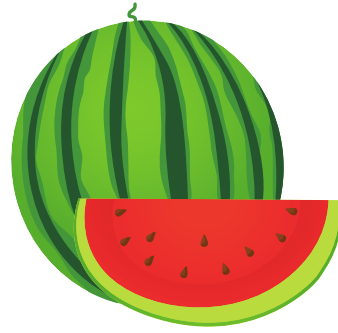


# COMMUNITY PLAYERS

*of Salisbury*



# Back Stage

August 2023

## From the desk of the President...



It certainly has been a hot and busy summer so far for Community Players.

I want to thank Melissa Dasher and her team for a job well done with the Children's Theater Summer Workshop. I know the young people had a great time, and they learned a lot.

Thanks to Matt Bogdan for all his work on Jammin' in July at Kylan Barn. This should be a great fundraiser for Players.

Also, thanks to Sharon Benchoff for Trivia Night. I know many people enjoy attending this event on the last Friday of each month.

There seem to be some questions about our monthly meetings. Here are my thoughts on this. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting — Board members, regular members, and non-members. Everyone may participate in the discussions. Members of the Board of Directors are entrusted to formulate policy and procedures for Players. While regular members of Players are welcome to attend these meetings, they are unable to vote on matters being discussed, unless approved by the Board of Directors.

Have a great August!

**Tom Robinson**

# CPOS Children's Summer Workshop 2023

Our Children's Workshop was a huge success! 22 students and 6 leaders spent the week of July 10 – 14 at our Player's facility experiencing all things theater. We learned about auditioning, theater terminology, character development, improvisation & performance. We also had 3 guest presentations with hands on experiences on the topics of stage make-up, lighting, and costumes. Our final showcase was enjoyed by many family, friends & Players' members.





## 2023-2024 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.**

### **Membership benefits include:**

- A monthly newsletter with information about auditions, productions, events, and member happenings
- A free ticket to all Player's Nights (the night prior to Opening Night)
- Free admission to weekly tap classes
- 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
- 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

# 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**  
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Salisbury, MD 21802

# THEATRE TEASERS

Trivia by Sharon Benchoff  
August - The **STATE** of things

1. Where is the "corn is as high as an elephant's eye"?
2. "Our State Fair is a great state fair!" To which state does this musical refer?
3. *Of Mice and Men* takes place in which state?
4. The Unsinkable Molly Brown lived in what state?
5. Annie lived in this state.
6. *The Miracle Worker* takes place in what state?
7. *Porgy & Bess* takes place in this state.
8. *The Crucible* studies the witch trials in which state?
9. In what state do we find Hoke Coleburn *Driving Miss Daisy*?
10. Maizy travels to what state to get help in the new musical *Shucked*?

Answers found on page 6



**86th Season**  
**Appreciation Celebration**  
*A Players' Fundraising Event*

Join us as we celebrate the success of our 86th season with a **Buffet dinner** catered by **Chef Stewart** of **Flannery's** and **Musical Entertainment** following dinner.

Saturday, August 26, 2023  
Players' at 5109 Nutters Cross Road  
5:30 PM

\$50.00 per person (BYOB)

For tickets and information--410-546-0099



## Fourth Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of Entertainment Trivia  
at Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Rd.

Bring your own snacks and drinks

\$5 cash collected at the door

Prize awarded to the winning team or individual

**We would love to see you!**



## ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:



- Answers:  
1. Oklahoma  
2. Iowa  
3. California  
4. Colorado  
5. New York  
6. Alabama  
7. South Carolina  
8. Massachusetts  
9. Georgia  
10. Florida

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

An *Old-Time Radio Show* was held on June 24, raising \$668. *Jammin' in July*, a benefit concert for Players, was held July 29. Expectations are that we will have raised \$5000. Our August fundraiser is a Season Appreciation Celebration. Our September fundraiser is the production of *Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Underground Railroad on Maryland's Eastern Shore*. Our October fundraiser is the production of *Edgar Allan Poe: His Tales of Terror*. Our November fundraiser is tentatively planned to be another *Old-Time Radio Show*, and our December fundraiser is tentatively planned to be special production of *A Christmas Carol*.

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

## GRANTS UPDATE

The Maryland State Arts Council approved our application for Grants for Organization FY 2024, with funds totaling \$5,366.54. Congratulations go to Gary Finley, who wrote and submitted this grant application.

The Coastal Realtors Foundation granted us \$500 for general operating costs. The Beach to Bay Heritage Area granted us \$3000 and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore granted us \$2375 to support the special production of *Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Underground Railroad on Maryland's Eastern Shore*, which will be presented in September at various venues on Delmarva.

Although the Maryland State Arts Council did not approve a grant for a theater consultant, we are still reaching out to other grant makers to help us with funds in turning our rehearsal space into a performance space.

## BACK STAGE SUBMISSIONS

Articles, photos, etc. for publication in Back Stage should be emailed to me ([popirusty@comcast.net](mailto: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 August 2 (7:00 PM) and September 6 (7:00 PM). The new season is starting soon. There is no better time to get involved.

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mailing label on this  
newsletter.  
If it does not show  
2022-23, your dues  
are not up-to-date.*

**Next Meetings - Wednesday, August 2 (7:00 PM) and September 6 (7:00 PM)**

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

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Corresponding Secretary: Rusty Mumford - popirusty@comcast.net  
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Immediate Past-President: Kel Nagel - kelnagel@yahoo.com*

*Board Members*

*Kate Adkins, Bobbie Calloway, Robin Finley - Term Expires 2024  
Sharon Benchoff, Cass Dasher, Kyle Hayes - Term Expires 2025  
Lynne Bratten, Ken Johnson, Shelbie Thompson - Term Expires 2026*

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