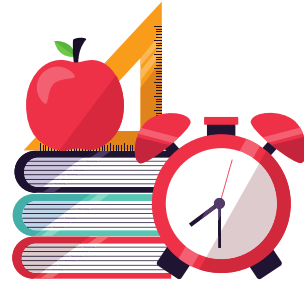


COMMUNITY PLAYERS

of Salisbury



Back Stage

September 2022

From the desk of the President...



AAs I write this in mid-August, the heat wave has finally broken, and it is time to think about our fall musical, ***Little Women***. Dates are set for November 4, 5, and 6. We are hoping for a Covid free season but will take whatever health precautions are needed for the safety of our cast, crew, and audience.

Meanwhile, congratulations to Rusty Mumford and the cast and crew of ***Players' Musical Memories***. It was a very entertaining tour through many years of Players' musicals. Thanks to Revival for the use of the facility. It was a great venue for this type of show. Who knows what idea someone will come up with for another show there?

In closing, I want to remind everyone that we are always looking for new people to participate in all aspects of our organization, on stage or off. If you want to get involved, please contact me or any board member.

See you at ***Little Women***.

Kel Nagel



KICK-OFF PARTY

Let's kick off Players' 86th season



with a party on



Saturday, October 8, 2022

at

Players on Nutters Cross Road.

Happy/Social Hour begins at 5 PM (**BYOB**).

Dinner (**covered dish**) will start at 6 PM.

Players will provide fried chicken, ham, rolls, ice, soda, paper goods, etc.

Each person/family is asked to bring a side dish (salad, vegetable, casserole, dessert) to share with the group.

Open Mic after dinner for karaoke, stand up comedy, etc. Share your hidden (or not so hidden) talents!

Contact Rusty by October 1st by email (popirusty@comcast.net) or by phone (410-430-0423-text or voice) to let us know--

--who and how many will be coming
--the dish you will bring to share



**Players' Musical
Memories**
*A Celebration of Players' 85th Season
and
our Musicals from 1964 to today*

The concert will be held at
Revival
(on the 3rd floor of the City Center, Downtown Salisbury)
on
Friday, August 5 at 7:30 PM
Saturday, August 6 at 2:00 PM
Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

*All current Players' members and anyone who attends the concert and joins
Players/renews their membership will receive a special commemorative gift.*

For more information, call 410-546-0099



Congratulations to the Players' Musical Memories vocal ensemble and instrumental combo who presented an incredible revue of highlights from Players' musicals at Revival on August 5 and 6! This show was a fundraiser as well as a celebration of Players' 85th anniversary. This partnership between Players and Revival resulted in Players receiving a check for \$1839.00.

Special thanks to director Rusty Mumford and music director Jeff Baer for leading this group of talented Players to present a successful show! The audiences loved it!!

SET UP HELP NEEDED - OC CONVENTION CENTER

Set up help is needed for shows that are coming to the OC Convention Center. This is usually volunteer work but will provide valuable interesting experience.

Here are the shows and dates that are upcoming:

- Chicago The Musical October 19
- Fiddler on the Roof. November 13
- Hairspray November 30
- R.E.S.P.E.C.T. March 21, 2022
- On Your Feet....mid April 2023

If anyone would be interested, please email your contact information, email, and phone numbers to Jerry Gietka at jerrygietk@hotmail.com and you will be added to the database of those to be contacted when these opportunities arise.

The logo for 'Little Women The Musical' features the title in a stylized, purple, serif font. The words 'LITTLE' and 'WOMEN' are stacked vertically, with 'LITTLE' above 'WOMEN'. The text is enclosed within a decorative, gold-colored frame that resembles a book cover or a crest. Below the frame, the words 'The Musical' are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.

LITTLE WOMEN

The Musical

Congratulations to the cast of Players' production of ***Little Women, the Musical*** under the direction of Darrell Mullins:

Jo March - April Currey

Professor Bhaer - Luke Schoellkopf

Amy March - Alanna Troxell

Meg March - Shelbie Thompson

Beth March - Availai Swinehart

Marmee March - Maria Demetriou

Mr. Laurence - Andy Nyland

Laurie Laurence - Cayden Wallace

Aunt March - Alyssa Mullins

Mr. John Brooke - Will Townsend

Mrs. Kirk - Christine Smith

Clarissa - TBD

Braxton - TBD

Rodrigo - TBD

Knight - TBD

Hag - TBD

Troll - TBD

Rodrigo 2 - TBD

Vocal Ensemble - Estefany Bonilla, Bobbie Calloway, Ava Clayton, Mary Cathell, Guinevere Cockey, Isabel Cocky, Madelyn Cook, Madison Cuesta, Kyle Hayes, Britni Ilczuk, Sylvie Inez, Rebekah McKelvey, Orli Ospital, Hannah Ramirez, Christine Smith, Dayna Tyler, Susan Upton, Sarah Wagner, Lilly Wilcox, Liz Wilcox, Jessica Windsor.

Actor Ensemble - Sammy Barnes, Sophie Burbage, Mircole Lacson, Chloe Larsen, Gavin Shockley, Madelyn Shockley, Owen Shockley, Aminah White

THEATRE TEASERS

Trivia by Sharon Benchhoff
(September Theatre Trivia--Back to School)

1. Anna Harriette Leonowens' real story as a governess inspired what musical?
2. Dewey Finn is the band teacher in what musical?
3. This title character, a precocious 5-year-old girl with the gift of telekinesis, shakes up her school.
4. John Brooke is the tutor of 'Laurie' Laurence in this musical which will open Players' 86th season.
5. Penny Pingleton and Tracy Turnblad attend high school in which American city?
6. This Lillian Hellman play explores how a child's lies destroy the lives of two women at a girl's boarding school.
7. The book of the musical Mean Girls was written by SNL alumnus and 30 Rock creator.
8. Per the Educational Theatre Association, this musical was the top pick for high schools to perform in 2022.
9. "No dancing of any kind is allowed at any time anywhere within the town limits of Bomont" in this musical.
10. What is the name of the teacher in The Miracle Worker?

Answers found on page 6

WINNIE the POOH

The Winnie the Pooh show wrapped up in July, and the reviews were great. The show raised \$1569.64 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Matt Bogdan, director and producer, thanks all who were involved in the production, including the actors, the production staff, the venues, the donors to the silent auction, the sponsors, and the advertisers.





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, September 7 and October 5 at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we work on our 86th season.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. The King and I
2. School of Rock
3. Matilda
4. Little Women the Musical
5. Baltimore
6. The Children's Hour
7. Tina Fey
8. Mamma Mia!
9. Footloose
10. Annie Sullivan

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.

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: First Name(s):	Last Name(s):	Age(s)	

Remit Form and Payment to:

Community Players
PO Box 2431
Salisbury, MD 21802

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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are not up-to-date.*

Next Meetings - Wednesday, September 7 & October 5 at 7:00 PM

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

President: Kel Nagel - kelnagel@yahoo.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, April Curry, 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.