

STEVE DINENNO - DIRECTOR, *A CHORUS LINE*



Steve has been an active member of the Dramateurs since 1986. During his time at the Barn, he has worked on numerous shows both on and off stage. He currently serves as the group's Corresponding Secretary for the 2024 Season. Steve has directed many Barn productions, including *Chess*, *Company*, *The Addams Family*, *Into the Woods*, *Spring Awakening*, *Rent*, *It Shoulda Been You*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Legally Blonde* and, most recently, our 2023 production of *Rock of Ages*. Steve is a Gifted Support and Advanced Placement teacher at Norristown Area High School. He lives in Eagleville, PA with his wife of 30 years, Marianne, and their two dogs, Tina and Tracy.

Why is Steve interested in directing *A Chorus Line*?

As a director, I enjoy a challenge. The shows which I choose to direct are not only challenging to produce and stage but also represent a challenge for the actors involved. *A Chorus Line* fits this description very well. Contrary to what many might think, *ACL* is not a "dancing show" in as much as it is a show about doing what you love no matter the personal or professional cost. *ACL* tells the stories (based on the true conversations with real life chorus dancers) of a group of people from different backgrounds and experiences as they pursue their true passion and live their ultimate dream, a career on the stage. Whether you are new to theater, have made it a part of your life for decades, like me, or find your passion in other places, you can see yourself in these unique and complex characters. Perhaps that is why this show has endured even though it opened almost 50 years ago. No matter who you are or what you love to do, you can relate to the struggles, pain and joy that comes from saying I did "What I Did for Love." Whether you become a part of this production or simply come and see the final product, I hope you find something of yourself in these characters and their stories.