

# Back Stage

August 2018



## Auditions information for *South Pacific*



## Descriptions of the principals in *South Pacific*

Auditions will be held for Community Players production of *South Pacific* on Saturday, August 11, and Sunday, August 12, at 2 PM, and Monday, August 13, at 7 PM at the Players' building located at 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury, 21804. Call back dates and times to be determined. Show dates are November 2-4.

If you are auditioning, be prepared to sing. Prepare 16-32 bars of a song (not from *South Pacific*) with piano accompaniment.

A professional accompanist will be provided at auditions. Those auditioning must provide printed music for the accompanist. No a capella auditions will be allowed. No singing along to a CD, phone, iPad or other devices will be allowed.

If you are auditioning, be prepared to dance. Clothes and shoes that allow movement are necessary.

If you are auditioning, be prepared to read. It will be a cold reading. Show character, personality, and confidence...and act the part. You should know something about the character prior to reading so you can demonstrate these qualities. See the character descriptions and/or read the script or watch the play or movie prior to auditions. If it seems appropriate for your character to move, then feel free to move during the reading. Be sure, though, that your movements are not extreme or distracting. Remember that body language is also a major part of the audition. Also, listen and react, and certainly do not block your face with the provided script.

**Final Note:** If you want to audition and cannot make any of the indicated dates and times, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding auditions, please contact Matt Bogdan, director and producer of *South Pacific*, at [oceancityhappyme@aol.com](mailto:oceancityhappyme@aol.com) or at 443-235-3272.

### Male Principals

**Emile de Becque** is a wealthy, cultured and dignified French plantation owner with grit and glamour who falls in love with Nellie. He claims to have killed a man in France, forcing him to flee the country. He volunteers to serve as a spy for the American troops when Nellie calls things off between them. The actor must be able to have a believable French accent. He is a baritone. Age range is 40-60.

**Lieutenant Joe Cable** is a young, formal and handsome officer who falls in love with Liat. He is a tenor (E3 to G4). Age range is 21-35.

**Luther Billis** is a loveable and crafty man who helps provide much-needed comic relief for his fellow sailors. Billis has little to no respect for authority and is always scheming, but he is a good friend to Nellie. He runs a laundry enterprise with a homemade washing machine. He is a baritone. Age range is 25-40.

**"Stewpot"** is one of the Seabees (sailors) and Luther Billis' cohort. He runs the laundry machine. He is a baritone. Age range is 21-35.

**"Professor"** is one of the Seabees and Luther Billis' cohort. He is a shy, studious man. He is a baritone. Age range is 25-40.

**Capt. George Brackett** is the commanding officer and highest-ranking officer on the island. Brackett is slightly self-important, but he hides a heart of gold. He does not sing. Age range is 40-60.

**Cmdr. William Harbison (US Navy)** is second-in-command on the island. Harbison is annoyingly domineering and hotheaded. He is Brackett's right hand man. He is a baritone. Age range is 40-55.

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**Jerome** is Emile's son of mixed race. He is a precocious boy who adores his father. He sings and acts and must be able to learn French phrases. Age range is 8-12.

### Female Principals

**Nellie Forbush** is a spirited nurse from Little Rock, Arkansas. Nellie is optimistic and tomboyish and falls in love with Emile, but she fights against her own prejudices as their relationship develops. She is a mezzo. Age range is 25-40.

**Bloody Mary** is a sassy Polynesian merchant who makes her living selling souvenirs to the American sailors. Bloody Mary tries desperately to find a rich husband for her daughter Liat who she thinks can give her a better life. She is a mezzo. Age range is 35-60.

**Liat** is Bloody Mary's beautiful Polynesian daughter who falls in love with Lt. Cable. She does not sing. Age range is 16-25.

**Ngana** is Emile's daughter of mixed race. She is a smart, young girl who adores her father. She sings and acts and must be able to learn French phrases. Age range is 8-12.

### Ensemble

The ensemble mostly sailors and nurses, will consist mainly of males and females, age range of 16-60.

## South Pacific Auditions

August 11 & August 12 - 2 PM  
August 13 - 7 PM

**Tickets for our shows  
will not be available  
until September**

We can not get our dates confirmed  
with WorWic Community College  
until September.

For ticket information check your  
September Newsletter, our Web Page at  
[www.SBYplayers.com](http://www.SBYplayers.com) or your email.

If you are not on our email list please send a  
request to [communityplayers@cposmd.com](mailto:communityplayers@cposmd.com).

## You don't want to miss the 2018-2019 Season



Directed by  
Matt Bogdan  
November 2-4

Directed by  
Darrell Mullins  
February 2019



Directed by  
Sharon  
Benchoff &  
Robin Finley  
March 2019

Directed by  
Matt Hatfield  
April 2019



Directed by  
Ken Johnson  
June 2019



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# Community Players of Salisbury

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 Community Players  
 P.O. Box 2431  
 Salisbury, MD 21802

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Tier: Select One (Valid September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019)

<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 Only**	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):					

I am paying for 2 Years (September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2020)

Questions? Email us at: [membership@cposmd.com](mailto:membership@cposmd.com)

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## **Next Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 1, at 7:00 PM**

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



## **Community Players Officers & Board of Directors** **July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019**

President: Ken Johnson - kjohnson71063@gmail.com

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### **Board Members**

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

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

Tony Broadbent, Bobbie Calloway, Alanna Phillips - Term Expires 2021

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