

# Back Stage

January 2018



## Describe Your Artwork/Performance Style:

When I am fortunate enough to be cast, I enjoy acting in theatrical productions.

## When did you start making your art?

Why? I was in a few plays in high school. I started for a social activity in college. I ended up being in 8 productions in 8 semesters so I must have really enjoyed it!

## What is your Inspiration?

As I got back into acting after a long hiatus, I was inspired by the productions I was seeing in this area and the many talented people that work very hard to bring the productions to stage for all to enjoy.

## Do you make a living with your art?

No, this is strictly a fun activity for me.

## What are your current non-art jobs?

I work at PRMC as Director of Lab Services.

## Who is your favorite artist and why?

My daughter, Jamie, is my favorite artist. She is talented in many arts. She is majoring in music at WVU and plays many instruments. She also sings, dances, and acts. I am proud of her as an artist and as a person.

## Where in the community can you be seen performing?

Currently I am working on *Death of a Salesman* with the Community Players of Salisbury.

**Theater** is a form of fine art that uses live performers to present the experience of a real or imagined event before an audience. The performers may communicate this experience to the audience through combinations of gesture, speech, song, music, and dance. Elements of art, such as painted scenery and lighting are used to enhance the physicality, presence and immediacy of the experience.

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

### ***Death of a Salesman at WorWic***

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

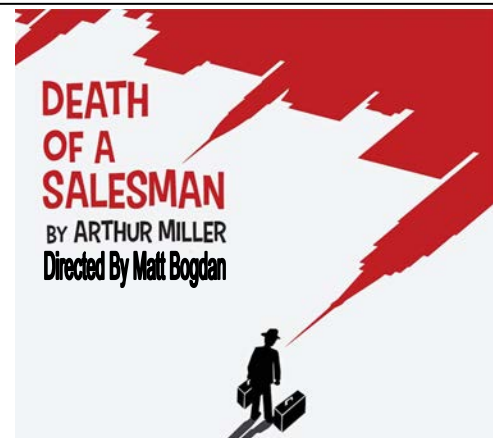
### ***Calendar Girls at WorWic***

Friday, April 20 at 8 PM, Saturday, April 21 at 2 and 8 PM, Friday, April 27 at 8 PM and Saturday, April 28 at 2 PM.

### ***The Drowsy Chaperone at WiHi***

Friday, June 22 at 8 PM, Saturday, June 23 at 8 PM, and Sunday, June 24 at 2 PM.

**You can order your tickets by calling  
410-546-0099 or by going to our website  
[www.SBYplayers.com](http://www.SBYplayers.com).**



## ***Death of a Salesman* is a theater classic**

The cast and crew of *Death of a Salesman* are hard at work on the show. Director Matt Bogdan says rehearsals are going well and is very excited about this talented staff. He invites everyone to buy your tickets now because you don't want to miss this one! If you are interested in helping please contact Sharon Benchoff at [fresnelop@gmail.com](mailto:fresnelop@gmail.com).

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.



## 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!



## Production Committee is looking for Directors for the 2018-19 season

Are you interested in directing a play? Have you chosen a play that you would like to direct for Players? What are you waiting for?!?!

The deadline to submit a play for consideration for next season is January 31.

If you have that show in mind, contact committee chairperson Ken Johnson (kjohanson71063@gmail.com or 410-251-9549), to get started. He can give you all of the information you will need to get your show submitted to the committee.

If you need help, I am sure that he or one of the committee members will be glad to offer some assistance.



### Describe Your Artwork/Performance Style:

I am definitely more of a visual artist than a performer. I love color, design, and detail. I like art of many styles, but Impressionism is one of my favorites styles.

### When did you start making your art? Why?

I have always been creative and loved doing "artsy crafty things". As a child I liked to make doll clothes, paper dolls, and doll house furniture and accessories. As a teen I liked all kinds of arts and crafts and even sewed my own clothes. In high school and college I took art classes and even got a masters degree in Art Therapy. I had a craft business for awhile and I sold things that I hand painted or made out of clay. I do not get as much time to do art now, but it is something that I hope to have more time for one day, when my kids are grown.

### What is your inspiration?

My husband, Matt Bogdan, is my inspiration to get involved with *Death of a Salesman*. Matt has been very supportive and helpful to me with starting my own business and I want to support him in his endeavors as well. I have enjoyed many of Players shows, but this is the first one that I have really become involved with. I am enjoying working with this talented group of people.

### Do you make a living with your art?

No. I would love to be able to make a living by doing art, but I think that is a pretty hard thing to do, thus the term "starving artist".

### What are your current non-art jobs?

I am currently have my own non-profit business that is titled "Sea-enity Family Resources" and I am working on getting that going. It is a program that is designed to help parents and families who are going through a rough period like separation, divorce, loss, or behavior challenges with their children.

### Who is your favorite artist and why?

My mother is my favorite artist. She uses a media that is called "rug hooking" but she makes beautiful wall hangings that are like painting, but they are made with thin strips of wool pulled through burlap. She has really developed her art and her talent in her retirement, and that is something that I hope to be able to do some day.

### Where in the community can you be seen performing?

I am not really a performer. I have not done any shows since I was in middle school. I was involved with the stage crew and props in high school and college.



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# Community Players of Salisbury

Remit Form and Payment to:

Community Players

P.O. Box 2431

Salisbury, MD 21802

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

<u>Mezzanine</u>	<u>Orchestra</u>	<u>Center Stage</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Family*
Membership Card	Membership Card	Membership Card
Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter
Email Blast	Email Blast	Email Blast
	Gift	Gift
	Players Night – Fall Musical**	Players Night – All Shows**
		Free Admission to workshops/classes
		10% off Players Merchandise

\*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

\*\*Members must present membership card at Players Night to be admitted

**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 Memberships ONLY):			

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

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

Questions? Email our membership team at:

[membership@cposmd.com](mailto:membership@cposmd.com)

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## **Membership Dues Reminder**

If the address label on this  
newsletter does not show  
Member 2017-18  
— your dues are not current.  
Join today! Fill out the form  
on the previous page.

## **Next Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 PM**

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



## **Community Players Officers & Board of Directors - 2017-2018**

President: Tom Robinson - tomchicken@aol.com

Vice President: Ken Johnson - kjohnson71063@gmail.com

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Corresponding Secretary: Robin Finley - robinfinley@comcast.net

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Immediate Past President: Megan Davis - mdavis9094@gmail.com

### **Board Members**

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

David Allen, Sammy Barnes, Matt Hatfield - Term Expires 2019

Sharon Benchoff, Melissa Dasher, Darrell Mullins - Term Expires 2020

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