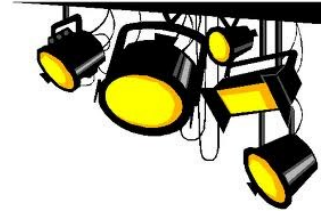




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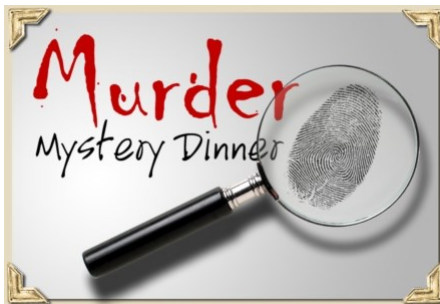


VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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VCCT hosts “Murder Mystery” at Rochelle’s Flight Deck

Do you see yourself as a Columbo or a Perry Mason, or even a Sherlock Holmes? Then you



should mark your calendar to attend the one-night-only comedy murder mystery dinner at the Flight Deck in

Rochelle. “Flight Deck Fatality” is a modern-day “whodunit” and the sole performance will be at 6:30 PM on January 26, 2019.

Vince Carney Community Theatre (VCCT) is preparing an exciting evening of good food, good drink, good acting, a good story, and of course, a puzzling murder the “passengers” must solve. The lucky 100 people who purchase tickets for this event will become the “passengers” on Flight 1234 of Blue Sky Airlines. After an emergency landing in the middle of the worst blizzard to hit the South Dakota borders, the passengers are stuck in the airport hangar and do their best to ride out the storm. From the moment the 100 passengers

enter the hangar, they are faced with many strange things and people.

Come join the fun at this VCCT fundraising event. The murder mystery dinner will raise money toward our effort to renovate the old Lincoln elementary school into a legitimate theatre and permanent home for VCCT. More information about the “Flight Deck Fatality” murder mystery dinner can be found on our website, vcctrochelle.org. Tickets go on sale January 1, 2019. This is a one-night-only event, and only 100 tickets will be sold. Don’t be caught out in the blizzard! Get your tickets early!

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



Taking the “Scare” out of “Scarecrow”

VCCT Board members Kimberly Ekes and Ken Manning volunteered their time to portray scarecrows at Rochelle’s Hay Days in October. This has become an annual tradition for VCCT, and the characters are always well received by those attending the event.



VCCT to Renovate Old Lincoln School for New Home

Thanks to a generous donation by Rick & Doris Kennay, VCCT has acquired the old Lincoln School building in Rochelle. The group has already begun the long and expensive process of



The old Lincoln Elementary school in Rochelle, which will become VCCT's new theater home

converting in to its new home! Architect Renee VanDerHeyden presented a preliminary design with extensive input from the VCCT board. The old gymnasium will be converted into the main theatre with seating for 100 to 150 patrons, a full stage, and a state-of-the-art lightbooth. A large classroom at the front of the old school will serve as the lobby, while two other classrooms on the first floor will be converted into a "green room" and a kitchen/utility room. The remainder of the building will be used for costumes, props, building materials, workshops, and other essential theater functions. Volunteers

have spent countless hours already working on the new space. New LED lights have replaced old and inefficient outdoor lighting and security cameras have been installed. Windows have been replaced and moldy tiles have been removed. Non-functioning plumbing was taken out and some temporary



walls have come down. The next phases, which include installing heating and air conditioning and new bathrooms, requires permits, survey work, and capital.

VCCT has begun a capital fundraising campaign to raise the money necessary to continue the project. More details about how you can contribute can be found on the website: www.vccetrochelle.org.

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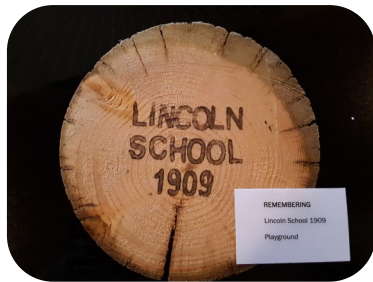


Own a Piece of Lincoln

As part of the remodeling of the old Lincoln elementary school into a new and permanent theater home, VCCT has commissioned several memorial wood decoration pieces that you can get when you make a \$10 donation to VCCT's building fund. These can be used as wall hangings, coasters, or tree ornaments. Each one was made

from one of the old oak trees on the grounds of the old school that had to be taken down, or from one of the playground posts that are being removed from the lot. Stenciled onto the larger items are the words "Lincoln School 1909" to commemorate when the school was first erected. The wood decorations come in three diameters: 2 inch,

4 inch, or 6 inch and are available for just a donation of \$10 each. Your tax deductible donation will be used to help renovate the school. You can make your donation and request your choice of wood decorations on our website, www.vcctrochelle.org.



VCCT Hosts Fundraising Events

In an effort to raise funds for the remodeling of the old Lincoln School, VCCT hosted several fundraising events this year. In October, loyal patrons swarmed the Culver's in Rochelle. For one evening only, a percentage of all sales were donated to VCCT. The organization raised over \$500 for that event. A similar event was held at the Portillo's in Sycamore in November. When anyone showed the cashier the flyer or identified themselves as a VCCT supporter, 20% of their purchase price was donated to the club. Finally, on December 1, VCCT held its first Holiday Gala and Silent Auction dinner at Salt 251 in Rochelle. More than \$4000 was raised at that event. More events are planned for 2019. Visit the website to

learn more about how you can make your tax-deductible contribution to help us build our very own theater home!



The cast of "Miracle on 34th Street: A Radio Play" directed by Kimberly Ekes.

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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
- 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



Acting gave me the opportunity to do outrageous things. It allowed me to be sad, happy, angry and lustful, even if it was just vicariously.

- Joan Allen

