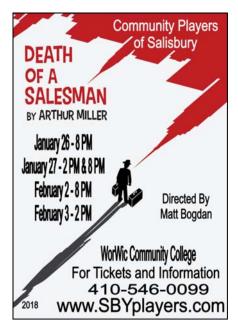
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## Meet the Cast and the Production Staff of Death of a Salesman

Willy Loman Darrell Mullins
Linda Robin Mandelson
Happy Matt Hatfield
BiffMark Tyler
Bernard Nate Drehmer
The WomanJudy Hearn
CharleyMike Murphy
Uncle Ben Joe Emond
Howard Pete Evans
Jenny Crista Kirkendal
StanleySammy Barnes
Miss ForsytheTaylor Brady
Letta Cass Dasher
DirectorMatt Bogdar
ProducerSharon Benchoft
Stage ManagerJoshua McCabe
Props Coordinator Melissa Dasher
Set ConstructionLester Huss
Costume CoordinatorBonnie Nay
Lighting DesignGary Finley

#### You won't want to miss Death of a Salesman

Death of a Salesman is a play written by American playwright Arthur Miller.

It is a thrilling work of deep and revealing beauty that remains one of the most profound classic dramas of the American theatre.

The story revolves around the last days of Willy Loman, a failing salesman, who cannot understand how he failed to win success and happiness.

Through a series of tragic soulsearching revelations of the life he has lived with his wife, his sons, and his business associates, we discover how his quest for the "American Dream" kept him blind to the people who truly loved him.

Death of a Salesman was the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play.

The play premiered on Broadway and ran for 742 performances. It has been revived on Broadway four times, winning three Tony Awards for Best Revival.

It is widely considered to be one of the greatest plays of the 20th century.

Show times are Friday, January 26 at 8 PM, Saturday, January 27 at 2 PM and 8 PM, Friday, February 2 at 8 PM and Saturday, February 3 at 2 PM.

All shows will be at WorWic Community College.

You can order your tickets by calling 410-546-0099 or by going to our website www.SBYplayers.com.



#### A note from Ernie Matthews, the recipient of Community Players 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award

It is needless to say but, I was totally unprepared, totally surprised and totally honored to be the recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

To my fellow thespians please accept my deepest gratitude for this honor. I put Community Players among my most treasured group of friends and I look forward to many more years as a member.

This past year was a relatively difficult one for me and I felt very guilty for my limited involvement in the 2016-2017 season.

I look back on the last 30+ years of my association with the Players and they were some of the most rewarding times for both Betsy and I.

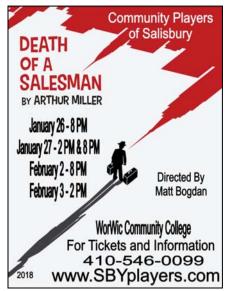
Though my participation will continue at a slower pace I still have the desire to design sets, perhaps direct again and maybe even audition for a part in some future play with lots of old farts, I mean parts.

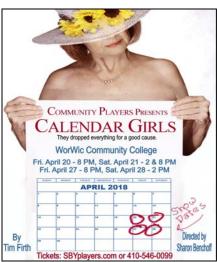
It has been my honor to be associated with such a great, talented, gifted, artistic, creative, imaginative collection of people.

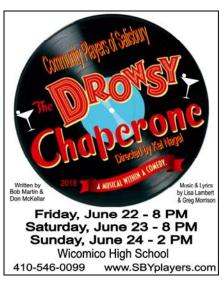
I love you all!!

Ernie

## We still have three great shows in 2018!! Order your tickets today.









### Mark your calendar for *Calendar Girls* auditions

By Sharon Benchoff, Director fresnelop@gmail.com

Auditions for Calendar Girls will be on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM and Monday and Tuesday, February 12 and 13 at 7:00 PM at Community Players, 5021 Nutters Cross Road.

And, no ladies, I am not going to ask you to take your clothes off and stand in a line for me! In fact, no one on stage will actually be nude. Props, costumes and careful blocking will hide all.

Character descriptions are on our website for this funny and touching play based on true events.

There are six "Calendar Girls", four additional women and four men. If you have any questions and/ or you would like to read the script in advance, please let me know.

More information to come ... stay tuned!



#### Consider a donation to Community Players through a Qualified Charitable Donation

Congress has created a rule that allows traditional IRA owners, who are at least 70 ½ years old to exempt their required minimum distributions from taxation. The amount that can be taken as a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) is capped at \$100,000 per year.

One of the biggest advantages that the QCD rule provides is the ability for taxpayers to lower their adjusted gross incomes (AGI). Having a lower adjusted gross income can allow the donor to stay in a lower tax bracket, reduce or eliminate the taxation of Social Security or other income and remain eligible for deductions that might be lost.

Another key advantage is that the donor does not have to itemize deductions in order to qualify for this deduction since the exclusion applies to adjusted gross income and not taxable income. This ultimately lowers the real cost of the donation for the donor, because having a lower AGI is more effective in some ways than merely having a lower taxable income.

The key rule to remember when it comes to QCDs is that the distributions must be made directly to the charity and not to the owner or beneficiary. The owner or beneficiary can receive this check and deliver it to the charity, but he or she cannot deposit the check and then make out another one to the charity. Community Players of Salisbury is a qualified 501(c)3 organization.

IRA owners who wish to lower their adjusted gross incomes can use this qualified charitable distribution strategy to efficiently disperse money to a charity of their choice.

Please consider making a donation to Community Players.

For more information contact Tom at 410-422-0635.



#### **Community Players of Salisbury**

Remit Form and Payment to: Community Players P.O. Box 2431 Salisbury, MD 21802

#### www.SBYplayers.org

#### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership Tier: Select One (Valid September 1, 2017—August 31, 2018)

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<u>Mezzanine</u>	Orchestra	Center Stage		
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Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter		
Email Blast	Email Blast	Email Blast		
	Gift	Gift		
	Players Night – Fall Musical Only**	Players Night – All Shows**		
		Free Admission to workshops/classes		
è		10% off Players Merchandise		

#### Membership Information: Fill out (Address where Membership Card will be sent)

First Name:		Last Name:		
Home Address:				
City:	State:		Zip Code:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:		
Family Member Names (Family Memb	erships ONLY):			

#### Interests (Circle All That Apply):

Performance	Lighting	Props	Advertising/Publicity	Stage Crew	Box Office
Hair	Make-Up	Set Construc- tion	Painting	Costumes	Marketing
Design	Directing	Membership	Sound	Ushering	Maintenance
Other (Specify):	•				

Questions? Email our membership team at:

membership@cposmd.com

<sup>\*</sup>Family memberships are good for 2 adults and all children under the age of 18 living in the same home. All family members, including children, must be registered and will receive a membership card

<sup>\*\*</sup>Members must present membership card at Players Night to be admitted

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#### Membership Dues Reminder

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

#### Next Monthly Membership Meeting Wednesday, January 3, at 7:00 PM

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



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