

83rd Season Old Timers' Newsletter



Spring, 2013

Linda Quartner, President

Having been Business Manager for the past two seasons, I am very excited to be handing my stack of paperwork to the Business Manager-Elect and stepping into the world of Presidenting. A new Freshman class will be joining our membership to make some theatre magic happen for our two main-stage shows, "The Importance of Being Ernest" and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." The 84th season is going to be a busy one, so keep an eye on your emails and the website to find out what's going on at the Playhouse. The short list includes working with our season publicity director to expand our advertising techniques, executing some much-needed aesthetic repairs to the building, and preparing for the 85th season anniversary. Thank you for your continued interest and support for keeping theatre alive and well on the RPI campus. **UP! ↑**

Luc Lagace, Business Manager

I am currently a sophomore Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering dual major. Through the careful guidance of the excellent Linda Quartner, I am well on my way to handling our budget with finesse! From the daily trip to the Student Union with a stack of paperwork to making sure the money hasn't disappeared, the job is definitely keeping me on my toes. For next season, I intend to keep up with Linda's hard work on ensuring that the T-Comm is spending their budgets in a timely fashion. Additionally, I'll be going through the budget to create as much transparency between the Union and our club as possible. Next season, I look forward to hearing the resounding cries of **UP! ↑**

Austin Selick-Bottos, Technical Director

Hello there! I'm Austin Selick-Bottos, I am a Computer & Systems Engineering major and I will be the Technical Director for the upcoming 84th season. I'm looking forward to working with the new E-Comm to make this season one of the best yet. In the next year we will be placing a particular emphasis on maintaining and refreshing the building itself, the most exciting of which will be a fresh coat of paint in the lobby and house! The lights and sound departments have been engaged in completely cleaning the booths and storage lofts as well as fixing and re-documenting the endless runs of cables throughout the building. Otherwise, the technical departments are thriving with plenty of interest in all areas and continue to put together amazing shows. **UP! ↑**

Brigid Angelini, Secretary Historian

Hi, my name's Brigid Angelini! I'm excited to be putting out my first Old Timer Newsletter as Secretary Historian. I'm currently a junior Electrical Engineering major. This upcoming year I have plans to continue running show selection in the efficiently streamlined way that has been implemented the past few seasons. The office has lost some of the old clutter during recent cleaning and I'm going to be re-organizing things to hopefully keep it as tidy as it can stay. I'm also taking short quotes about what players means to you for the planning of an 85th season anniversary celebration, look out for a reminder email if you want to get your word in! **UP! ↑**

Rebecca Calvanico Weinstein, Membership Chair

Hello, my name is Rebecca and I was the Membership Chair for players this past season. In addition, I am super excited to say that the lovely membership has chosen me to be MemChair for another whole year! Woop! I have really enjoyed this past semester in Players. We had two post production parties; one for Evening of Performance and the second for our musical, Curtains. In total there were over 30 new players initiated this semester. Oh boy! Membership Committee meetings have been going well and there was a roller skating event. Our close of the season Picnic at Thacher Park was a beautiful sunny day filled with grilling, hiking and s'mores. The past year being Membership Chair has been great, I got to meet a ton of wonderful people and induct them into our club. I can't wait to do it all again! **UP! ↑**

Evening of Performance '13, Brigid Angelini

Hello again! Before being elected to Secretary Historian this year, I produced the 83rd Season's Evening of Performance featuring Sheer Idiocy. We had quite the mix of dramatic and comedic elements this year. Student directors Luc Lagace ('15) and Jocelyn Griser ('16) presented short plays, Variations on a Theme and Floor 13, that created melancholic and introspective feelings for the audiences. To balance that out, audiences laughed their heads off at The Mystery at Twicknam Vicarage (directed by students Matthew Scorza & Nathan Fullerton class of '14) and at a performance from RPI's improv comedy troupe Sheer Idiocy. The production team, casts and crew did a fantastic job, especially considering the harrowing time crunch EOP always has to get put together, I'm sure you agree if you saw it yourself!

Curtains, Eric Yanulis

Salutations! This spring's musical was the fantastic Curtains, by John Kander, Fred Ebb, and Rupert Holmes. Artistically directed by the terrific trio of Frank Leavitt, Adam Paul Fine and Abby Todd, Curtains featured a talented cast of 22 students and community members backed up by a production team of nearly 50 people. Managing a production of such size was quite the challenge, especially given the shortened schedule, but I'm proud to report that when all was said and done we had quite the product to show for it. The incredible musical and acting talent of our cast was backed up by a complex moving set, brilliant lighting, an unprecedented surround sound design, beautiful costumes, wonderful hair and makeup, and more, and it all came together into six polished, cohesive and (most importantly!) funny performances.

To all who came out to see Curtains, we can't thank you enough for your continuing support and we hope to see you at many future productions. Producing was an incredible experience, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a wonderfully talented, dedicated group of people. Curtains was quite a fitting end to four incredible years with the RPI Players.



weRGold Update

As many of you are aware, we were recently given the opportunity to participate in weRGold, a fundraising program created by the weR The Spirit of Rensselaer Society. Due to the generosity of many of our alumni and other patrons, we were able to quickly reach (and surpass!) our goal of \$4100 to purchase lighting board accessories. Our old Emphasis Control System has now been replaced with a brand new Ion console, with fader wing and touchscreen attachments. We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed!

Contributions

If you would like to support the RPI Players through a financial contribution, please mail a check to the RPI Union Admin Office. Checks should be made out to the RPI Players, and please include "Gift Fund" in the memo line. The Union's address is:

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We greatly appreciate any contributions.