



“The Spotlight”

Spring 2018

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

Elections to be held on Sunday, April 8, 2018

Tickets Now Available for The Drowsy Chaperone
Opening Night, Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.



Book by
Bob Martin and Don McKellar.

Music and lyrics by
Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison.

**** A parody of 1920's American musical comedy. ****

The Drowsy Chaperone

Performance Dates

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 8 p.m.

Friday, April 13, 2018 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 2 p.m.

Cast:

Man in Chair - Kevin Walters
Mrs. Tottendale - Sheila Gaarder
Underling - Alan Mennig
Robert Martin - Ross Drucker
George - Michael Stadnicki
Feldzieg - Bob Moore
Kitty - Kat Carr
Aldolpho - Jay Anstee
Janet Van De Graff - Andrea Kalan
The Drowsy Chaperone - Trudy Graboyes
Trix - Tess Cherlin
Gangster #1 - Dave Zaffarano
Gangster #2 - Julie Zaffarano
Staff:

Superintendent - Bruce Conley
Millie - Mary Beth Dostillio
Nellie - Meg Hazel
Mary - Diane Runkel
Betty - Sally Sapega

Production:

Stage Director - Larry Jansen
Music Director - Justin Adams
Choreographer - Kimberly Brennan
Producer - Bill Michael
Assistant Producer - Mary Beth Dostillio
Stage Managers - Jocelyn Kurtz, Meghan Geary
Set Design - Ken Clark
Lighting Design - Kathy Michael
Sound Design - Richie Michael
Costumes - Judy McDermott
Props - Cathy Wakefield

**Gilbert & Sullivan's - The Sorcerer Auditions
Coming Fall 2018**



Sorcerer auditions will be held on Monday, May 14 and Thursday, May 17 both starting at 7 pm. Information will be posted soon. Auditioners can contact Paula Gonzalez at cookiesmistress@gmail.com to schedule their appointment. Stage direction is by Kate Nealley and music direction by Samuel Fuhrman.

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In Memorium:

Joyce Hillary Williamson
Gilbert & Sullivan Aficionado dies at 77
From: Rich Williamson

My mother Joyce was a leading lady, and very active member of Rose Valley for many years. She was a resident of Blue Bell (formerly Malvern), predeceased by her husband Ian Williamson (Past President of RVCO). She was a singer, director, producer, stage manager, owner of Irving Stern's and Pierre's Costumes, and animal lover.

She studied opera in Belgium under several notable international opera singer. And she was a member of Rose Valley Chorus, G&S Society of Chester County, Berks Grand Opera, Wayne Oratorio, The Savoy Company, and the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Brussels, among many others. Memorial service were held on January 22, 2018. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation in her name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

The Board has fond memories of Joyce, here are some comments:

"Lots of older RVCO members have fond memories of Joyce and her husband, Ian, who was a past president of RVCO in the early to mid-1980s – both he and Joyce were quite involved with the group".

"I became friends with them when I first joined RVCO in 1981. She sang Tessa in RVCO's The Gondoliers (1980), Mad Margaret in Ruddigore (1981), and Aline in The Sorcerer (1982). I believe she may also have directed us in the 1985 Yeomen and perhaps others".

"Both she and Ian were responsible for introducing early 20th century operettas to RVCO with The Desert Song (1983), The New Moon (1985), The Vagabond King (1987), and The Merry Widow (1988).

"She and Ian owned Irving Stern's & Pierre's Costumes and costumed several of our shows (her son Rich is still, I believe, an owner). Joyce will be deeply missed, but the heavenly choir will be greatly enriched".

J. Mark Busenkell

We are also saddened to report the passing of J. Mark Busenkell who both Stage Directed and performed onstage with Rose Valley in the 80's and 90's.

Volunteers needed for RVCO

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

New Chorus Members Needed – Please reach out to your friends and invite them to join.

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

Become a Committee Member to Help Shape the Future of RVCO

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

Committees:

- Fundraising, Finance, Show Selection, Firehouse, Building, Publicity and Communications: Playbill and Newsletter, Nominating and Costume

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



Membership Form 2017-2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation, Experience, Interests: _____

To become a member you must pay dues & 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:

Rose Valley Chorus & Orchestra
P.O. Box 414 Media, PA 19063



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"GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S *THE SORCERER*"



Fall 2018

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For more information and directions to the theater, call 610-565-5010 (recorded message/voice mail) or visit our website at www.rvco.org.

RVCO Board
Elections to be Held
April 8, 2018
1:00 p.m. at Strath Haven Middle School

We will be electing a President, Vice President and two Members at Large. All members whose dues are fully paid, and all Life Members, may vote in the election. We will also be voting on a proposed amendment to the RVCO Constitution.

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