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RE: The Rocky Hock Playhouse to present *A Rocky Hock Valentine*

Rocky Hock Playhouse

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Theatre physical address and location:

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Production: *A Rocky Hock Valentine* by Gloria Emmerich

Performances will be held on February 5, 9, and 12, 2013 in Edenton, NC with a buffet lunch starting at noon followed by the performance. The theatre is located at Leon Nixon Catering & Banquet Facilities on Hwy. 32 in Edenton, NC. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults - \$29.95, Seniors - \$28.95, Children - \$22.95, Group A (10-24 people) - \$27.95, and Group B (25+ people) - \$26.95 (plus tax and gratuity). Ticket price includes both the performance and the buffet. For more information contact the Rocky Hock Playhouse Box Office: (252) 482-4621.

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is a full time professional theatre located in Edenton, NC.

STORY:

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is presenting their Valentine production entitled *A Rocky Hock Valentine* February 5, 9, and 12, 2013. Owners, Jeff and Gloria Emmerich, have partnered with Leon Nixon to create NE North Carolina's only professional dinner theatre venue. Since relocating the theatre back to Edenton from Washington, NC last year a majority of the Rocky Hock Playhouse performances have been sold out. The theatre has entertained over 250,000 patrons since it opened 13 years ago.

This Valentine musical concert will feature the Rocky Hock Playhouse Singers in

a show filled with harmony, comedy, romance, nostalgia, and fun. The musical is especially designed for everyone (not just couples). The setting for *A Rocky Hock Valentine* is a "love boat" style cruise ship that is based in Edenton and sails the Albemarle Sound with a comical crew who promises to take the audience on a fun and inspirational Valentine "cruise" they'll not soon forget. Admission also includes a delicious buffet lunch.

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is one of only a few full time professional Christian theatres on the East Coast.

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A Rocky Hock Valentine Cast:



Gloria Emmerich (*Nurse: Nora Paine*) was born in Newport, Oregon and is the resident musical director, playwright, lyricist, and composer at the Playhouse. She has written over 65 full length musicals—many of which are being performed around the world today. Gloria appears in all Rocky Hock productions. She earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree** and **Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance** from San Diego State University. Gloria and her husband Jeff started the original

theatre in Edenton in 2000.



Jeff Emmerich (*Capt. Phil Holland*) was born in Bend, Oregon and co-owns the Rocky Hock Playhouse with his wife Gloria. He was previously head of the drama department at North Central University in Minneapolis, MN and is currently the drama director at College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC. Jeff appears in all Playhouse productions and is our stage director and set designer. He earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance** and a **Master of Fine Arts Degree in Musical Theatre** from San Diego State University.



Holly Emmerich (*Chef: Lola "Lambchop" Baker*) was born in San Diego, CA. She is a theatre veteran and has appeared in over 30 professional productions. Holly recently graduated from ECSU in Elizabeth City, NC where she earned a **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education**. While attending Haskell University Holly was the president of the renowned Native American Thunderbird Theatre in Lawrence, KS. In addition to her work with the Playhouse as both actor and house manager she is also the supervisor of a ladies group home in Washington, NC. Holly is part of the Emmerich Family Quartet and has toured and performed in the US, Puerto Rico, and Germany. She is featured as a soloist on many Rocky Hock Playhouse CDs.



Mariah Schierer (*Ship's Gopher: "Catchup" McCloud*) is originally from Greene, Maine and is an accomplished dancer, actor, and singer. She is a legitimate "triple threat" and we're honored to have her on our stage. She has been with the company now for the past two years. Mariah earned a **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance** from Dean College. Professional experience includes work with several theatres here on the east coast and she toured with VEE Corp as Harmony Bear in Care Bears Live. Mariah and Nathan were married in May and make their home in Edenton.



Nathan P. Schierer (*Activity Director: Miles Bennett*) is originally from Fillmore, NY. He is a graduate of Houghton College in Houghton, NY where he earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance**. Nathan is also our box office, office, and road manager. He has been with the company now for three and a half years and has played major roles in over a dozen main-stage productions. Nathan is gifted with a beautiful voice and we know you'll enjoy his role in our Valentine production.