

COMMUNITY PLAYERS

of Salisbury



Back Stage

July 2023

From the desk of the President...



As the newly elected president of Community Players of Salisbury, I am very excited about what is happening.

After five years of working toward performing shows at our facility at Nutters Cross Road, we are getting closer. The contract for paving the driveway and parking lot has been awarded, and work should begin in August. Our next step will be getting the seating and stage set on the interior. We will be able to stage shows for an audience of 150 people.

We just wrapped *Singin' in the Rain*. What a great show! Director Rusty Mumford did a superb job. The singing and dancing by the cast was phenomenal. So much fun and energy!

Matt Bogdan continues to put together small shows for this summer, including our recent production of *Old-Time Radio Shows*, in June. On Saturday, July 29, from Noon to 8 PM, we will be *Jammin' in July* at Kylan Barn, in Delmar, with eleven musical groups. In September, we will be presenting *Uncle Tom's Cabin* at various locations.

We just ended our 86th season, and we are looking forward to exciting shows for 2023-24. There will be *Pippin* in November, *Rumors* in February, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* in April, and *Kiss Me Kate*, in June. Ticket information is available on our website at communityplayrsofsalisbury.org. Please consider offering further assistance by becoming a Patron.

Again, I want to thank you for your support of Community Players.

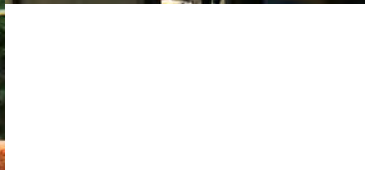
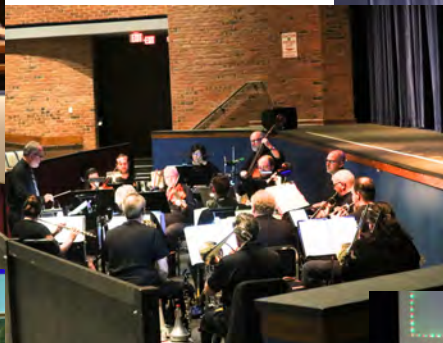
Tom Robinson



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN WRAP UP

Singin' in the Rain was a great success to end our 86th season! Congratulations to all who worked so hard to bring the show to life on stage! Director Rusty Mumford was humbled by the amount of talent on stage and the creativity and dedication of the production staff and tech crews. Thank you and congratulations to the cast who learned all those lines, songs, and dances! Thank you to the techies who kept the show running smoothly during the run! Thank you to the production staff who helped bring this wonderful show to the stage! Thank you to the musicians for the beautiful music! **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this dream come true!!

Have a look at a few memories from the show!





What is fun for all?

What gets you out of the house for an hour or so ?

What gives you the opportunity to show off without going on stage?

What provides you the chance to spend time with some splendid people?



Once again, **Community Players** is hosting **Entertainment Trivia** on the 4th Friday of each month through the summer at Nutters Cross Rd.

*Come as a team or individual. Cost is \$5 per person.
(all \$ goes to our own performance space)*

Bring your own snacks and beverages.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2024**

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE 2023 WINNERS OF THE
RUTH BURNET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTED BY COMMUNITY PLAYERS!**



*Chloe Dasher
Parkside High School
Class of 2023*



*Luke Schoellkopf
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THEATRE TEASERS

Trivia by Sharon Benchoff
Summer, Sun, and Stars

1. "Summertime and the livin' is easy" is from which Gershwin musical?
2. *A Raison in the Sun* was written by this playwright?
3. "Good Morning Starshine" is from this American Tribal Love-Rock Musical.
4. What does Annie sing will come out tomorrow?
5. Lancelot sings that he can never leave her in summer.
6. Danny sings "Summer Nights" in what musical?
7. Sunset Boulevard is the address of what silent screen star?
8. *Suddenly Last Summer* is a play written by this playwright who also wrote *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.
9. This Shakespeare play features fairies named Titania, Oberon and Puck.
10. *Bright Star* is a play written by this "wild and crazy guy" who starred in the movie "The Jerk".

Answers found on page 6



When the director says that the stairs can't move, some techies take him at his word. This is truly dedication above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks to Jeremy and Sammy for making sure the steps were secure during *Beautiful Girl!!*

The Beach to Bay Heritage and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore are providing grants to the production of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and the *Underground Railroad on Maryland's Eastern Shore*.



The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) is providing a grant for Phase II of the Arts Relief program. Unfortunately, they did not provide a grant for our hiring a theater consultant, but we appreciate all of the support of MSAC has given us.

Other grants that have been applied for are the Coastal Association of Realtors grant, the Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing Promotion fund, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust fund.

For more information about fundraising or grants, contact Matt Bogdan - 443-235-3272 or oceancityhappyme@aol.com

WANTED! Sponsors, advertisers, and vendors for Jammin' in July at Kylan Barn, the Players' benefit concert to be held July 29 from noon to 8 p.m. at Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD.



A sponsorship is \$250, and if you do sponsor the program, you will receive two tickets to the event (a value of \$20) and will be recognized as a sponsor on all promotional materials, regular media, and social media. You will also receive a full-page color ad in the program (a value of \$50). If you just want to run a full-page color ad in the program to show your support, then that is \$50. Space for vendors is \$100.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, advertiser, or vendor, contact Matt Bogdan at 443-235-3272 or oceancityhappyme@aol.com.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:



- Answers:
1. *Porgy and Bess*
 2. Lorraine Hansberry. The title comes from the poem "Harlem" by Langston Hughes.
 3. *Hair*
 4. Sun
 5. Guenevere
 6. *Grease*
 7. Norma Desmond
 8. Tennessee Williams
 9. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
 10. Steve Martin

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

In June Players held 50/50 raffles at the *Singin' in the Rain* performances, performed an *Old-Time Radio Show* on June 24, and had Trivia Night on June 30.

In July there will be a benefit concert, *Jammin' in July* at Kylan Barn, on July 29 from noon to 8 p.m., featuring 11 local musical acts. Tickets are \$10 (cash or check) and available at the gate. Kylan Barn is located at 30603 Dusty Lane in Delmar, MD. There will also be a Trivia Night on July 28. Sponsors include Pohanka, Eastern Shore Podiatry, and Whitehead Real Estate and Rental Management.

In August, we will have an 86th Season Appreciation Celebration. A catered buffet dinner and special entertainment will be features of the evening. Look for more specific details, including cost and reservation process, by email in the very near future.

In September there will be performances at various venues on Delmarva of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and the *Underground Railroad on Maryland's Eastern Shore*. Check our website for dates, times, and venues. Funding is provided by grants from Beach to Bay Heritage Area and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

In October there will be performances at various venues on Delmarva of *Edgar Allan Poe: His Tales of Horror*. Check our website for dates, times, and venues.

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



Players' next meetings will be July 5 (7:00 PM) and August 2 (7:00 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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July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

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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.