

COMMUNITY PLAYERS

of Salisbury

Back Stage
October 2023



From the desk of the President...



We are officially in Fall and it has started cooling off but not at Community Players.

I want to thank Matt Bogdan and his team for all the hard work on Paths to Freedom: The Underground Railroad on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It was a great show and a wonderful story. Well done Matt.

Rehearsals for Pippin are continuing with director, Pete Cuesta and a great cast. Really looking forward to seeing the show on November 10, 11 & 12 at WiHi Auditorium. Get your tickets ordered.

We finally have all the approvals from the State and the County to proceed with the paving of the parking lot. We had one more glitch that we had to overcome, we needed a landscape plan. Once we got that done and approved we are now good to go. Work has already begun. When that is completed we will be approved to do shows at Nutters Cross Road. Yeah!!!!

Tom Robinson
President





Rehearsals are well underway, and everyone is feeling the positive energy of an amazing production! The group's cohesiveness is infectious and we are really bringing the magic! #sbymagictodo



The Community Players of Salisbury presented *Paths to Freedom: The Underground Railroad on Maryland's Eastern Shore* (with scenes from Uncle Tom's Cabin) Sept. 14-17 and Sept. 21-24 at various locations on the Shore. Matt Bogdan, director, thanks Sharon Benchoff, technical director, Cass Dasher, sound coordinator, and all who were involved with the production. He thanks the cast for their dedication, and he thanks Beach to Bay Heritage Area and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for their financial support. The show was well-received, with numerous standing ovations. Matt said he is very grateful to the Players for allowing him to tap into his creative side and present special productions. Congratulations, cast and crew, for a job well done in presenting a very important part of American history.





He's back! Poe returns for a third year in *Edgar Allan Poe: His Tales of Horror*. Featured stories this year are *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Raven*, *The Black Cat*, *Masque of the Red Death*, and *Hop-frog*. Also, Edgar, his mother, and his wife will be there to guide you through Poe's life and introduce the tales of horror. The Poe show will be presented October 20 at 7 p.m. at the Players' building at 5109 Nutters Cross Road in Salisbury and October 21 at 7 p.m. at the Wicomico County Library in downtown Salisbury, October 27 at 7 p.m. at Kylan Barn in Delmar and October 28 at 7 p.m. at Poplar Hill Mansion in Salisbury. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Seating is limited at all venues, so call 443-235-3272 for reservations.



Do you enjoy storytelling? Here is an opportunity to hear and see great storytellers at the Jonesborough's National Storytelling Festival on October 6. The festival offers the opportunity to enjoy some of the world's top weavers of tales from the comfort of your own home — or anywhere, for that matter. This year, the International Storytelling Center will offer free streaming of storytelling performances live from Jonesborough on Friday, Oct. 6, starting at 10 a.m.

"This broadcast is for everyone, and is especially geared toward families, educators and students, people who are new to storytelling, and anyone who can't make it to Jonesborough, Tennessee to see the festival in person," an email from the ISC said. Attendees can register online for free. Then, starting at 10 a.m., viewers can virtually drop in to see their favorite performers anytime during the day. According to the ISC, all 18 featured storytellers will take a turn on the stage. For more information, or to register, go to <https://www.storytellingcenter.net/festival/virtual-festival/>.

The National Storytelling Festival will offer world-class and international storyteller performances as part of the annual festival. The festival is set for Oct. 6-8 in downtown Jonesborough — the storytelling capital of the world. For tickets or more information on the festival or the ISC, go to www.storytellingcenter.net.

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:	
Patron or Family Membership ONLY			
Adult #2 First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Children:	Last Name(s):		Age(s)
First Name(s):			

** Any individual who has never been a member of CPOS is eligible for a FREE membership for this season. If you wish to to waive the fee (\$25 or \$10) please initial here _____

Remit Form and Payment to: **Community Players PO Box 2431 Salisbury, MD 21802**

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



THEATRE TEASERS

Trivia by Sharon Benchhoff
October - Scary Theatre Teasers



1. This Noel Coward comedy features the ghost of a former wife.
2. Bela Lugosi and Frank Langella both played this blood loving character on Broadway.
3. This Sondheim musical features a wolf and a witch.
4. Don't say his name three times or this quirky ghost will appear
5. This musical (which I want to direct some day) features Hermes, Orpheus and Persephone.
6. You don't want to mess with this teen who ends up covered in blood, just like the film.
7. Witches are always scary, but in this play, it is the citizens of Salem that are really disturbing.
8. Ok, maybe the monster isn't terrifying in this Mel Brooks musical, but "Putting on the Ritz" will never be the same.
9. Arthur Radley is given this nickname by the children in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
10. This play is based on the Stephen King novel about a successful author and his crazed fan.

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 October 4 (6:30 PM) and November 1 (6:30 PM). The new season is starting soon. There is no better time to get involved.



Thanks to all of you that participated in our Friday Trivia Nights this summer.

I had such a good time working on putting the questions together. I hope you had fun on those evenings; I know I certainly did. Because it is the time of year that we put all of our resources, toward producing a quality season for you, Trivia Nights will have a hiatus. Never fear, we will be back and I'll let you know when.

Sharon

SHOW SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT SEASON

Any person can submit a show for consideration by the Production Committee. Shows may be submitted with or without a director. If you are interested in obtaining a form so that you can submit a show, contact Matt Bogdan at 443-235-3272 or oceancityhappyme2aol.com. Forms are to be returned to Matt before December 31. It is recommended that one person not submit more than two shows in the same season.

SEEKING MEMBERS FOR PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

Would you be interested in being considered for serving on the production committee? The responsibilities of those who are on the production committee are to read, analyze, and rank next season's submitted shows based on the criteria outlined in the guidelines, which involves thinking about issues such as costumes, props, set, technical effects, rentals, content, and performance requirements. Volunteer by contacting Matt Bogdan at 443-235-3272 or oceancityhappyme2aol.com.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:



- Answers:
1. Blythe Spirit
 2. Dracula
 3. Into the Woods
 4. Beetlejuice
 5. HadesTown
 6. Carrie
 7. The Crucible
 8. Young Frankenstein
 9. Boo
 10. Misery

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	

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	

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	

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	

*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 _____

Phone _____ EMAIL _____

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Check # _____ / AMOUNT _____

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Salisbury, MD 21802

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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
2023-24, your dues
are not up-to-date.*



Next Meetings - Wednesday, Oct. 4 (6:30 PM) and Nov.1 (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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