

Spotlight

Little Mermaid Jr. Opens Thursday, August 22

Come join us for a magical journey under the sea. Follow the mermaid Ariel as she learns about human beings, falls in love, and fights the evil sea witch, Ursula. The *Little Mermaid Jr.* is an adaptation from Disney's 2008 Broadway production. It features the hit songs "Part of Your World," "She's in Love," and "Under the Sea."

I love working with the kids in this show. They have amazing imaginations. A few of the dances have been choreographed in whole or in part by the actors. Several times dur-



ing the blocking, someone did things I hadn't blocked, but it worked out much better than anything I could have dreamed up.

Come out to support our 35 talented young actors as they bring to life this wonderful production!

Andrea Schulwitz, Director

Show Schedule:

Evening Performances:

Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23 and

Saturday, August 24

Shows begin at 7:30 pm

(doors open at 7:00)

Matinee Performance:

Sunday, August 25

Matinee begins at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:30)

Tickets available at door



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Did you know that:

- Youth participate in the Rogers City Community Theatre summer program at no charge
- Children come from communities across Presque Isle County to join in the fun
- Life skills learned during the summer theatre program can have a lasting effect, boosting academic performance while enhancing personal development

Cast Members for *Disney's Little Mermaid Jr.*

Kyrsten Altman – Jetsam

Emma Bade – Chorus

Morgan Baller - Chorus

Ella Bradow - Chorus

Mackenzie Bruning – Chorus

Jacob Bruski – King Triton

Ashley Bunton – Scuttle

Brandie Chojnaki – Ursula

Patrick Dunn – Prince Eric

Jadyne Hanson – Chorus

Mataya Hanson – Chorus

Bradley Heidemann – Chef

Louis , Grimsby

Salena Heidemann –

Mersister

Chloe Hentkowski – Mersister

Hayden Henkowski – Chorus

Linnea Henkowski – Flounder

Luke Jakey – Chorus

Erica Jumper - Chorus

Brielle Kulik – Flotsam

Dylan Lafleche – Chorus

Kyley Lafleche – Seahorse

Baylee Lijewski – Pilot, Carlotta

Sarra Loveless – Chorus

Elaina Madison –

Mersister

Emilee Madison – Ariel

Shelby Michalak – Chorus

Kaitlin Neff – Chorus

Rebecca Neff – Chorus

Ashley Nowicki – Mersister

Caitlynn Shadbolt –

Mersister

Chloe Schultz - Sebastian

Madison Thornton -

Chorus

Madison Tulgestka –

Mersister

Ella Williams – Chorus

Mackenzie Williams -

Chorus



President's Corner By Mike Marx



Summer has finally arrived and this gives the kids a chance to take stage and show off their talents. This year's musical, *The Little Mermaid*, has made an opportunity for many of our "veteran" youth to show their acting skills along with quite a few "rookies" who add in fresh energy. Be sure not to miss this production!

Some of you will remember that we distributed a customer survey at the 2012 spring show. I would like to thank those of you

who took the time to answer that survey. Your responses gave us, the board, a real good idea who our audience is and what you are looking for as theatre patrons. We are using your input right now in determining what plays we will be producing for the 2014 season. An article discussing survey results more fully appears in this issue.

If you did not get a chance to take the survey, please don't wait for the next survey to share your ideas. Just let any of us on

the board know what your ideas are to make our productions better. We are always looking for your input. And if you have talents that you want to share with the group, even if it is not on stage, there are many committees with our theatre group that need help. Marketing and costume relocation are committees that could use your help, to name a couple.

Thank you for you past support. We are looking forward to your continued support into the future.

Open Auditions for *Harvey* September 4 & 5 By Donna Klein, Director

Open auditions for our autumn production of Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Harvey*, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 4 and 5 at 7 pm.

Note: Auditions will be held in the Constance Jordan Room at the Rogers City branch of the Presque Isle District Library, not at the Rogers City Theatre. The library's address is 181 East Erie Street. The Constance Jordan Room is located on the Second Street side of the building. Parking is available in the lot or on the street. There will be a sign on the door for your convenience.

Six men and six women are needed to act in this

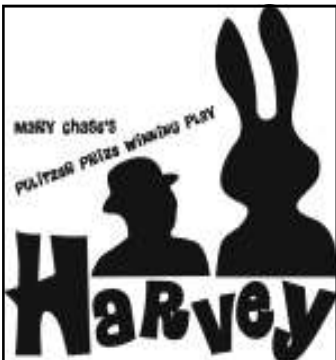
hilarious Broadway comedy about an affable fellow, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend Harvey. Harvey is a pooka in the guise of a very tall rabbit, and is only seen by Elwood... or is he? Family members, friends, and associates include: Elwood's sister, Veta Louise Simmons, Veta's daughter, Myrtle Mae, the household's maid, Miss Johnson, a socialite, Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet, and Judge Omar Gaffney.

The characters at Chumley's Rest, the sanitarium where the family wants to place Elwood, include: head nurse, Ruth Kelly, lead physician, Lyman Sanderson, orderly, Duane Wilson, head

of the facility, William Chumley, his wife, Betty Chumley, and a cab driver, EJ Lofgren.

Rehearsals take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings up to production week. Other rehearsals may be added as needed. The production opens on Friday, October 25th and closes on Sunday, November 3rd. Performances take place both weekends on Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

For more information, please contact the director, Donna Klein, at 989-306-3951 or e-mail ocqueoclover@yahoo.com. Information is also available at rcctheatre.org.





Marketing Survey Results

The Rogers City Community Theatre audience has spoken! We appreciated hearing the views and opinions of everyone who participated in the marketing survey we conducted during the run of Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" in March of last year. The survey was available as an insert in the show's playbill and online at rcctheatre.org. We had a total of 235 respondents.

We found out that approximately 75% of respondents currently reside in Presque Isle County. The remainder were from Alpena, Cheboygan, and Montmorency Counties. Approximately 41% of our respondents

had attended four or more plays in the past two years. Nearly 80% of respondents had attended at least two plays in the past two years. Most respondents hear about our plays through the Presque Isle County Advance, the Onaway Outlook, the theater's marquee and our newsletter.

While respondents enjoy all of our shows, more than 75% like musicals, and nearly 70% like plays. Most respondents receive our newsletter via the Postal Service.

Three quarters of respondents are women and our main age group includes people age 56 and older. We added 39 people to our newsletter

e-mail list and 17 people to our e-mail list. Many respondents provided comments and suggested shows they'd like to see at RCCT.

If you are online, please visit our "new" Web site at rcctheatre.org. After your visit, please complete the very short (three question) survey about the site. Your feedback will help us maintain a Web site that is responsive to your needs.

Thank you to those who participated in the survey. You are helping to improve the experience we provide to you, our audience!

— Donna Klein, Marketing Chair

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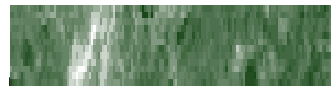
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Please reserve for pick-up the number and type of tickets indicated below:

Number:		Amount:
_____	Six Pack punch card; mix and match any six admissions for \$50	_____
_____	General Admission to <i>Little Mermaid Jr.</i> @ \$12 each	_____
_____	Senior Admission to <i>Little Mermaid Jr.</i> @ \$10 each	_____
_____	Student Admission to <i>Little Mermaid Jr.</i> @ \$6 each	_____
_____	List me as a footlight sponsor for Youth Theatre @ \$25 this show	_____
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Information for program listing or ticket pick-up:

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
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 Make check payable to : Rogers City Community Theatre
 Mail completed form to: 257 North Third Street
 Rogers City, MI 49779



Are You an Angel?

The Rogers City Community Theatre has the lowest live theater ticket price in Northeast Michigan, making donations an important part of our budget. Therefore, the RCCT Board has decided to expand levels of Program Sponsorship to include the following new categories for donations:

- _____ \$100 Donor
- _____ \$250 Patron
- _____ \$500 Angel

All Program Sponsors will be recognized under the appropriate category heading in all 2013 show programs. Thanks for your continuing support!

We have the lowest ticket price in NE Michigan. Help keep it that way with your donations.

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See you at the show!

About Our Theatre

The Rogers Theatre was constructed in 1937 as a classic, single screen small town movie palace in the Art Deco style. After a fire in 1947, the theatre was re-built and expanded. Serving as a downtown landmark for decades, the theatre was purchased in 2003 by Karl W. Heidemann. The new owner added a stage, theatrical lighting and utility improvements. In 2004, live productions began alternating with first run movies, in a revitalized auditorium. In the summer of 2009, exterior restoration brought back the black and orange tile work of the original theatre façade.

Once the stage was available, an informal group of local theatre fanatics emerged that now constitutes the Rogers City Community Theatre (RCCT). In 2006, a youth summer theatre program began as well. Community cast members have ranged in age from 6 to 94. New theatre volunteers are always welcome, both on stage and behind the scenes. Come join the fun!

In 2009, the RCCT incorporated as a Michigan non-profit organization and received IRS approval for federal non-profit status. Contributions are appreciated, and are now tax deductible.