

# Van Wert Civic Theatre Blog

**By Lisa Eichler**

It's that time of year again! Van Wert Civic Theatre's season ticket sale is in full swing. This is our 58th season! It starts with *Rumors*. A comedy written by Neil Simon, at a gathering for their 10-year anniversary party, the host lies bleeding from a gunshot wound, and his wife is nowhere in sight! Next, is *Scrooge, the Musical*. It's a retelling of the Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol* with Scrooge, the ghost of Jacob Marley, the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future. The third show is *Rex's Exes*, a sequel to *The Red Velvet Cake War*. It won't matter if you didn't see the first show. You will enjoy watching the Verdeen cousins teeter on the brink of disaster AGAIN! The comedy team of Jones, Hope and Wooten has written a funny play you won't want to miss! The spring show is *Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grille*. It's an offbeat end of the world comedy written by Bruce Graham. Ending the season is *Clue the Musical*, written by Wayne

Barker, Galen Blum, Tom Chiodo, Peter DePietro and Vinnie Martucci. It's based on the Parker Brothers game of the same name. The audience receives forms to help them deduce the solution from clues given throughout the evening. Three audience members choose from cards representing the potential murderers, weapons and rooms; there are 216 possible solutions! Call the box office at 419.238.9689 to make reservations.

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It takes many people to put a show together. It's all done by VOLUNTEERS! I am so thankful to the people who do all the things needed to put a show together. First, the play reading committee reads many plays during the year to decide the five shows to produce. A director is picked, then an assistant director, a liaison, a prompter who comes to the last few weeks of rehearsals to help the cast when they are off book and have to know their lines. Auditions are held, and a cast is selected. Musicals also have a music director, choreographer and musicians. The cast rehearses five times a week, plus time they need to learn their lines. Next, we need a prop person to find props needed for each show. We need a back stage crew to move props and change the set between scenes. We also have people to build the set, paint and decorate it. We have ushers, a head usher, host, someone to work in the box office, people to take reservations, costumers, someone to write the playbill, sound and light crew, ticket sales people, web site people, publicity people, someone to write a blog, people to clean the theater, mow the grass, shovel snow, do repairs, and make punch and coffee. We have board members, people who head committees. We have parents who bring their children to and from rehearsals. It takes many, many people to put a show together and we are so thankful to each and every person who helps! Everyone is important and if we didn't have the help of all the volunteers, we wouldn't have a theater! I hope I didn't leave anyone out! Thank you, thank you, thank you, a hundred times!

