

COMMUNITY PLAYERS

of Salisbury



Back Stage

October 2022

From the desk of the President...



Fall is here and preparations for our fall musical, *Little Women*, are well underway. An outstanding cast is rehearsing; the set is being built; and set items and props are being gathered. Everyone is looking forward to a great show.

We can always use a helping hand with set construction on Saturdays at 10:00 AM. You don't have to be a skilled carpenter or painter to help. Show up in work clothes, and we will find something you can do.

That's the onstage/backstage side. In the front of the house, we can always use help with ushers, concessions, will call table, etc.

Contact me if interested in volunteering but don't know who to call.
kelnagel@yahoo.com / 410-726-0670.

See you at *Little Women*.

Kel Nagel





Community Players joined forces with Salisbury University's Volunteer Center for a Service Fair on September 7th. Both SU and Players are committed to community involvement as one of our core values. Player's members Madison Cuesta and Sharon Benchoff along with Sammy Seagull engaged scores of SU students throughout the event. Sharon and Maddi provided informational handouts, showed slides of previous productions and invited students from diverse backgrounds and interests to become part of Community Players.



Season Ticket Order Form 2022-2023



This package includes one **ADULT** ticket for each of the following shows - Little Women, the Musical, 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. **\$90 per package**

This package includes one **SENIOR** ticket for each of the following shows - Little Women, the Musical, 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. **\$72 per package**

This package includes one **STUDENT** ticket for each of the following shows - Little Women, the Musical, 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. **\$72 per package**

This package includes one **CHILD** ticket for each of the following shows - Little Women, the Musical, 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 **FAMILY** ticket for each of the following shows - Little Women, the Musical, 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. **\$234 per package**

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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

LITTLE WOMEN

The Musical

Darrell Mullins, *Little Women* director, reports that rehearsals are going well. The 30+ cast members are working diligently to bring you an "astonishing" production.

The cast is hard at work, however, there is a need for a few more stage techs to help the show run smoothly. If you are interested in participating behind the scenes or you have a family member or a friend who would be, please contact Stage Manager Kate Adkins at mariefox@gmail.com. The stage crew gets a lot done backstage and has fun doing it. For safety reasons, crew members must be at least 15 years old or older.

The Community Players will present *Edgar Allan Poe: Master of Terror*, a show featuring memorized, word-for-word telling of The Tell-Tale Heart, The Raven, and The Black Cat, as well as a special presentation of W.W. Jacobs' story, The Monkey's Paw.

Show venues, dates, and times are as follows:

Globe Theater in Berlin
Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m.

Brick Room in Salisbury
Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.

Kylan Barn in Delmar
Friday, October 28, 7 p.m.

Poplar Hill Mansion in Salisbury
October 29, 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person, cash or check.

Reservations are strongly encouraged, since space is limited at each venue.

To make reservations, call or text Matt Bogdan, director and producer of the show, at 443-235-3272 or email him at oceancityhappyme@aol.com.



THEATRE TEASERS

Trivia by Sharon Benchhoff
(October Theatre Trivia--Spooky Stages)

1. Ever wonder what happened before Dorothy dropped into the land of Oz? This witchy musical that opened in 2003 tells the story.
2. This Shakespeare play has it all – witches, apparitions, blood and murder, not to mention a curse if the title is spoken in a theater.
3. Most monsters are clumsy, hulking things. But this musical features a monster that is able to sing and dance “Puttin’ on the Ritz”.
4. Blithe Spirit, the comedy featuring the ghost of the first Mrs. Condomine haunting her husband and the second Mrs. Condomine was written by this witty playwright.
5. Say his name three times and this “ghost with the most” will sing and dance at the Marquis Theatre on Broadway.
6. This character was brought to “life” on the stage in 1924. Frank Langella won a Tony in 1978 playing him. The musical opened on Broadway in 2004.
7. If you are looking for an extra bloody good time, Sweeny Todd will be your cuppa. Book and music by this late great Broadway legend.
8. Some monsters are “just a mean green mother from outer space” as Seymour finds out in this musical.
9. Tituba is the only character who confesses in this play based on the Salem Witch Trials.
10. This play with music tells the story of “A witch boy from the mountain came, A-pinin’ to be human, Fer he had seen the fairest gal...A gal named Barbara Allen”.

Answers found on page 6





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, October 5 (6:30 PM) and November 9 (7:00 PM). Please join us as we work on our 86th season.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. Wicked
2. Macbeth
3. Young Frankenstein
4. Noel Coward
5. Beetlejuice
6. Dracula
7. Stephen Sondheim
8. Little Shop of Horrors
9. The Crucible
10. Dark of the Moon

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

Remit Form and Payment to:

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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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If it does not show
2022-23, your dues
are not up-to-date.*

Next Meetings - Wednesday, October 5 (6:30 PM) and November 9 (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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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.