

# Back Stage

January 2016



## Steel Magnolias

By Rusty Mumford, Director

*Steel Magnolias* promises to be a fantastic addition to our season. The magnolias (Bobbie Calloway, Charmaine Cowell, Judy Hearn, Allison King, Robin Mandelson, and Mandy Moss) are doing a phenomenal job. They will make you laugh and cry as they tell their stories and share their bonds of friendship and love. Bring your tissues ... you might need them!

For tickets call 410-546-0099 or [communityplayersofsalisbury.org](http://communityplayersofsalisbury.org). Tickets are going fast so get your orders in today.

*Steel Magnolias* is moving to Wor-Wic. The move will take place on Friday, January 22 at 5 PM. We will be doing set work and painting on Saturday, January 23 and Sunday, January 24. If you can give us a hand with packing, moving, and/or painting, we would really appreciate seeing you and your brothers, sisters, friends, etc. There will be plenty for everyone to do.

Kudos to the construction crew members who have gotten the set built and in place in record time for us to have for rehearsal!

The show will be at WorWic Community College on Friday, January 29 at 8 PM, Saturday, January 30 at 2 PM and 8 PM, Friday, February 5 at 8 PM, and Saturday, February 6 at 2 PM.

## Help wanted at Steel Magnolia shows!

We still need a few people to be ushers and help pass out programs. If you are available for any of the show dates please contact Mary Veise at [mwveise@aol.com](mailto:mwveise@aol.com) or 410-742-5950.



## Follow us on Social Media!

Community Players is available on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Tumblr!

Keep up with our accounts to find out about upcoming shows, auditions, workshops and much more!

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/64284564048/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/64284564048/)

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Tumblr: [www.tumblr.com/blog/cposmd](http://www.tumblr.com/blog/cposmd)

## Auditions for Moon Over Buffalo

Auditions for *Moon Over Buffalo* will be held at Players at 5109 Nutters Cross Road on:

Saturday, February 20 at 4 PM

Sunday, February 21 at 4 PM

Monday, February 22 at 7 PM

See page 2 of this newsletter for information on auditions, characters, and who to contact.



## Moon Over Buffalo

By Sharon Benchoff, Director

*Moon Over Buffalo* takes us backstage to catch a glimpse of what transpires before and during a performance. The play centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950's. At the moment, they're playing 'Private Lives' and 'Cyrano De Bergerac' in Buffalo, New York. They receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.

Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they're actually performing, caused by Charlotte's deaf old stage-manager mother who hates every bone in George's body. A fun comic farce.

Auditions will be held at Players' on Nutters Cross Road on Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21 at 4:00 PM and Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM.

See page 2 of this newsletter for more information on the characters.

I look forward to seeing you at auditions!

Performance dates are April 22–23 and April 29–30.

**After Steel Magnolias  
Community Players  
has two additional  
shows in 2016**



**April 22, April 23,  
April 29, April 30**

Charlotte and George Hay are on tour in Buffalo. In 1953, with a repertory consisting of *Cyrano de Bergerac* "revised, one nostril version" and Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, when they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee.

**Directed by Sharon Benchoff  
At WorWic Community College**



**June 17, June 18, June 19,  
June 24, June 25**

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to the troubled Banks family. His children have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again.

**Directed by Joe Benamati  
Music Director Susan Robinson  
At Wi Hi Auditorium**

**Tickets are available  
at 410-546-0099**

**Moon Over Buffalo the Characters**

Auditions will be held at Players' on Nutters Cross Road on Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21 at 4:00 PM and Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM.

Ages are relevant to characters' ages, not necessarily the actors auditioning.

**George Hay** (Male, 50s) is very dramatic, over-the-top actor Must be able to do strong physical comedy, including pratfalls, running, stage combat (fencing), etc.

**Charlotte Hay** (Female, 50s) helps to run the acting troupe and plays all the leads even those for which she is a bit too old. Must be able to do an upper-class British accent.

**Ethel** (Female, 70s) is Charlotte's mother. Grumpy, troublemaker, hard of hearing, leading to comic misunderstandings. Should have huge stage presence and strong comedic skills.

**Rosalind "Roz" Hay** (Female, 20-30 years old) is George and Charlotte's daughter. She used to be an actress and a member of their acting troupe, but she decided that she wanted a real career, so she left - determined never to act again - or be like her parents. Must be able to do an upper-class British accent.

**Eileen** (Female, 20s) is an aspiring actress, eager to please. She has a crush on George and has been having a fling with him.

**Howard** (Male, late 20s-early 30s) is a weatherman and Rosalind's fiancé. He comes across as a wimp, a little annoying, nervous, but a sweet guy. Must be able to do physical comedy.

**Paul** (Male, late 20s-early 30s) is a member of the acting troupe, who used to be with Rosalind and still loves her and wants her back; but he is an actor first and foremost, so



he wouldn't leave the troupe to be with her. Must be able to do physical comedy

**Richard** (Male, 50s) is George and Charlotte's attorney, but he is in love with Charlotte - always trying to get her to leave George. He is wealthy and used to getting what he wants, and he is both amused and perplexed by the Hay family.

If you have any questions about any of these roles please contact Sharon Benchoff at 410-430-5386 or fresnelop@aol.com.

**Steel Magnolias**

Friday, January 29 at 8 PM  
Saturday, January 29 at 2 PM  
Saturday, January 29 at 8 PM  
Friday, February 5 at 8 PM  
Saturday, February 6 at 2 PM

WorWic Community College

For tickets call  
410-546-0099



**Work days are  
scheduled at  
Nutters Cross Road**

We will be working at Nutters on the following dates to organize and take inventory of sets, props, etc. Please come by on any or all of the following dates:

February 6 from 9-12  
February 13 from 9-12  
February 20 from 9-12  
February 27 from 9-12



# Community Players of Salisbury

www.communityplayersofsalisbury.org

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out and remit form with payment to:  
**Community Players**  
**P.O. Box 2431**  
**Salisbury, MD 21802**

### Membership Fees – September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016

Individual – \$10                       Family – \$20                       Student (18 or younger) – \$5

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member Names (for Family Memberships Only): \_\_\_\_\_

I am also paying my dues for 2016-17 (paying double the amount shown above)

Please send me information on how I can become a Community Players Patron.

Please send me information about purchasing Season Tickets.

Areas of interest (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acting / Dancing / Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting            | <input type="checkbox"/> Props                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising / Publicity    | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Crew                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Office                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make-up             | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Construction / Painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costumes                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Design                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                | <input type="checkbox"/> Program             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____      |  |  |

Please indicate previous experience in theatre (continue on back as needed):

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**Dues Reminder**

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2015-16 — your dues  
are not current.

Join today! Fill out the form  
on the previous page.

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, February 3, at 7 PM

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



**Community Players Officers & Board of Directors - 2015-2016**

President: Tom Robinson - tomchicken@aol.com

Vice President: Megan Davis - m.l.davis43@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Sharon Benchoff - fresnelop@aol.com

Corresponding Secretary: Matt Hatfield - mmhatfield1596@gmail.com

Treasurer: Charlie Linton - charliecamtransport@yahoo.com

Immediate Past President: Rusty Mumford - popirusty@comcast.net

**Board Members**

Jeff Baer, Joe Benamati, Mary Veise - Term Expires 2016

Pete Cuesta, Ken Johnson, Katie Simms Parsons - Term Expires 2017

Judy Hearn, Kel Nagel, Steve Culver - Term Expires 2018

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