



"In the Spotlight"

~Fall 2014~

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is an exciting time to be a part of Rose Valley. We are trying a lot of new things this year (a new stage director in the fall, a new music director in the spring) while still holding onto what makes us RVCO. We are still striving to produce top quality shows while maintaining our traditions and records. We are reaching further out into the community, including participation in the Aston Community Day as well as partnering with the Community Action Agency of Delaware County (CAADC) in order to raise money for those in need while producing a third show this season. We are working to remember who we are while further developing what that means. Come and join us as we continue to grow and mature.

Sincerely,
Ryan Goulden, President

Upcoming Show News

Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra presents:

The Gondoliers

November 8th, 9th, 12th, 15th, and 16th
Strath Haven Middle School

Join us for our 108th season!

Tickets will be available at the door:
\$20/Adults | \$17 Sen./Stu. | \$7/Kids <12



Stage Director:
Daniel K. Williams

Music Director:
Carol Freed

Performances of this fully staged show, accompanied by a 30 piece orchestra, take place at 8:00pm on Saturday Nov. 8 & 15, and Wednesday Nov. 12. Matinees at 2:00pm are

scheduled for Saturday Nov. 8 & 15, and Sunday Nov. 9 & 16. All performances are held in the theater of the Strath Haven Middle School, 200 South Providence Road (Route 252) Wallingford, PA 19086. Advance tickets are discounted and group rates for 10 or more attending the same performance are

\$12. For more information and directions to the theater, call 610-565-5010, or visit the group online at www.rvco.org.

-SPRING 2015: Kiss Me, Kate (Revised) – Kate Nealley, Stage Director; Mike Stadnicki, Music Director – stay tuned for the audition announcement...coming soon!

-JUNE 2015: Nunsense 2

No Nonsense about Nunsense. After the excitement of *The Gondoliers* and *Kiss Me Kate*, RVCO will be embarking on a third production this season: Dan Groggin's *Nunsense 2*, the uproarious sequel to the popular show *Nunsense*. Taking place six weeks after their first benefit (to raise money for the other 52 residents of the convent who were accidentally poisoned by Sister Julia's tainted vichyssoise), the show follows the continued adventures of the Little Sisters of Hoboken. Things get off to a rousing start, but chaos erupts when two Franciscans come to claim Sister Amnesia as their own. Do they want her or just her winnings from the Publishers' Clearing house Sweepstakes?

This production promises to be very entertaining, but it has a serious side as well. RVCO has partnered with the Community Action Agency of Delaware County (CAADC) to support its "Save Our Shelters" program, which provides emergency housing and services for families and individuals in times of crisis. Services include meal programs, life skills support, employment search support, computer skills and many other services. A portion of *Nunsense 2* ticket sales and sponsorships will be used to support the CAADC Shelter program.

Stay tuned for more information about this upcoming production, coming to Stage One in June. Enjoy a hysterically heavenly high-energy show AND help a worthy cause!



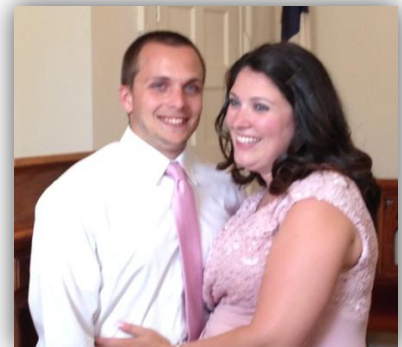
Brandon Bramanti on August 16, 2014. Caity has been involved with RVCO for a number of years as a singer, dancer, and choreographer. Brandon is a big supporter of her talent. Good luck, Caity and Brandon!

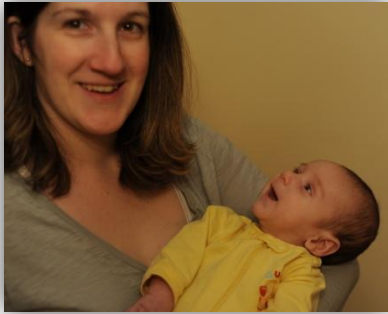
Congratulations!

Brian Walsh and **Ryan Goulden** were married on October 12, 2014, to the delight of family and friends. Brian and Ryan are both active members of RVCO, as performers and directors. Ryan is currently serving as the RVCO Executive Board President. Best wishes, Brian and Ryan!

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Our own **Caity Moon** married her longtime sweetheart





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Belated congratulations to member **Peri Berman** and her husband, Joe Gillman, on the birth of Ari David Gillman. Ari was born Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 6:31pm. He was 7 lbs 2oz and 19 inches. There were some complications with pre-eclampsia. But, even though arriving three weeks early and spending a few days in the NICU, Ari and Peri are both doing extremely well. "He is our little miracle," says Peri.

What our members are doing outside of RVCO...

It's tough to select a concept, get words down about it, and make a play in even a few days; in 24 hours it's well nigh impossible. But that is exactly the challenge our *RVCO Playwright in Residence* **Julie Zaffarano** took on in early October.

Plays & Players Theater played host to a 24-hour event on October 3rd-4th where writers, actors and stage people collaborated to create plays in about 24 hours, and then performed them and saw them become a reality.

Julie's one-act play, "Dare to Catch a Cloud" featured two talented young actors, a single set, a single prop/costume item, and created a truly human and wonderful story. The story began with two young people meeting by chance on a playground, becoming friends, and then stepped forward through several snapshots to show them growing up, growing apart, growing together.



I thought the actors and director obviously understood who they were and who each other were in each slice of time, creating understandable motions, clear transitions, and offering a personal message. The playwright did a terrific job giving them the material to work with, and it obviously showed in their performance.

Congratulations to **Julie**, and best wishes for your next play, wherever it may be performed!

"Dare to Catch a Cloud"

Directed by Nicole Godino

Performed by [Hannah Van Sciver](#) and [Arlen Shane Hancock](#).

Written by [Julie Zaffarano](#)

Performed at Plays and Players, 24-Hour Play Festival, Philadelphia, October 4, 2014

~ Submitted by Ed Nealley

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Pete Dorwart has recently finished inserting a new translation into the full score of The Merry Widow. It will be opening at the Metropolitan Opera on New Year's Eve with the dynamic Renee Fleming.

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Molly Lazer is directing a production of Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water" at Cheltenham High School. The show runs November 21 and 22 at 7:30 at Cheltenham High School, 500 Rices Mill Road, Wyncote, PA. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

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Martha Smylie will be performing John Rutter's REQUIEM and THE LIGHT OF LIFE, by English composer Edward Elgar, which interprets the biblical story of the man born blind whose sight is restored, with the Wayne Oratorio Society. The concerts will be held on November 1 and 2. For more information, go to <http://www.waynepres.org/concerts>.

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After performing her first show with RVCO as Eva Peron in Evita this past April, **Stacy Moscotti** then travelled to Siam via New Jersey when she played Anna in The King and I with Off Broad Street Players at the Levoy Theatre this past August. Stacy also recently sang for Narberth Community Theatre's open house for their new performing space, reprising momentarily her role as Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar as she sang "I don't know how to love him". Stacy is currently enjoying a short break and being mom to her amazing 4 year old Olivia while gearing up for auditions for 2015.

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Members **Dan Williams** and **Lyndsay Varsaci** sing with The Brandywine Singers, who are performing The Messiah with Julianne Baird and Tempeste di Mare, Baroque Orchestra on Dec 20th at 7:30PM at St. Paul's in Chestnut Hill and Dec 21 at 2PM at The Methodist Church in West Chester. Tickets can be purchased from me directly or on our website thebrandywinesingers.org.

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Congratulations to **Bill DeFeo**, the new Controller for The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA.

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Crystal Nielsen is in a production of Aida (the musical) at Narberth Community Theatre. Details can be found here: <http://www.narberthcommunitytheatre.org/shows/Show-AIDA.html>

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