

# From the desk of the President...



We have completed our third show of what, so far, is a very successful season. Now we anxiously await our season finale, **Singin' in the Rain**. Director Rusty Mumford and his crew are in production. The show is one of my favorite movie musicals, and we will see the songs and dances and rain which made the movie great.

At the same time, we are progressing with plans for our performance space project. We are hoping to get grant funding to engage a theater consultant who can help us develop the most effective, efficient, and economical plan. Keep an eye on our website and social media posts for updates.

See you at **Singin' in the Rain!** 

Kel Nagel



### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN **CAST ANNOUNCED**

After three successful audition dates, director Rusty Mumford is verv pleased to announce the cast of this season's finale, Singin' in the Rain.

Don Lockwood - Luke Schoellkopf Cosmo Brown - Kyle Hayes

Kathy Selden - Gianna Pesaniello

Lina Lamont - Devin Bradley

Rod - Kurt Ludwick

Dora Bailey - Jessica Windsor

R. F. Simpson - Matt Bogdan

Dexter - Steve Culver

Miss Dinsmore - Cory Dolly

Male Vocal Teacher - Thom Harris

Zelda Zanders - Bridget Mazur

Sam, the Sound Engineer - Sammy Barnes

Assistant Directors - Emma Laird

Charlie Szentesi-Thomas

Liz Wilcox

Production - Soloist Treston Melvin

Young Don - Reed Whisner

Young Cosmo - James Mumford

#### **Ensemble**

Kel Nagel Grace Ashby Abby Cuesta Kate Oland

Anaixa Rodriguez-Rivera Chloe Dasher

Andre Scholler Libby Donoway Madelyn Shockley Elijah Dethloff

Will Townsend Ruby Ludwick Rachel Lynch Sara Wagner

Rebekah McKelvey **Becky Mumford** Skye Mumford





#### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN TECHNICAL NEEDS

As with all shows, Singin' in the Rain is in need of technical help in many areas. Help will be needed in the following areas:

> set construction/painting (every Saturday at 10 AM) costumes (1920s and other period costumes) makeup and wigs backstage crew (moving the set on stage) special effects (Let's make it rain!) black-and-white videography sound lighting

No experience is necessary to work on any of these technical areas. If you would like to work with the coordinator of one of these crews or help with the show in any way, contact director Rusty Mumford at 410-430-0423 or popirusty@comcast.net or producer Becky Mumford at 410-430-0788 or mimibecky@comcast.net.

## **CPOS Children's Summer Workshop 2023**

**Dates**: July 10 – 14, 2023

Times: 9am - 3 pm, with performance Friday TBA

**Ages**: going into grades 3 – 8

Curriculum: Theater, Musical Theater, Tech, Acting, Singing, Dancing **Cost**: \$200 with \$50 discount for Players' Family or Patron Membership **Provided**: Workshop t-shirt, student make-up kit\*, daily snacks & water

\*Please visit this website to see the color palettes available https://www.mehron.com/mini-pro-professional-makeup-kit **Lunch**: Student will need to pack a lunch

**Medication**: All medications must be administered by a parent/guardian Performance: All students will participate in acting, singing & dancing but no one will have a solo if they are not comfortable & willing doing so **Final Performance**: Free, will be open to all members of CPOS and students' family & friends

Number of participants: No more than 30

Registration: Spot is secured with completed registration form and payment

Cash or checks made to: Community Players of Salisbury

**Mailed to**: PO Box 2431, Salisbury, MD 21802-2431

\*Scholarship money available on a first come basis

Email questions or requests to Melissa Dasher: melissa.sbyplayers@gmail.com.

# CPOS Children's Summer Workshop 2023

Student's Name
Grade Going into for 2023-24 School Year
T-shirt Size (circle one) Youth S Youth M Youth L Adult S Adu Med Adult L Adult XL
Skin Tone (circle one) Fair/Olive Fair Medium Dark/Dark
Address
Parents/Guardians Names & Phone Numbers
1)
2)
Dietary Restrictions (for snacks)
Medical Info Staff Should Know
Student's Previous Theater Experience (acting, singing, dancing, stag crew, make up, tech, etc.)
Please Rate the Following
1 = I totally want to do this! 2 = I am willing to try. 3 = Do I have to
Sing with entire company Sing with a couple people Sing a solo Act with a few lines
Act in a supporting role
Act in a Leading Role
Dance with entire company
Dance feature
Dance captain

#### THEATRE TEASERS

#### Trivia by Sharon Benchoff May by the Numbers -I'll give you the number lyric - You name the musical

- 1. The first 3 notes just happen to be Do-Re-Mi.
- 2. 76 trombones leading the big parade.
- 3. 1, singular sensation, every little step she takes.
- 4. 525,600 minutes how do you measure, measure a year?
- 5. Who am I? 24601
- 6. 1 useless man is a shame, 2 is a law firm and 3 or more is a congress.
- 7. Oh dear Lord, 3 things I pray.
- 8. You gotta get yourself a brand-new start. Hey mama welcome to the 60's.
- 9. And I realize 3 fundamental truths at the exact same time.
- 10. I've got whozits and whatzits galore. You want thingamabobs? I've got 20.

Answers found on page 6

#### **COME TAP WITH US!**

Tap Dance Class every Wednesday night



5:30 - 6:30 PM Players Nutters Cross Road

Free for Players' members \$5.00 per session for non-members

No experience necessary

Everyone welcome!



Congratulations to director Robin Finley, assistant director Shelbie Thompson, and the cast and crew of **Crimes of the Heart** on a successful run! Audiences enjoyed this Pulitzer Prize winning comedy drama. The Magrath sisters and their friends brought family squabbles and small town Mississippi to Players' stage with finesse. This was a beautiful performance by all.



### **ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:**



10. The Little Mermaid

9. Hamilton

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5. Les Misérables

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3. A Chorus Line

2. **The Music Man** 

1. The Sound of Music

Answers:

#### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

A big shout out to Bordeleau Vineyard and Winery in Eden, MD, who helped us raise \$680 for the Players on April 8.

We have a Drive-in Movie Night scheduled May 26 at the Players' building. The name of the movie and other details will be posted on our website and posted on Facebook very soon.

An old-time radio play, featuring Abbott and Costello's Who's on First bit, Blondie, Father Knows Best. and The Bickersons, will be presented June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Players' building.

Plans are being made for a Jamming in July at the Kylan Barn, a benefit concert for the Players at the Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD, featuring local talented musicians. Details will be posted very soon.

Anyone who is interested in helping with fundraising should contact Matt Bogdan at 443-235-3272 or oceancityhappyme@aol.com.



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, May 3 (6:30 PM) and June 7 (6:30 PM). There is a lot going on at Players right now. Join us to see when and where you can help.

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becoming a member
of Community Players.
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your dues are paid for
the current year,
please check the
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newsletter.
If it does not show
2022-23, your dues
are not up-to-date.

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# <u>Community Players Officers & Board of Directors</u> <u>July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023</u>

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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.