

# COMMUNITY PLAYERS

*of Salisbury*



# Back Stage

September 2023

## From the desk of the President...



With the arrival of September we are all wondering where the summer went.

I want to thank Rusty Mumford and his team for all the hard work on the 86th Season Celebration Dinner Party. Great job.

Some exciting things are happening at Community Players this Fall.

After a big showing for auditions, the cast for "Pippin" has been selected by director, Pete Cuesta and his team. Rehearsals are now in full swing. Show dates are November 10, 11 & 12 at WiHi Auditorium. It's not too early to get your tickets ordered.

Director, Matt Bogdan is busy with the show "Paths to Freedom: The Underground Railway on Maryland's Eastern Shore". It will be presented at seven different venues during the month of September (check this newsletter for the list).

If you walk in the big room at Nutters you might notice it seems brighter. Clean Edge Cleaning Company did their yearly stripping of the floor and adding two coats of wax. Looks great. Thanks Heather.

**Tom Robinson**  
President

# 86th Season Appreciation Celebration

Those who attended the Celebration were treated to a delicious buffet dinner, catered by Chef Stewart of Flannery's, followed by a Performers' Showcase, a musical revue. The evening was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring this event to life!



Community Players, next musical endeavor will be "Pippin". This almost farcical journey of a young man to find fulfillment in life will be performed the 10th, 11th and 12th of November at Wicomico High School. Spread the word! Tell your family and friends that this is not to be missed. Beautiful voices, beautiful faces, dancing, singing, magic, murder, and lots of rule-breaking - what fun!

These tickets will be on fire!  
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If you have an interest in joining the tech side for Pippin, our fall musical, please contact Kate Adkins by email at [mariefox18@gmail.com](mailto:mariefox18@gmail.com). For safety reasons persons must be 15+.

## Pippin-Cast List

Leading Player	Raquel Ndirangu
Pippin	Kyle Hayes
Catherine	Emma Laird
Charlemagne (King Charles)	Mark Tyler
Fastrada	Gianna Pesaniello
Lewis	Konnor Stever
Theo	Darshan Jothivel
Berthe	Natalie Cook
Player 1	Orli Ospital
Player 2 - u/s Catherine and Fastrada	Mary Cathell
Player 3	Rachel Lynch
Player 4	Sarah Wagner
Player 5	Jess Windsor
Player 6	Will Townsend
Player 7	Treston Melvin
Player 8 - u/s Lewis	Damion Sykes
Player 9	Adithya Bhaskaran
Player 10	Kim Cuesta
Player 11 - u/s Pippin	Caden Van Hoy
Player 12	Madelyn Shockley
Player 13	Alex Tingle
Player 14	Zachery Werner
Player 15 - u/s Berthe	Bobbie Calloway
Player 16	Ted Donohue

# FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Kylan Barn benefit concert was held July 29, raising over \$3000 for Players. *Edgar Allan Poe: Tales of Horror* was performed at the Island Theater in Chincoteague, VA on August 14, raising over \$200 for Players. Check the Players' website for October performances of the Poe show. Trivia Nights have been held, raising over \$600 for Players.

Anyone interested in helping with fundraising, contact Matt Bogdan at 443-235-3272 or [oceancityhappyme@aol.com](mailto:oceancityhappyme@aol.com).

**Community Players of Salisbury presents**

***Paths to Freedom:  
The Underground Railroad  
on Maryland's Eastern Shore***  
(with scenes from *Uncle Tom's Cabin*)

September 14, 7 PM, Community Players Building, Salisbury

September 15, 7 PM, Marva Theater, Pocomoke

September 16, 7 PM, Harriet Tubman Museum, 424 Race St, Cambridge

September 17, 2 PM, Poplar Hill Mansion, Salisbury

September 21, 7 PM, Kylan Barn, Delmar

September 22, 7 PM, Christ Methodist Church, Salisbury

September 23, 7 PM, Community Players Building, Salisbury

September 24, 3 PM, The Charles H. Chipman Center, Salisbury

**Free Admission - Donations Accepted**

This production has been financed in part through the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, a nonprofit 501c3 organization and a certified Maryland Heritage Area through the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, whose purpose is to preserve, protect and promote the historical, cultural and natural heritage of Maryland's Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. The Beach to Bay Heritage Area is located at 14 South Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811. Phone: 410-251-3163; Email address: [info@BeachesBaysWaterWays.org](mailto:info@BeachesBaysWaterWays.org). Website: [Beachesbayswaterways.org](http://Beachesbayswaterways.org).  
This production has also been financed in part through the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Website: [cfes.org](http://cfes.org)



# GRANTS UPDATE

Two final reports for the MSAC were completed. One was for Phase I of the Arts Relief Funding, in which we received \$4700+, and the second was for the FY23 Grants for Organization (GFO) grant, in which we received \$2700+.

Application for a grant through the MSAC new Arts Capital Grant Program will take place soon. Funds will be available to support capital projects, including renovation and rehabilitation of our existing facility.

An application for a grant through the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for new microphones has been submitted.

# Membership Application

(Valid September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)



**Check one:**

- \$2,000 and Up : LEGACY CLUB PATRON MEMBERSHIP**  
You will receive 8 season tickets
- \$1,500 - \$1,999 : ANGEL PATRON MEMBERSHIP**  
You will receive 6 season tickets
- \$1,000 - \$1499 : BENEFACTOR PATRON MEMBERSHIP**  
You will receive 5 season tickets
- \$750 - \$999 : GUARDIAN CLUB PATRON MEMBERSHIP**  
You will receive 4 season tickets
- \$500 - \$749 : SPONSOR PATRON MEMBERSHIP**  
You will receive 3 season tickets
- \$250 - \$499 : DONOR PATRON MEMBERSHIP**  
You will receive 2 season tickets
- \$125 - \$249 : FRIEND PATRON MEMBERSHIP**  
You will receive 1 season ticket
- \$50 : FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**  
One household - up to 2 adults and all children who are under the age of eighteen (18) or twenty-two (22) if a fulltime student or on active duty in the military
- \$25 : INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**  
An individual who is eighteen (18) years old or older
- \$10 : STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**  
An individual who is under the age of twenty-two (22) and is a fulltime student

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#1 First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
<b>Patron or Family Membership ONLY</b>			
Adult #2 First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Children:			
First Name(s):	Last Name(s):	Age(s)	

Remit Form and Payment to:

Questions? E-mail us at: [membership@cposmd.com](mailto:membership@cposmd.com)

**Community Players**  
PO Box 2431  
Salisbury, MD 21802

## **THEATRE TEASERS**

Trivia by Sharon Benchoff  
September- Colors

1. "Red, the blood of angry men! Black the dark of ages past!" – these stirring lyrics are sung by Marius and the other students in this musical.
2. This musical was based on the Pulitzer Award winning novel by Alice Walker and featured Jennifer Holliday as Shug on Broadway.
3. Satine works at this music hall in Paris.
4. *The Woman in White* was written by this knighted British icon of musical theatre.
5. "There's a bright, golden haze on the meadow" – name the musical that has this lyric.
6. *Last of the Red-Hot Lovers* and *Biloxi Blues* was written by this playwright.
7. This musical features a coat of many colors.
8. This musical revival starring Gosh Groban features the lyric, "Green Finch and Linnet Bird".
9. Which color does Galinda say is this year's pink in *Wicked*?
10. This Tennessee Williams play tells the story of an Italian-American widow in Mississippi who has withdrawn from the world after her husband's death.

Answers found on page 6

## **BACK STAGE SUBMISSIONS**

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

meeting  
TIME

Players' next meetings will be September 5 (7:00 PM) and October 4 (6:30 PM). The new season is starting soon. There is no better time to get involved. Following the meeting in September, join us for a sample of the revue presented at the 86th Season Appreciation Celebration.

*What is fun for all?*

*What gets you out of the house for a couple of hours ?*

*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**

*Friday, September 29th Cost is \$5 cash per person.*

*5109 Nutters Cross Rd*

*A gift certificate for the winning team!*

*Bring your own snacks and beverages.*



## **ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:**



- Answers:
1. Les Misérables
  2. The Color Purple
  3. Moulin Rouge
  4. Andrew Lloyd Webber
  5. Oklahoma
  6. Neil Simon
  7. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
  8. Sweeny Todd
  9. Black
  10. The Rose Tattoo

## Multiple Show Season Ticket Order Form

### Adult Tickets

4 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Season – Pippin, Rumors, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Kiss Me Kate	\$90	Total \$ for Adult tickets
3 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> ___Pippin, ___Rumors, ___Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, or ___Kiss Me Kate	\$68	
2 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> ___Pippin, ___Rumors, ___Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, or ___Kiss Me Kate	\$45	
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### Senior & Student Tickets\*

4 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior or <input type="checkbox"/> Student		Total \$ for Senior/ Student tickets
3 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Season – Pippin, Rumors, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Kiss Me Kate	\$72	
2 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> ___Pippin, ___Rumors, ___Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, or ___Kiss Me Kate	\$54	
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### Child Tickets\*\*

4 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Season – Pippin, Rumors, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Kiss Me Kate	\$54	Total \$ for Child tickets
3 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> ___Pippin, ___Rumors, ___Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, or ___Kiss Me Kate	\$41	
2 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> ___Pippin, ___Rumors, ___Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, or ___Kiss Me Kate	\$27	
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### Family Tickets\*\*\*

4 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Season – Pippin, Rumors, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Kiss Me Kate	\$234	Total \$ for Family tickets
3 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> ___Pippin, ___Rumors, ___Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, or ___Kiss Me Kate	\$176	
2 Show Option	<input type="checkbox"/> ___Pippin, ___Rumors, ___Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, or ___Kiss Me Kate	\$117	
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\*A Senior is anyone 55 years of age or older. A student is anyone over the age of 12 and under the age of 18 or a college student.

\*\*A child is anyone under the age of 12.

\*\*\*A family is both parents and all children under the age of 18 who attend the same performance.

*Please put a check next to the performance you plan to attend. Be sure to print your phone number and email clearly on the form below so that we can contact you when the Wor-Wic dates are finalized.*

Pippin	Rumors	Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike	Kiss Me Kate
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 11/10/23 7:30 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 11/11/23 7:30 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 11/12/23 2:00 PM	January/February Dates to be determined	March/April Dates to be determined	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/21/24 7:30 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 6/22/24 7:30 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 6/23/24 2:00 PM
Wicomico High School	Wor-Wic Community College	Wor-Wic Community College	Wicomico High School

Please complete the information below and return this form to *Community Players, P.O. Box 2431, Salisbury, MD 21802*. Make all checks payable to Community Players. Please print clearly.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Single Show tickets may be purchased on our website ([sbyplayers.org](http://sbyplayers.org)) by phone (410-546-0099).

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ / AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

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becoming a member  
of Community Players.  
If you are not sure if  
your dues are paid for  
the current year,  
please check the  
mailing label on this  
newsletter.  
If it does not show  
2023-24, your dues  
are not up-to-date.*

**Next Meetings - Wednesday, Sept. 5 (7:00 PM) and Oct. 4 (6:30 PM).**

**Community Players Officers & Board of Directors**  
**July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024**

*President: Tom Robinson - tomchicken@aol.com  
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