



# Behind the Scenes

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15<sup>th</sup> Season

## 'Tis the Season

'Tis the season for season tickets. They're now on sale for \$13.00 each and provide the following benefits:

- Admission to each of our three shows—a \$5.00 savings compared to regular door admission of \$6.00 per show.
- An exclusive two-week period to make reservations for the summer dinner theatre – *before* reservations are open to the general public (an additional charge applies for the price of the dinner).
- Quarterly issues of our newsletter, *Behind the Scenes*—keep up to date with what's going on in RTC.
- Extremely happy RCT folks—your season ticket purchase allows us to better calculate our annual budget.

Tickets may be purchased by returning the Season Ticket Order Form below, leaving a message at the RCT office (785-483-4057), or contacting anyone active in RCT.

## Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes

Remind you of anyone you know? After settling into your seat at Ruppenthal Middle School Auditorium October 2 – 6 at 8:00 p.m., it probably will.

Young professional woman, Kate, moves into a new neighborhood and is surrounded by elderly widows and Jeff, the grandson of one. As she struggles with her feelings about herself and her neighbors, the meaning of friendships, and love, reveals itself.

This delightful comedy can be shared with the entire family. We're in rehearsal with a cast that includes:

Kristy Nyp	-	Kate;
Teresa Roe	-	Molly;
Calder Craig	-	Jeff;
Renelle Mooney	-	Mrs. Feldman;
Mikel Pruitt	-	Bill;
Judy Arthur	-	Mrs. Petrelli;
Crystal Craig	-	Marsha;
Mary Parkhurst	-	Mrs. Davis.

## SEASON TICKET ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation and be listed in the Program as:

(Russell Community Theatre, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions to RCT are tax deductible insofar as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.)

- PATRON** \$25 entitles the contributor to one (1) season ticket.
- BENEFACTOR** \$50 entitles the contributor to two (2) season tickets.
- ADVOCATE** \$75 entitles the contributor to three (3) season tickets.
- ANGEL** \$100 entitles the contributor to four (4) season tickets.
- ARCHANGEL** \$250 entitles the contributor to eight (8) season tickets.

My Program Listing Should Read:

OR

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ season tickets at \$13.00 each.\*

\*Attendance for dinner at the Dinner Theatre will require a meal charge in addition to your ticket for the show.

Total amount enclosed  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

(Checks should be payable to Russell Community Theatre, Inc.)

Mail to RCT, P.O. Box 43  
Russell, KS 67665

## The Book of Murder

As the years pass, our old, regular actors slowly drop by the wayside. But miraculously new people (neophytes) seem to turn up.

Such was the case with *The Book of Murder*. A new director (Kelly Taylor-Schaus), a new set and light designer (Maurice Schaus), new actresses (Kristy Nyp and Linda Knak), new actor (Roger Knak), and new properties mistress (Dannielle Heaton). Plus several new people worked at various other tasks.

So, the 387 folks that enjoyed the show saw a lot of new talent.

It takes a lot of courage to do theatre, so our thanks go out to the entire cast and crew.

We hope you enjoyed the show and we'll look forward to seeing our neophytes again.

## In Remembrance

Our town was saddened July 12<sup>th</sup> when Norma Balding passed away. We thought Norma would always be here doing the things she so often did—writing stories and poems; being active in 4-H and her church; loving Keith, her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and life.

Memories of Norma abound but we remember her best for those little notes to directors and actors in our shows. It was not uncommon that a few days after one of our shows closed, one or several of us would receive a note of thanks and congratulations from Norma. She was a real fan of our theatre, and we were always honored to see her in the audience.

Those little notes meant so much. We try so hard to produce good theatre and, sometimes, feel that few care. But Norma cared. And we'll miss her.

## Our Website

Our websight (pun intended) is a terrific repository of information and entertainment. Bob Roe is our website guy and all plaudits go to him.

Among the things included is a list of our past productions, photos from shows just closed, sound bites, and occasionally a short movie. Our history is given as well as officers and directors names. Also included is information on other live theatre playing in our area. Have fun with the "Credit" roll and see some of our long, lost actors and actresses from our past. If you're looking for an e-mail address for one of our volunteers, it's likely there, too.

And there's lots more including related web links.

You can access all this by pointing your web browser to <http://rct.russellks.net>. Comments or suggestions get to us via e-mail at [rct@russellks.net](mailto:rct@russellks.net).

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