



The Rod Serling Memorial Foundation

NEWSLETTER - 50th Anniversary Edition



The TWILIGHT ZONE

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URNS 50!

Celebrations Abound



BINGHAMTON'S BIG BASH

The celebration in Rod Serling's hometown was kicked off by the Serling



On Saturday night, October 3, 2009, Binghamton's PBS affiliate WSKG staged live performances of two beloved *Twilight Zone* episodes.



The episodes followed Serling's original scripts where possible and adapted to the live studio setting where necessary. A masterful job! **STORY & MORE STILLS**

family and local dignitaries... and continued for four days. Festivities included proclamations and presentations... special screenings and readings... unveiling of an original Rod Serling bust... live television re-enactments of TWZ episodes... rides on the carousel which inspired the episode "Walking Distance" and much more. Full details, including photo galleries, news links and blogs can be found at the Foundation website:

www.rodserling.com



ITHACA JOINS IN

The School of

Communications at Ithaca College, where Serling taught creative writing sponsored a two-day conference that featured an international panel of researchers, special guests and speakers -- including Foundation Board members **TONY ALBARELLA** (left-below) and **GORDON WEBB** (right).



Albarella's presentation -- including lots of video clips -- examined the impact of war on Rod Serling's life and work, while Webb used clips and still images to illustrate differences between the 150 filmed episodes of *The Twilight Zone* and the six shows produced on videotape during the second season.

Ithaca's keynote speaker was **GEORGE CLAYTON JOHNSON** -- one of the few living writers who worked on *The Twilight Zone*. Johnson scripted four episodes, and created the stories for four others. He also wrote the first episode of the TV series *Star Trek* (1966) and is co-author of the sci-fi classic *Logan's Run*.



A bus trip to Binghamton on Saturday afternoon brought the I-C conference participants to Serling's hometown to see what was going on -- including Anne Serling's reading from her memoirs (see column two).



SERLING STAMP FINALLY RELEASED

At an official ceremony on August 11th, the U.S. Postal Service released a series of twenty stamps commemorating "TV's Early Memories." At the Binghamton event at the Forum -- **ANNE SERLING-SUTTON** and **JODI SERLING** unveiled the stamp honoring their father:



The stamp series was also unveiled in a ceremony in Los Angeles -- on the same day.



The Twilight Zone Soliloquies of Rod Serling

Foundation Board member **STEVE SCHLICH** produced a really creative montage of clips from *The Twilight Zone* for use on I-C's conference bus trip to Binghamton. He's intercut shots from the series along with Serling's famous intros and closing in a way that communicates something special on its own. This program is definitely worth watching... and you can **contact Steve** for more information about his production.

Gordon C. Webb
Editor

THE PALEY CENTER PRESENTS A CELEBRITY STAGED READING OF THE TWILIGHT ZONE'S "THE MASKS"



On October 28th, the Paley Center for Media in New York honored the 50th anniversary of *The Twilight Zone* with a unique, star-studded reading of the first and only TZ episode directed by a woman (**Ida Lupino**). Fans who attended the event saw the episode re-created by a star-studded cast, including: Lucie Arnaz, Laurence Luckinbill, Katharine Luckinbill, Robert Walden, and Fritz Weaver. The reading was directed by Antony Marsellis, and **ANNE SERLING-SUTTON** (above, right) was a special guest.

Anne reads from her book *Growing Up With The Man Behind The Twilight Zone* on the RSMF website.

CHECK OUT FOUNDATION PRESIDENT ANDY POLAK'S BLOG FOUNDATION PHOTOS PAGE • PALEY CENTER PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE PALEY CENTER EVENT



GET YOUR TZ T-SHIRTS!

President **POLAK** sports the new shirt specially designed (in black-and-white) for the 50th anniversary... and, YES they're available on the **Serling Memorial Foundation Website!**

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The caricature of Rod Serling on our masthead is by the late Johnny Hart -- internationally-known cartoonist ("B.C." and "The Wizard of Id") ... another creative genius who called the Binghamton area "home."