

"The Spotlight"



The Spotlight is the quarterly newsletter for friends and family of
Rose Valley Chorus & Orchestra

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Congratulations to Carol Freed, RVCO 1st Hall of Fame Honoree

Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra is excited to announce that the first honoree of the RVCO Hall of Fame is Carol Freed.

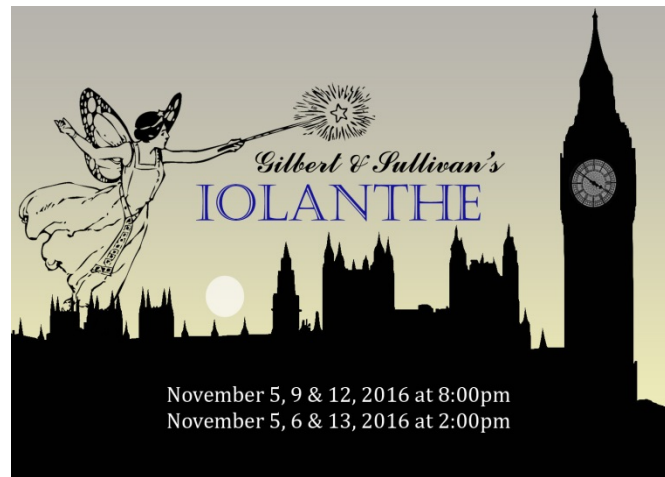
Carol has been long time music director, conductor, and pianist for RVCO, having first being asked in 1977 to accompany the cast of Princess Ida during rehearsals. "This was the first time I had played a Gilbert and Sullivan musical," Carol says of the experience. "I fell in love with it and the talent of the cast of Rose Valley Chorus."

Carol enjoyed the experience so much, she came back for more. In all, Carol has been a part of 64 shows with RVCO. "The orchestra members are absolutely fantastic, and I learned to really trust their comments. So I was able to get my confidence because of the ability of these orchestra members. Many of these members are still playing!" Carol said of working with our talented orchestra members over the years.

When asked about her excitement for being RVCO's first Hall of Fame honoree, Carol remains humble and has nothing but positive things to say about the people she has worked with for so many years. "The excitement of being the first Hall of Fame inductee relates to my creating a relationship between the orchestra, the choral group, and the soloists and the ability to work with the stage director," she says. "There is excitement in bringing all this together in order to have a great finished show that the audience will enjoy!"

Congratulations to Carol for all of your hard, dedicated work over the years!

Rose Valley's 2016 Production is "Iolanthe"



Libretto by W.S. Gilbert • Music by Arthur Sullivan
Stage Director: Kate Nealley • Music Director: Michael Smith

Iolanthe, a fairy, commits the capital offense of marrying a mortal, and is banished from Fairyland for life. She gives birth to a son, Strephon, who is half mortal, half fairy. The Queen of the Fairies agrees to pardon her. Iolanthe announces that her son Strephon will soon be married to Phyllis, an Arcadian shepherdess, and ward of the Lord Chancellor. Phyllis is summoned before the House of Lords and we discover that every member of the House is in love with Phyllis. The Lords and Phyllis happen upon a meeting between Strephon and his mother and the Lords convince Phyllis that Strephon is being unfaithful. The fairies punish the Lords by sending Strephon to Parliament and casting a spell. Phyllis soon forgives him and the two are once again in love. After the Lords complain to the fairies about Strephon's success, the fairies end up falling in love with them.

Iolanthe
Celia
Leila
Fleta
Strephon
Chancellor
Mountarat
Tolloller
Fairy Queen
Private Willis
Phyllis

Mary Punshon
Abby Capitolo
Paula Gonzalez
Tess Cherlin
David Price
Ed Nealley
Chris Capitolo
Chris Rubino
Martha Smylie
Colin Dahms
Alexis Droke

Saturday, November 5, 2016
Sunday, November 6, 2016
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Saturday, November 12, 2016
Sunday, November 13, 2016

Performance 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Performance 2 p.m.
Performance 8 p.m.
Performance 8 p.m.
Performance 2 p.m.



You are Invited ! Pot Luck Dinner

You are cordially invited to come to the Potluck Dinner

Sunday, September 11, 2016

RVCO invites all members to kick off the "Fall Season" at Stage One. We're asking people to bring a dish - enough to feed 8 - according to the first letter of your last name:

A to H - bring sides

I to P - bring main course

Q to Z - bring dessert

We start at **6:00 P.M.** and end in time for rehearsals for "Iolanthe" to begin. What a great way to see old friends and meet new ones.

Everyone is invited



Rose Valley Annual Appeal – Thank YOU

The RVCO fiscal year 2015-16 Annual Appeal ended June 30th. Total received this year was \$2,439 in donations. Last fiscal year, we received \$2,050.

Our Firehouse benefited from the annual appeal. Thank you to all for your generous donations. It is greatly appreciated.

Rose Valley Annual Meeting Review

Our annual picnic was held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 927 S Providence Rd, Wallingford, PA. We are thankful for our host Kathy & Bill Michael for arranging for us to use the facility. The weather was hot and muggy, so we just decided to eat, mingle, and chat. It was a really great turnout and we are sure everyone totally enjoyed themselves.

Rose Valley Sings “The National Anthem” ...

RVCO sang “The National Anthem” at the Phillies game on July 5, 2016.



From the RVCO Archives: *The Mikado*, 1939



The winner of the “summer contest to name all of these RVCO players in the photo was Ellie Hurd.

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Firehouse Clean Up was Saturday June 25th. Thank You!



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Get Involved with RVCO

We invite you to be a part of this unique theater by:

VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME (*Your talents may be just what we are looking for!*)

- Usher: pass out programs, greet guest in the lobby
- Box Office: selling tickets at the theater
- Answer the office telephone, your choice of times during the day
- Help with “firehouse” cleanup and maintenance Saturdays in the fall
- Distribute flyers and posters to businesses in Delaware County
- Help set-up and break-down sets
- Help with fundraising events - or host an event for RVCO

BECOMING A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF RVCO

- Get to know local actors.
- Gain working knowledge of how a professional nonprofit theater operates.
- Free admission to certain productions and events.
- Special recognition.
- Pride of an ongoing relationship with a unique theater and its patrons.

If you are interested in any of the above, kindly e-mail Bill DeFeo
wmjdiii@aol.com

Congratulations to RVCO Member Julie Zaffarano in the "Spotlight"

THE PLAYMAKERS



The PlayMakers

JUNE 22 - JULY 1, 2017

Winner: *Best New Work* WIP Play Fest 2016

Written By: Julie Zaffarano

A world premiere production

Winner of What If's fifth annual Playwrights Festival in 2016, Julie Zaffarano's deconstructed romantic comedy centers around two playwrights and former lovers, Sebastian and Lisa, who have been brought together after a four year separation to write a revival romantic comedy. While each has had some mild success in writing since their separation, neither has achieved the success individually that they had received together. They are brought back together to collaborate by a producer that wants to cash in on a reunion.

As Lisa and Sebastian work on their play, their characters come to life as the scenes are put down on paper. When the characters develop a mind of their own they work hard to decide their own romantic fates in this fast-paced and sexy new take on your standard romantic comedy. The PlayMakers was an overwhelmingly favorite by our Play Fest audiences who said they can't wait to see how What If takes on hilarious new work from winner Julie Zaffarano.

RVCO Member Ricky Rotandi...

OCTOBER 21, 2016

LIVE

PERFORMANCE

"If I Could Be Anyone"



Anna Fosselman



Ricky Rotandi

at THE DUPLEX

9:30PM

61 Christopher St. New York, NY

**TICKETS \$15 in advance/ \$20 at the door
21 & older to enter**

“Hail Poetry” from a couple from years ago at the Annual Picnic.



A shout out to RVCO's Courtney Boches, whose play "Sure as a Star" will have a public reading as part of the 2016 Philadelphia Women's Theatre Festival!



Congratulations to RVCO's Sara Nealley's (Kate & Ed's daughter) amazing job singing, acting and dancing Hanna Glawari at CLOC in Falmouth. Her Danilo, Dennis Wees was also incredible- a sweet & bubbly Merry Widow!



Spring 2017: Annie Get Your Gun



2016-17 RVCO Board

Board Members:

Paula Gonzalez – President

Bill DeFeo – Vice President

– Secretary

Mary Beth Dostillio – Treasurer

At-Large Members:

Robert Moore, Ken Clark, Barb Matheson, Cathy Wakefield, and Chris Rubino



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Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation, Experience, Interests: _____

To become a member of RVCO, you must pay dues and participate in RVCO productions.

PLEASE INDICATE THOSE TALENTS YOU CAN SHARE WITH THE ORGANIZATION

☐ **On Stage Performer:** Voice: _____

☐ **Orchestra Member:** Instrument: _____

☐ Show Related Activities:

- ☐ Cast Parties
- ☐ Costumes
- ☐ House Management, Refreshments, Ushering, Parking
- ☐ Lighting Crew
- ☐ Makeup
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Playbill Production, Ads, Sponsors

- ☐ Properties
- ☐ Publicity
- ☐ Rehearsal Hospitality
- ☐ Set Construction and Painting
- ☐ Sound Crew
- ☐ Stage Crew

☐ Ticket Sales

☐ General Activities

- ☐ Business Management
- ☐ Community Outreach
- ☐ Corporate Sponsors
- ☐ Costume Production, Inventory and Organization
- ☐ Finance (Investments, etc.)
- ☐ Firehouse Maintenance and Organization
- ☐ Fundraising: (Grant Applications, Annual Appeal, etc.)
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Publications: Writing, Graphics, Layout
- ☐ Road Shows
- ☐ Other: _____

Membership Dues are \$25 for an entire season. Please complete this form and send it, with a check payable to Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra, to:

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