

# COMMUNITY PLAYERS

*of Salisbury*

# Back Stage

June 2023



## From the desk of the President...



It's hard to believe that my year as president is ending. We are concluding a fine season with my favorite movie musical, **Singin' in the Rain**, directed by Rusty Mumford. The three leads will be terrific and have a great supporting cast. I am happy to return to the stage with a small role in a big body.

Off stage, our performance space project is building up steam. Work on the grounds is approved. The building committee is reviewing possible approaches to the interior, and we have applied for a grant to cover the expense of a theater building consultant.

Matt Bogdan is heading up the fundraising effort. We have had raffles at the last two shows. They generated a modest amount of cash and a lot of enthusiasm. See Matt's article in this newsletter for information about our music festival fundraiser at Kylan Barn in July.

And come see some singing and dancing in the rain!

See you at **Singin' in the Rain!**

*Kel Nagel*



## **SINGIN' IN THE RAIN UPDATE**

Rehearsals for Singin' in the Rain are going very well according to director Rusty Mumford. This energetic cast is putting their all into making the production a high caliber, high energy show that Salisbury audiences will not soon forget. Choreographer Britni Ilczuk is creating amazing dance numbers for the cast to dazzle the audience with lots of tap dance and a few surprises to boot. Music Director Jeff Baer is working with the singers and the orchestra members to make sure that the music is perfect for singing in the rain or the sun.

Our set is coming together under the watchful direction of Lester Huss. All of the technical crews are working very hard to get things in line for the opening of our last production of the season.

For ticket information, please visit our website, [sbyplayers.org](http://sbyplayers.org) or call 410-546-0099.

We are looking for a few things which we have not located yet. Two in particular are a large wooden desk (one that we might be able to dance on) and a wooden rolling desk chair with arms. Examples are pictures below. If you have either of these items and are willing to loan them, please contact Director Rusty Mumford at 410-430-0423 or [popirusty@comcast.net](mailto:popirusty@comcast.net) or Producer Becky Mumford at 410-430-0078 or [mimibecky@comcast.net](mailto:mimibecky@comcast.net).



## SINGIN' IN THE RAIN TECHNICAL NEEDS

As with all shows, **Singin' in the Rain** is in need of technical help in many areas. Help will be needed in the following areas:

set construction/painting (every Saturday at 10 AM)  
makeup and wigs  
backstage crew (moving the set on stage)  
special effects (Let's make it rain!)

No experience is necessary to work on any of these technical areas. If you would like to work with the coordinator of one of these crews or help with the show in any way, contact director Rusty Mumford at 410-430-0423 or [popirusty@comcast.net](mailto:popirusty@comcast.net) or producer Becky Mumford at 410-430-0788 or [mimibecky@comcast.net](mailto:mimibecky@comcast.net).

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***What is fun for all?***

***What gets you out of the house for an hour or so ?***

***What gives you the opportunity to show off without going on stage?***

***What provides you the chance to spend time with some splendid people?***



Once again, **Community Players** is hosting **Entertainment Trivia** on the 4th Friday of each month through the summer at Nutters Cross Rd.

*Come as a team or individual. Cost is \$5 per person.  
(all \$ goes to our own performance space)*

*Bring your own snacks and beverages.*

# COMMUNITY PLAYERS OF SALISBURY - 2023 BALLOT

NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Matt Bogdan

NOMINEE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY:

Darrell Mullins (continuing)

NOMINEE FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Rusty Mumford (continuing)

NOMINEE FOR TREASURER:

Charlie Linton (continuing)

NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (you may vote for no more than 3)

David Allen

Melissa Dasher

Lynne Bratten

Ken Johnson

Tony Broadbent

Shelbie Thompson

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ OR Membership number \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

All adult members (18 and over) whose dues are paid for 2022-2023 may vote. (Individual, Family, Patrons)

This ballot may be copied so that all adult members may vote.

Mail your completed ballot to: Community Players – PO Box 2431 – Salisbury, MD 21802 or drop off in the Ballot Box on the front porch at Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Rd. Salisbury.

**All ballots must be received by June 6, 2023**

## THEATRE TEASERS

Trivia by Sharon Benchoff

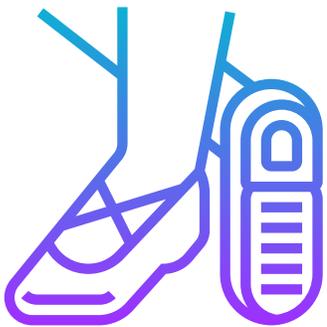
WC Fields famously said, 'Never Work with Children or Animals'

1. Per Atticus Finch, "it is a sin" to kill this type of bird.
2. What animal do the Knights battle in **Spamalot**?
3. Sandy is the lead character's best friend in this musical.
4. What breed played the role of Bruiser Woods in **Legally Blonde**?
5. What is Sheba in the play **Come Back Little Sheba**?
6. What is the name of Bill Sykes' dog in **Oliver**!
7. In **The Lion King**, Shenzi, Banzai and Ed are what kind of animals?
8. What is the name of the cat in **Bell, Book and Candle**?
9. What kind of animal is Dr Dillamond in **Wicked**?
10. This play concerns 15-year-old Christopher Boone, a mathematical genius with an autism spectrum disorder.

Answers found on page 6

## COME TAP WITH US!

Tap Dance Class every Wednesday night



5:30 - 6:30 PM

Players

Nutters Cross Road

Free for Players' members

\$5.00 per session for non-members

No experience necessary

Everyone welcome!



Matt Bogdan reported that Round 2 of an ARGOS application has been approved for funding of \$2,567.81 by the Maryland State Arts Council. A huge thanks to Gary Finley, who submitted the grant application for the Players. Matt submitted an application for a special grant to the Maryland State Arts Council to fund our hiring of a theater consultant. We should know very soon whether or not that grant will be approved.



We need your help with the upcoming benefit concert at Kylan Barn, to be held on July 29 from noon to 8 at the Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD. There are many tasks, from heavy lifting to running 50/50 raffles to taking tickets and handing out programs. If you can help in any way, please contact Matt Bogdan at 443-235-3272 or at [oceancityhappyme@aol.com](mailto:oceancityhappyme@aol.com).

## ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:



- Answers:
1. Mockingbird
  2. The Killer Rabbit of Caerbannog (you receive full credit if you say rabbit)
  3. **Annie**
  4. Chihuahua
  5. Dog
  6. Bull's-eye
  7. Hyenas
  8. Pyewacket
  9. Goat
  10. **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We will be holding Trivia Night every fourth Friday beginning in May and ending in September. It will held at 7 p.m. at Players. There will be prizes and lots of fun. Cost is \$5 cash and pay at the door. BYOB.

An Old-Time Radio Show, featuring Blondie, My Favorite Husband, Dick Tracy, Five-Minute Mysteries, and Abbott and Costello's Who's on First, as well as Old-Time Radio commercials, will be presented on June 24 at 7 p.m. at Players. Cost is \$10 cash and pay at the door. BYOB.

Jammin' in July at Kylan Barn, a benefit concert for the Players, will be held June 29 from noon to 8 p.m. at Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD. Eight acts will entertain the audience, and there will be arts and crafts vendors, food, and drink available. Cost is \$20. Pay at the door or buy tickets ahead of time. Check our website and Facebook for ticket information.

For more information about these fundraisers, contact Matt Bogdan at [oceancityhappyme@aol.com](mailto:oceancityhappyme@aol.com) or 443-235-3272.



Articles, photos, etc. for publication in Back Stage should be emailed to me ([popirusty@comcast.net](mailto: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 June 7 (6:30 PM). and July 5 (7:00 PM). There is a lot going on at Players right now. Join us to see when and where you can help.

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of Community Players.  
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your dues are paid for  
the current year,  
please check the  
mailing label on this  
newsletter.  
If it does not show  
2022-23, your dues  
are not up-to-date.*

**Next Meetings - Wednesday, June 7 (6:30 PM) and July 5 (7:00 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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Immediate Past-President: Melissa Dasher - bizemomx5@comcast.net*

*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.*