

COMMUNITY PLAYERS

of Salisbury



Back Stage

December 2022

From the desk of the President...



It is finally getting cold, the holidays are coming, and we are celebrating! The opener of our 86th season, ***Little Women the Musical***, was a rousing success. Darrell Mullins and his cast and crew are truly to be congratulated. Who would have thought that we would have a turntable on the Wi Hi stage? Kenny Johnson, that's who! The set was beautifully decorated. The period costumes by Jenny Tusing, with assistance from Lynne Bratten and dressers and make up folks were beautiful. And thanks to big props to Stage manager, Kate Adkins, for making the complex productions run smoothly.

Another show is in the books, and we now await ***Leading Ladies***. This hilarious farce is directed by Matt Bogdan. Production is underway, and we can't wait to see it at Wor-Wic in February.

We also have behind the scenes news. After several years of discussion with authorities, Tom Robinson has received tentative approval to modify our Nutters Cross facility to start doing live indoor performances. We need to do some sitework to get final approval. Our ad hoc committee met on November 14, and we are excited to start making plans as to what remodeling will need to be done. Sub committees were appointed to address everything from where we will put the stage to dressing rooms to box office and concession location. And yes, we are going to have to figure out how we will pay for it—but more on that later.

Meanwhile, we wish a happy holiday season to all our friends and supporters.

See you at ***Leading Ladies***.

Kel Nagel

The Production Committee is looking for members! It's show time, again!

Tom Robinson, Community Players Vice-President, is in charge of the Production Committee and he is looking for people to serve on the committee.

This committee is to receive titles of shows from potential directors and to read the scripts of the proposed shows.

Then the committee will meet to discuss the merits of producing each show. The committee will then recommend shows for the 2023-24 season to the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in serving on the committee or would like more information before volunteering please contact Tom at tomchicken@aol.com.

You do not have to be a theater expert to serve – just be willing to read the scripts and discuss the merits of the shows that are submitted.

Potential directors and their immediate family will not be able to serve on the committee.



Production Committee is looking for Directors for the 2023-24 season

Are you interested in directing a play? Do you have a favorite play that you would like to direct for Players? What are you waiting for?

The deadline to submit a play or a musical for consideration for next season is January 15, 2023.

If you have that show in mind, contact Production Committee Chairperson, Tom Robinson, at tomchicken@aol.com. He can give you all of the information you will need to get your show submitted to the committee. If you need help, he will be glad to offer some assistance.

Three Show Season Ticket Order Form 2022-2023



This package includes one ADULT ticket for each of the following shows - Leading Ladies, Crimes of the Heart, and Singin' in the Rain. Purchasers will have the opportunity to choose their preferred performance as specific dates and venues are announced. \$68 per package

This package includes one SENIOR ticket for each of the following shows - Leading Ladies, Crimes of the Heart, and Singin' in the Rain. Purchasers will have the opportunity to choose their preferred performance as specific dates and venues are announced. \$54 per package

This package includes one STUDENT ticket for each of the following shows - Leading Ladies, Crimes of the Heart, and Singin' in the Rain. Purchasers will have the opportunity to choose their preferred performance as specific dates and venues are announced. \$54 per package

This package includes one CHILD ticket for each of the following shows - Leading Ladies, Crimes of the Heart, and Singin' in the Rain. Purchasers will have the opportunity to choose their preferred performance as specific dates and venues are announced. \$41 per package

This package includes one FAMILY ticket for each of the following shows - Leading Ladies, Crimes of the Heart, and Singin' in the Rain. A Family ticket includes both parents and all children under 18 who live in the same household. The whole family must attend the same performance. Purchasers will have the opportunity to choose their preferred performance as specific dates and venues are announced. \$176 per package

Please complete the form. ALL fields are REQUIRED. Please print.

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Please make checks payable to Community Players of Salisbury, Inc. Your check will serve as your receipt.				

Mail to: Community Players, PO Box 2431, Salisbury, MD 21802



Director Matt Bogdan is pleased to announce the cast of Leading Ladies, the second show of Players' 86th season. The show is scheduled for February 2nd-4th and 9th-11th at Wor-Wic Community College. Tickets will be on sale on our website (www.sbyplayers.org) on December 1st.

Meg Snider--Caroline Lewis

Leo Clark--Pete Evans

Jack Gable--Mike Murphy

Audrey--Devin Bradley

Duncan Wooley--Pete Cuesta

Florence Snider--Bobbie Calloway

Doc Myers--Steve Culver

Butch Myers--Zachery Werner



Leading Ladies and Crimes of the Heart Show Dates Announced

The show dates for the two shows at Wor-Wic Community College have been announced. Leading Ladies will be held on February 2nd - 4th and 9th - 11th. Crimes of the Heart will be performed on April 21st & 22nd and April 28th & 29th. Both Shows will be in the Guerrieri Hall on WWCC campus. Further details are on our website (www.sbyplayers.org). Tickets will go on sale on December 1st.

THEATRE TEASERS

Trivia by Sharon Benchoff
December

1. In this play, an angel gets their wings when a bell rings.
2. A Tuna Christmas is set in this state.
3. Which character sings, "And could I leave you running merrily through the snow?" in Camelot?
4. What does Anna ask Elsa to build in Frozen?
5. Broadway legend, Jerry Orbach (Law & Order) sang, "deep in December, it's nice to remember" in this musical.
6. Who wrote the music for White Christmas?
7. "Once Upon a December" is from what musical about the legend that a Grand Dutchess of Russia may still be alive?
8. He wrote "Baby It's Cold Outside" in addition to How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying and Guys and Dolls
9. What is the name of young Ebenezer Scrooge's employer in A Christmas Carol?
10. Set during the depression, "A New Deal for Christmas" is from what musical?

Answers found on page 6

See you in the next Newsletter, I hope you have enjoyed this year's trivia. Have a wonderful Holiday Season with friends and loved ones!

Sharon





Articles, photos, etc. for publication in Back Stage should be emailed to me (popirusty@comcast.net) by the 15th of each month. Also, if you have ideas for the improvement of our newsletter, please let me know!

Rusty Mumford
Corresponding Secretary



Players' next meetings will be Wednesday, December 7 (7:00 PM) and January 4 (6:30 PM)). Please join us as we work on our 86th season.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:



1. It's a Wonderful Life
2. Texas
3. Sir Lancelot
4. Snowman
5. The Fantasticks
6. Irving Berlin
7. Anastasia
8. Frank Loesser
9. Mr. Fezzwig
10. Annie

Answers:



Membership Application

(Valid September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023)

Check one:

PATRON

- LEGACY CLUB:** For a contribution of \$2,000 or greater, you will receive eight season tickets
- ANGEL:** For a contribution of \$1,500 to \$1,999, you will receive six season tickets
- BENEFACTOR:** For a contribution of \$1,000 to \$1499, you will receive five season tickets
- GUARDIAN:** For a contribution of \$750 to \$999, you will receive four season tickets
- SPONSOR:** For a contribution of \$500 to \$749, you will receive three season tickets
- DONOR:** For a contribution of \$250 to \$499, you will receive two season tickets
- FRIEND:** For a contribution of \$ 125 to \$249, you will receive one season ticket

MEMBER

- \$50.00 Family**
One household - up to 2 adults and all children who are under the age of eighteen (18), twenty-two (22) if a fulltime student or on active duty in the military
- \$25.00 Individual**
An individual who is eighteen (18) years old or older
- \$ 10.00 Student**
An individual who is under the age of twenty-two (22) and is a fulltime student

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Questions? E-mail us at: membership@cposmd.com

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2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Why become a MEMBER of Community Players?

Community Theatre CANNOT EXIST without its members.

It NEEDS producers, directors, builders, painters, craftsmen, set dressers, prop gathers, seamstresses, makeup artist, lighting experts, sound technicians, stage crew, ticket sellers, ushers, patrons, advertisers, actors, dancers, singers & audience members.

Community Theatre NEEDS YOU.

"I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being."
— Oscar Wilde

Membership benefits include:

- A monthly newsletter with information about auditions, productions, events, and member happenings
- A free ticket to all Player's Nights (usually a Thursday show prior to Friday's Opening Night)
- A free 85th season glass tumbler
- Free admission to a weekly tap class
- Discounted admission to summer drama camp or workshops
- The right to borrow costumes, props, or set pieces without a deposit (pending Committee Chairman approval)
- The ability to serve on a committee
- The right to vote for Officers & Directors (members age 18 and over)
- An opportunity to serve as an elected Officer or Director on Player's Board of Directors (members age 18 and over)
- A great way to meet new people, learn about the many facets of stagecraft & have lots of fun – All while working together for a common goal

Patron benefits include:

- All the membership benefits listed above
- Tickets to our main season shows
- Special seating at Wi Hi
- Patrons' Reception
- Listing in show programs
- All contributions above the retail value of tickets are tax deductible

"Great theatre is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to." – Willem Dafoe



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Next Meetings - Wednesday, December 7 (7:00 PM) and January 4 (6:30 PM)

Community Players Officers & Board of Directors
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

President: Kel Nagel - kelnagel@yahoo.com
Vice-President: Tom Robinson - tomchicken@aol.com
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Board Members

David Allen, Ken Johnson, Shelbie Thompson - Term Expires 2023
Kate Adkins, Bobbie Calloway, Robin Finley - Term Expires 2024
Sharon Benchoff, Cass Dasher, Kyle Hayes - Term Expires 2025

Community Players is committed to celebrating an inclusive culture of creativity by welcoming actors, technicians, designers, musicians, and production team members from varied backgrounds with regards to race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, physical & mental ability, and religious & political beliefs.