## VCCT Hosts Fundraising Events

VCCT members have been very busy raising money to renovate the old Lincoln school into our new theater home. There is a lot of renovating to be done. In order to open our doors, we need to install heating and air conditioning, run new plumbing, install new bathrooms, and bring the building up to code. We are very pleased to say that we have already raised nearly \$50,000 for this effort, which is about 25% of what we will ultimately need to start performing at the new facility. Here is a partial list of the fundraising activities that have helped us get this far:

- August 2018 - Culver's Night
- November 2018 - Portillo's For Good
- December 2018 - Holiday Gala and Silent Auction
- January 2019 - Flight Deck Murder Mystery Dinner
- February 2019 - Casino Night
- March 2019 - Quarter Auction
- April 2019 - "Exit 99"/Kennay Farm Tour



## Lincoln School Renovation Project Underway

The renovation of the old Lincoln school is already underway. Under the leadership of a building committee, VCCT had an architect draw up required plans for the remodeling effort (see last page). Just this week, the Rochelle City Council approved the rezoning of the building which will allow us to use it as a theater. We have attained quotes for the heating and air conditioning, the plumbing, and the repair of the parking lots. We also received estimates for fixing up the exterior of the building. Volunteers have been busy cleaning the interior and removing walls and ceilings that will no longer be needed. Once we have raised sufficient capital, our next goal is to apply for a building permit and start the actual renovation. Our goal is to begin that work this summer.



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- Find directions to the theater
- Get information on how YOU can get involved!
- Find out who is currently serving on the Board of Directors

**Architect Design for Renovated Lincoln School**

