



# COMMUNITY PLAYERS *of Salisbury*

July  
2025

## Back Stage



Hello Everyone! What an exciting season it has been for us here at Community Players!

We were thrilled to be able to stage three of our four productions in our very own space on Nutters Cross Road. Just last month we concluded that exciting season with a highly successful run of *The Importance of Being Earnest!* Congratulations to Cass Dasher on their successful directorial debut and to the cast/crew for providing an entertaining and fresh take on this Oscar Wilde classic!

For our upcoming season we offer a mix of classic musicals, eerie drama, and dark comedy. Join us in November for *Annie*, February for *Misery*, *The Welkin* in April, and *1776* in June. Along the way we will also offer special fundraising productions, all of which demonstrate our talents, diversity, and creativity.

It is important to also note that this year we will embark on a Capital Campaign with an eye toward developing our current performance space into a state-of-the-art theatrical venue. Stay tuned for details.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our Immediate Past President, Matt Bogdan, for his excellent stewardship of our creative endeavors during the 2025-2026 season. His efforts both on and off stage were commendable. I am particularly grateful for his grant-writing and fund-raising work, which allowed us to do so much more than what we usually do.

Finally, my thanks to all of our members, volunteers, and our faithful audiences. You all make our work possible and meaningful.

Kind Regards,

*Darrell Mullins*

President

Players' next meetings will be **July 2 (7:00 PM) and August 6 (7:00 PM)**. Join us as we begin planning for next season.

## BACK STAGE SUBMISSIONS

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



Congratulations to director Cass Dasher and the cast/crew of *The Importance of Being Earnest* on a successful run of this classic and a great end to our season. Job well done by everyone involved



Players regards to announce that *L.S.O. A.: The Lighter Side of Aging* has been postponed. No specific dates have been set for future performances of the show. Further details will be shared as they become available.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

1World War II: Heroes of the Eastern Shore raised approximately \$4000 from donations. Thanks to all who participated in this show.

Our next fundraiser will be a Guest Bartending event at Brew River on July 10. The show *The Lighter Side of Aging*, which was to be performed in July, has been postponed. No new date has been set.

A Music Revue will be held in August.



 **Raise a Glass with Community Players of Salisbury!**   
**Guest Bartending at Brew River - Thursday, July 10 | 5 PM - 9 PM**

Join us for a fun-filled evening as **Community Players of Salisbury** takes over the taps at **Brew River's Dock Bar** in Salisbury! From 5 PM to 9 PM, CPOS will receive **20% of all sales from the Dock Bar and Dock Bar area**—so every sip and bite directly supports local theater.

We're gathering to **celebrate the close of another incredible season, introduce our exciting upcoming season**, and raise funds for our **Capital Campaign and Theater Transformation**. Your support will help us continue to bring quality productions to our community in an even better space.

 Good friends, great drinks, and a cause worth toasting—what more could you ask for?

**We can't wait to see you there!**





# *The Broadway Jukebox*

## *A Music Revue*

Friday, August 15 at 7 PM  
Saturday, August 16 at 7 PM  
Sunday, August 17 at 2 PM

Players' Theater  
Nutters Cross Road  
Salisbury, MD.

Tickets will be \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door.

Join us as this ensemble of Players' singers celebrates the American jukebox musical with a sampling of shows produced from 1976 to today.

For further information or to make reservations, contact director Rusty Mumford, [popirusty@comcast.net](mailto:popirusty@comcast.net) or 410-546-0099.

Auditions for  
*The Broadway Jukebox*  
are

Sunday, June 29 at 2 PM  
Monday, June 30 & Tuesday, July 1, at 7 PM

Singers who plan to audition should sing an upbeat song from any Broadway show. Please bring a track recording for auditions. A Bluetooth speaker will be available.

For further information or to schedule an audition on another date, contact Rusty Mumford, [popirusty@comcast.net](mailto:popirusty@comcast.net).



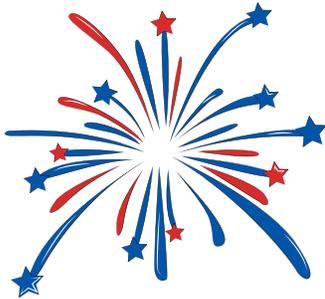
**THEATRE TEASERS**  
**Trivia by Sharon Benchoff**  
*July - Celebrate America*

1. "Dainty June and Her Newsboys" a patriotic song and dance number is featured in what musical?
2. Who sings, "I am not throwing away my shot"?
3. This Thornton Wilder play takes place in the small American town of Grover's Corners.
4. *Yankee Doodle Dandy* is the story of the rough and tumble kid who took Broadway by storm.
5. "Is anybody there?" sings John Adams to an empty congressional chamber in this musical.
6. Opening in 1927, it is considered a landmark of the American musical for its cohesive plot and integration of music into the narrative.
7. Walnut Street Theatre is the oldest theatre in America, standing at the corner of Ninth & Walnut Streets in what city?
8. *All the Way* dramatizes this president's efforts to end racial injustice and bring in the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
9. This playwright is known for his true to life portrayals of American families in such plays as *Brighten Beach Memoirs* and *The Odd Couple*.
10. This beloved musical paints a vivid picture of New York City during the Great Depression.

Answers found on page 6

**Thanks to these Players' volunteers who helped Avery Hall Insurance celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Bobbie Calloway  
 Becky Mumford  
 Rusty Mumford  
 Susan Robinson  
 Tom Robinson



**ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:**



1. Gypsy
2. Hamilton
3. Our Town
4. George. M. Cohen
5. 1776
6. Showboat
7. Philadelphia
8. Lyndon B. Johnson
9. Neil Simon
10. Annie

Answers:

# INTRODUCING PLAYERS' 2025-2026 SEASON



More details will be included in future newsletters.

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*Back Stage is funded, in part by a grant from the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council (SWAC). Players would like to thank SWAC for their continued support.*

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

**Community Players Officers & Board of Directors**  
**July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025**

*President: Matt Bogdan*  
*Vice-President: Darrell Mullins*  
*Recording Secretary: Melissa Dasher*  
*Corresponding Secretary: Rusty Mumford*  
*Treasurer: Charlie Linton*  
*Immediate Past-President: Tom Robinson*

*Board Members*

*Sharon Benchoff, Cass Dasher, Kyle Hayes - Term Expires 2025*  
*Lynne Bratten, Ken Johnson, Shelbie Thompson - Term Expires 2026*  
*David Allen, Kim Cuesta, Charlie Szentesi-Thomas - Term Expires 2027*

*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.*