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Press Release

Winding River Players SWAT Alumni Present “*Curtains*”

Keystone Theatre

July 10, 11 at 7:30 PM and July 12 at 2:00 PM

Tickets are \$8.00 seniors and students & \$10.00 for adults. Call 570-268-ARTS (2787) to reserve tickets.

From the same talented young people who brought you *Jesus Christ Superstar* last summer comes another terrific production this summer. Winding River Players S.W.A.T. (Summer Workshop Acting Troupe) alumni will present the newest musical comedy whodunit, “*Curtains*” on July 10, 11 and 12 at the Keystone Theatre in Towanda.

“*Curtains*” recent run was on Broadway starring David Hyde Pierce. It comes to Towanda straight off Broadway in one of its first “off-Broadway” productions. Earlier this spring, WRP’s artistic director, Julie Larnard-Newbury, was able to secure the production. Rehearsals are in full swing with an amazing cast of young thespians from Towanda and all of its surrounding communities.

“*Curtains*” is a delightful return to old-fashioned musical comedy set in 1959. The story unfolds at a pre-Broadway tryout of a new musical and begins when the talent-free leading lady dies on opening night during her curtain call. Lieutenant Frank Cioffi arrives on the scene to conduct the investigation but the lure of the theatre proves irresistible. After an unexpected romance blooms for the stage-struck detective, he finds himself just as drawn toward making the show a hit as he is in solving the murder.

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As the bodies pile up, the ensemble dwindles and everyone is a suspect. The drama builds as the question looms, "Can Cioffi solve the murders and save the show before it reaches Broadway?" The production is complete with rousing production numbers and a cast of colorful backstage characters. "*Curtains*" has audiences cheering long before the curtain comes down.

"*Curtains*" is an original musical by multiple Tony Award-winner Rupert Holmes, music was written by John Kander, and lyrics by Fred Ebb (the Tony Award-winning songwriters of *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, and the anthem "*New York New York*").

Performances of "*Curtains*" are July 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults. Call the Bradford County Regional Arts Council at 268-ARTS (2787) to reserve your tickets today. This is a must-see production by this region's incredible young talent.

More information at <http://www.bcrac.org> and www.wrplayers.org