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WISCONSIN RAPIDS
**COMMUNITY
THEATRE**
INC.



Spring 2018



From President Michael Barrett

We are in our second decade of running our own facility. With the help of generous friends and the extreme competence of our staff, we have kept the doors open, the lights on, and filled the stage with

more than 60 of our own productions, and dozens more hosted by area and out of town guests.

Some of the more exciting projects have been world premieres written by local playwrights, revisits to old favorites, and world class performances from artists as far away as England, France, and Czechoslovakia. I have been lucky to have been asked to perform in and support many of the productions, and even directed a few. Every single time I am involved I come away with renewed zeal, especially when new folks are involved. The shows we do make us all proud, because each one is done with the highest level of care, and often with the added bonus of letting us see what fantastic talent we have right here. We know there has been some extra interest in our future lately, with the new development happening at the old Rapids Mall location. We think our future is bright, our new partners in the building project are very accommodating, and we hope to be right here, doing these great productions for decades to come. There is nothing like live theater, both from a performing, and watching perspective. I truly hope you, as a reader of this, tell someone new about it, and help us stay strong for the future. Thanks for seeing a play!

Michael Barrett, President



From the Executive Director

This year's themed event will be coming up in August. Unlike previous years where we've held a themed dinner and show, we thought it might be fun this year to have a CELEBRITY AUCTION. This

all came about because of a generous donation from one of our volunteers. He gave us some dresses given to him by actress Kathy Kinney when she played Mimi in The Drew Carey Show. As some of you may know, Kathy went to school at UWSP, and some of our theatre friends knew her from those days. What fun!

So, I thought, why not celebrate the great talent we have in Wisconsin? Not just on the stage, but in sports, literature, movies, music, and everywhere celebrity happens! For this, I would like to ask your help.

We're looking for more celebrity donations for what promises to be a unique and fun themed event. We all have heard stories of people who know people. Perhaps you are one of those people yourself. Or you have something from someone that you would be willing to part with for a VERY good cause. Do you know someone you would be comfortable in approaching for an item? Or would that celebrity be willing to give of their time, especially for something a little quirky like grocery shopping with Clay Matthews or having the Mayor wash your car? Or – do you have something (like Packer tickets, APT tickets, round of golf, etc.) that you would be willing to donate to be made part of a celebrity package gift?

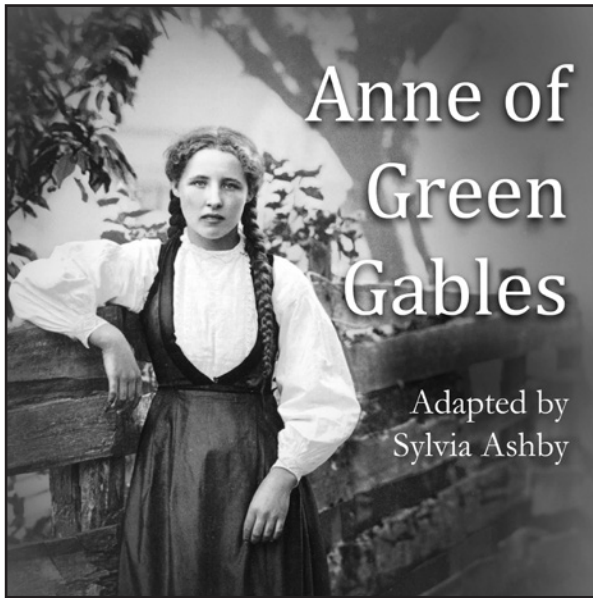
Anyway, if you have something you are willing to donate or are willing to ask someone for an item, please contact me. The celeb does not have to be from Wisconsin necessarily – the fact that you are here and made the connection something to celebrate itself! Thank you so much for your help.

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WRCT Spring Production





Anne of Green Gables

Adapted by
Sylvia Ashby

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Directed by Jody Steinke*

Production dates:
Friday and Saturday, May 11-12
Thursday - Sunday, May 17-20, 2018

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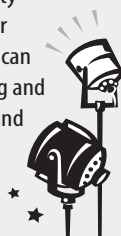
A play of warmth and wit

Green Gables is the home of lovable Matthew Cuthbert and his stern sister, Marilla. They agree to adopt a boy to help with the farm work. Imagine their consternation when Anne Shirley, a girl in her teens, is sent by the orphanage by mistake! Anne touches Matthew's heart with her vivid imagination and her charitable viewpoint, but it takes time to reach the tender heart beneath Marilla's hard exterior. Then there is young Josie Pye, a lad named Moody Spurgeon, and Matthew, Anne's kindred spirit. This is a lovely classic.

Cast:	As:
Niamh Sweet	Anne Shirley
Susan Edgren	Marilla Cuthbert
Ken Pelo	Mathew Cuthbert
Linda Garski.....	Rachel Lynde
Rick "Ricky D" Durrant	Station Master
Steve Hagen	Mr. Spencer
Rachel Frizell.....	Mrs. Blewitt
Vanya Kliewer.....	Diana Barry
Amy Ewald.....	Mrs. Barry
Christopher Powers.....	Mr. Phillips

Cast:	As:
Kayla Klish	Miss Stacy
Alayna Kliewer	Ruby Gillis
Dana Tritz.....	Josie Pye
Brandon Winter.....	Moody MacPherson
Blake Ziegler.....	Charlie Sloane
Colten McMillen.....	Gilbert Blythe
Kahyla Peckham.....	A child
Jonathon Peckham	A child
Bethany Peckham	Stage Manager
Jordan Haumschild	Stage Manager

Thinking of giving theater a try? The great thing about community theater is that ANYONE can do it, whether they've acted before or not! While we have a wonderful group of veteran actors that we can count on, we are always looking for new actors to add an exciting and fresh perspective to our productions. Give us some of your time and we will help you learn the skills you'll need to perform on our stage! Don't feel ready to jump into a lead role? That's okay! We'd be happy to let you get your feet wet with a smaller part!



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They're coming! ... In May ... the 24th to be exact! ... At 2:00 P.M. ...

THE PIE LADIES THE PIE LADIES MAKE BAIL



What's more fun than a group of church ladies cooking in the kitchen or baking pies for a church dinner. Our Pie Ladies encounter suggested changes in their "apple, blueberry and cherry" tradition, thoughts on creating their "own country", publishing a cook book and finding a way to "make bail." Yes, they get into a little trouble along the way. Come, see how they resolve their troubles ... or if they do!

The Pie Ladies is a 2 Act play with lots of craziness and funny characters. You will find them entertaining. Come, spend some time with us on Thursday, May 24 at 2:00 P.M.

All tickets are \$7

Call the WRCT office at 715-421-0435 or go online at www.wrctheatre.org to reserve your tickets today!



WRCT Youth Productions



The WRCT youth are gearing up for another fun-filled, busy summer! Auditions for our first Youth Production are May 23rd and 24th from 5:30-7:30. The show is "Kokonut High" written by Tim Kelly and will be directed by Kayla Jukich. Performances for "Kokonut High" are July 13-15, 2018.



After that will be our HOPO Production of "Romeo and Winifred" written by Charlie Lovett and directed by Stephanie Hoerth. Auditions for the HOPO show are July 16th from 10am-12pm, with casting announced at 1pm. Those cast will stay for a read-through until 3pm. Rehearsals for "Romeo and Winifred" are July 24th & 25th and July 30th - August 3rd, with performances on August 4th & 5th.

Both productions have multiple parts for ages 8-18! We look forward to seeing you there!

2018-2019 Season Tickets forms will be available during *Ann of Green Gables!*



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2018-2019 Season
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Fall Show 2018	Sept. 28-29
Always a Bridesmaid	Oct. 4-7
<i>By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten</i>	2018
Holiday Show 2018	Dec. 7-8
It's a Wonderful Life	Dec. 13-16
<i>By Philip Grecian</i>	2018
Winter Show 2019	Feb. 15-16
Twelve Angry Jurors	Feb. 21-24
<i>By Sherman Sergel</i>	2019
Spring Show 2019	May 10-11
Dearly Departed	May 16-19
<i>By Jessie Jones and David Bottrell</i>	2019

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Tickets on sale online, through the mail, by phone, or by stopping in to see us!

Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm at
 WRCT office at east end of Rapids Mall
 Call 715-421-0435

You can now order tickets ONLINE!!!
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Tickets will also be sold
 1 hour prior to performance at
 the box office