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**82nd Season
2011-2012**

**Old-Timer's
Newsletter**

A Word From the Executive Committee

Timothy McMullan - President

Now a senior Information Technology major, I have the privilege to be at RPI for a fifth year as a Computer Science co-terminal student. It has been honor to serve the players as President, and I am looking forward to our last show of the season. It has been a great run, and I hope you are all able to join us for the last show of our 82nd Season and for our future shows.

Linda Quartner - Business Manager(-Elect)

I am a sophomore civil engineering major with a minor in being business manager for Players. The many hours of paperwork, budget writing, and budget spending have been extremely enjoyable. I have learned the finer details of handling union transactions, the art of composing an e-board friendly budget, and most importantly, which way is up. I have appreciated this opportunity to contribute to my home away from home, and hope I was able to help make the the financial aspects of the producers' and T-comm's jobs a tiny bit less stressful. I could not have asked for a better E-comm of which to be a part, and I am very grateful to each of them for their support and dedication throughout this season.
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Andrew Couture - Technical Director

Hi there, I am Andrew Couture, and I was the 82nd Season's Technical Director. I am a Senior Game Design/Psychology dual major. The Playhouse did not burn down, keel over, implode, explode, or generally cease to be while on my watch, though no credit really belongs to me on that one. This past year, we have continued work on replacing the curtains with new fireproof ones. The year before this, we replaced the house floor and it is good. Caleb, last year's TD, also replaced the main and we are still selling framed sections of our old one with their very own Players Cards attached. Our technical departments are thriving with renewed interest in each one of them- even Costumes!

Emily Fernandes - Secretary/Historian(-Elect)

I am Emily Fernandes, a Civil Engineer in the class of 2013. I consider myself an actor, but on very rare occasion, I can be found designing structurally sound sets for our productions. My goals for this year as the secretary historian were to encourage show submissions by spreading awareness with the membership chair and by pushing forward the call for shows. I created an online submission form and it may have worked a bit too well, I received over 50 show submissions. What a long Show Submission Meeting that was. I also continued the war on office clutter, although I fear I may have lost. FOR THE GREATER GOOD

A Word From the Executive Committee

Cody Nunno - Membership Chair

Howdy, folks! I'm Cody Nunno, and I was the Membership Chair for the RPI Players 82nd Season. We had a very busy season, as always. We folded more freshmen into our ranks, we held membership events, and all around had a fantastic time. The membership is as large as it's ever been in my time here, with over 100 fairly active members. I've also had the pleasure of reviving Mem Comm. Overall it's been a great season and working with my fellow E-comm members has been a lovely experience.

Robert Stewart - President-Elect

Hello alumni my name is Robert Stewart, President elect for the 83rd season. I am a 20 year old GSAS major, and I'm honoured to have been offered my position. I am enthusiastic about fulfilling my role, and forwarding the interests of the Players to both the RPI community and the capitol district theatre community as well. I am excited to work with my fellow Ecomm members elect as I feel we have a very promising group of individuals. I am looking forward to next year. FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Eric Yanulis - Technical Director-Elect

Hi! I'm Eric Yanulis, and I'm the Technical Director-elect for the upcoming 83rd Season. I'm very excited to work with the rest of the new E-Comm. I'm looking forward to working with the membership to keep the Playhouse itself running smoothly, and I'd also like to make a number of improvements to the building so we can make this upcoming season the best it can be. Come see our shows! I promise it'll be a great time. FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Rebecca Calvanico-Weinstein - Membership Chair-Elect

Hi! My name is Rebecca Calvanico-Weinstein, sophomore dual Aeronautical and Mechanical engineering major and current Membership Chair elect for the 83rd season. I am super excited to be representing the awesome membership of the RPI Players. I'm looking forward to holding some really great events, and getting tons of fun new members next year. We have a group of fantastic individuals for next season's Executive Committee, and I can't wait to work alongside all of them. FOR THE GREATER GOOD

What We Did This Season

Les Liaisons Dangereuses - Andrew Couture - Producer

Hello again, its Andrew Couture, your friendly producer for Les Liaisons Dangereuses (which I finally know how to spell after sending out umpteen emails). The 82nd Season's Fall Show went well. We adapted the classic play to a Gothic-Punk style, but stayed true to the original characters, lines, and plot. I honestly think that it was one of our best productions in recent memory. Both leads earned gilded lilies for their excellent performances (I cheated with one since he had had minor roles with us in the past.) The set and costumes were beautiful and lights really made the show come to life.

Audience - Will Johnson - Producer

I am Will Johnson and I produced Audience this semester. Audience was selected as a sideshow after having been removed from our First Year Experience performance lineup due to a lack of Freshmen. After about a month of rehearsals, we opened for Alumni weekend. Our show was very well attended. Opening night was overfull, and even after many more seats were added for the second night, our cast played to almost a full house. We raised over \$100 in one night. I was blessed with talented people on and off the stage.

Evening of Performance '12 - Michelle Zeliph- Producer

My name is Michelle Laura Zeliph, I am a junior majoring in Biology and I produced "An Evening of Performance 2012." It was my first time producing and it was quite the experience. Working within the constraints of a shortened production cycle was at times hectic, but overall, it was a wonderful and rewarding experience. We put on three one act shows which included: God (a play) by Woody Allen, The Fascinating Foundling by George Bernard Shaw, and Suddenly, Last Summer by Tennessee Williams. I hope you got to see one of the performances because they were fantastic! I am so incredibly proud of my cast and crew for all of the hard work they put into this production, many of them filling their roles for the first time. I hope they all enjoyed this experience as much as I did and I hope to produce again in the future.

The Drowsy Chaperone - David Archibald- Producer

This Spring we are presenting Bob Martin and Don McKellar's The Drowsy Chaperone. This "Musical within a Comedy" is a funny play on the 1920's larger than life Broadway musicals. We have a great directorial team with Director Frank Leavitt (Musical Director: 1776, Urinetown, and Assassins) and Choreographer Trish Scott (Choreographer: Urinetown) returning. Our Musical Director, Adam Paul Fine, is a new face to the organization, but is already fitting right in. We have a strong cast and a skilled tech crew all gearing up to put on a great show. Come out and see The Drowsy Chaperone April 27th, 28th, May 3rd, 4th, or 5th at 8pm or April 29th at 2pm. Actually, come see all nights, its a great show that's guaranteed to give you a laugh.

Next Season...

Much Ado About Nothing

by William Shakespeare

Evening of Performance 2013

A Night of One Acts

Curtains

by John Kander, Fred Ebb, and Rupert Holmes

Website

Hello! I'm Andrew Fasano, one of the two webmasters for 81-83rd seasons of the RPI Players. During the past year and a half, an entirely new version of our website was launched. In addition to the site having an entirely new design, we updated the old CARP archives with a new system, listing more information for each show. The site looks pretty awesome now and it will continue improving as we go into the next season. Come check it out– <http://players.rpi.edu>

David Archibald here, your other webmaster(since 2007), to let you know we are looking to improve our online archives and show information. So if you have any information about any show during Player's 83 years (non-players stuff (like we the free theater) is good too) we would like it to improve the website. Its been a fun ride and I know I leave the site in excellent hands. I hope it will continue to provide players past, present, and future information on our groups history and current goings on. Archie signing off.

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.