

Back Stage

December 2019



Community Players will be at the Ward Museum's Winter Wonderland

By Melissa Dasher, Chairperson

We are thrilled to be invited by the Ward Museum to be a presenter at their annual "Winter Wonderland" event. It will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 10 AM to 2 PM.



This event draws a large crowd every year and is an excellent opportunity for our organization to give back to our community and to also introduce ourselves to new people. We will set up in The Ward Museum's beautiful new Legacy Center room and interact with the children and families as they rotate into our space to see what we are up to. Winter Wonderland will also feature Santa Claus, a make-your-own hot chocolate bar, story time, lots of craft stations, and performances by a local dance troupe and music ensembles.

We plan to offer a couple different activities throughout the day. One is a charades-type game where an individual or a group will select a prompt and then choose from an offering of simple costumes and props and act out their scenario for the audience. The other is Drama Circle Games like Zip, Zap, Zop or Bippity, Bop, Bop or Pictures. This is going to be a lot of fun!

All members and friends of Community Players are invited

to help with this exciting happening.

We need people to be at the event, participating along with the kids, not afraid to be silly and have fun, to help them feel less inhibited and show them how it is done. We also need prompt or scenario ideas, such as "You are a group of reindeer working together to build a snowman" or "Act out an elf trying to gift wrap a doll baby whose head keeps falling off."

Please e-mail me with ideas or if you are willing to work a shift (10 AM-Noon or Noon-2 PM) at bizemomx5@comcast.net.

Can you help with One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest?

By Pete Cuesta, Director

Rehearsals for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" have begun and are going very well. But, as with every production, extra help is always needed and appreciated.

If you are interested in helping consider the following options:

1. A Wardrobe Costumer
2. Help building the set

If you can help, please contact me at pjcuesta@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to new developments in the North American tour of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Community Players has been denied the rights to produce the show in June as originally announced.

As soon as we learned of this development, the Board of Directors met to discuss options and decided to apply for the rights to produce another musical that had been considered for the current season, *Kiss Me, Kate*.

While we hope that those who have purchased tickets to *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be happy with *Kiss Me, Kate*, we understand that some might prefer a refund.

If so, please contact us at Tickets@cposmd.com or 410-749-0544 to make that request. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this situation.

Kind Regards,

Darrell Mullins, President
Community Players
of Salisbury.

**We're on the Web:
www.SBYplayers.com**



A synopsis of *Kiss Me, Kate*

By Kel Nagel, Director

Passions run high as leading lady Lilli Vanessi and her ex-husband, actor/director Fred Graham, battle onstage and off. With romance, comedy, sophistication, and behind-the-scenes high jinks, *Kiss Me, Kate* combines the irreverent humor of brilliant writers: Cole Porter and William Shakespeare.

Musical numbers include "So In Love," "Wunderbar," "Tom, Dick or Harry," "Too Darn Hot," "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," "I Hate Men," "Always True to You (In My Fashion)" and "Another Op'nin, Another Show."

Kiss Me, Kate will have all of the pizzazz, show stopping choreography, and old-time musical comedy audiences expect from a Cole Porter show.

The story is a show-within-a-show romp about divorced co-stars Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham. Graham, has cast his ex-wife as Katharine, his new romance Lois, as her fair sister Bianca, and Lois' love Bill as her suitor.

Things get complicated onstage and off when jealousies and gangsters arrive on the scene.

This is a backstage, door-slamming comedy you won't want to miss.

Community Players of Salisbury Scholarship

The Community Players of Salisbury, Inc. is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in Maryland. In 1937 a group of 26 charter members hoped to bring culture and pure entertainment to the Eastern Shore while providing an outlet for people interested in dramatics. Community Players was organized in May of 1938.



Community Players will award \$500 to two high school seniors from Somerset, Worcester, Wicomico County and/or Delmar area public, private or home-schooled programs.

Students wishing to apply for this scholarship must:

- A. Be a current high school senior in a Somerset, Worcester, Wicomico County or Delmar public, private or home school program.
- B. Have applied for admission to a post-secondary institution.
- C. Plan to study in any area of theater production, performance or technical support.
- D. Have participated in Community Players productions or be a member of a family that has participated in Community Players of Salisbury productions.
- E. Have financial need as evidenced by the FAFSA.

The award shall be made under the following specific conditions:

1. Each candidate must submit a completed Community Players of Salisbury scholarship application (available on our website).

2. The scholarship shall be paid directly to the student and shall be used for payment of normal school expenses such as tuition, school fees, room, board or books.

3. Student or their family must have participated in Community Players of Salisbury productions.

4. Final selection of the scholarship recipient will be made by the Board of Directors of the Community Players of Salisbury.

5. Winner will be announced during the student's senior award program or at a Community Players of Salisbury meeting.

Get your tickets for our upcoming shows

Call 410-546-0099
or on the web at
www.SBYplayers.com

One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest

January 31, February 1, 6, 7, & 8
at WorWic Community College

Senior Follies

April 24, 25, 30, May 1, 2
at WorWic Community College

Kiss Me Kate

June 19, 20, 21
at WiHi Auditorium



Community Players of Salisbury

Remit Form and Payment to:
Community Players
P.O. Box 2431
Salisbury, MD 21802

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Tier: Select One (Valid September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020)

<u>Mezzanine</u>	<u>Orchestra</u>	<u>Center Stage</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Family*
Membership Card	Membership Card	Membership Card
Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter
Email Blast	Email Blast	Email Blast
	Gift	Gift
	Players Night – Fall Musical Only**	Players Night – All Shows**
		Free Admission to workshops/classes
		10% off Players Merchandise

*Family memberships are good for 2 adults and all children under the age of 18 living in the same home. All family members, including children, must be registered and will receive a membership card

**Members must present membership card at Players Night to be admitted

Membership Information: Fill out (Address where Membership Card will be sent)

First Name:		Last Name:	
Home Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Family Member Names (Family Memberships ONLY):			

Interests (Circle All That Apply):

Performance	Lighting	Props	Advertising/Publicity	Stage Crew	Box Office
Hair	Make-Up	Set Construction	Painting	Costumes	Marketing
Design	Directing	Membership	Sound	Ushering	Maintenance
Other (Specify):					

I am paying for 2 Years (September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2021)

Questions? Email us at: membership@cposmd.com

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