

# Back Stage

November 2019



## The cast is selected for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

By Peter Cuesta, Director

I am pleased to announce the cast and crew for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Randal McMurphy - Jason Bruce

Nurse Ratched - Kim Cuesta

Chief Bromden - Matt Bogdan

Dale Harding - Mike Murphy

Scanlon - Pete Evans

Cheswick - Kel Nagel

Billy Bibbit - Will Townsend

Martini - Steve Culver

Ruckley - Matt Hatfield

Nurse Flynn - Sarah Rodler

Aide Williams - Jarrell Corbin

Aide Warren - Jay Weaver

Aide Turkel - Bob Connelly

Dr. Spivey - Mark Decker

Candy Starr - Devin Bradley

Sandra - Cheryl Phillips

Director - Peter Cuesta

Assistant Director - Madison Cuesta

Stage Manager - Kate Adkins

## A couple from Players needs our help

By Darrell Mullins, President

As you may have heard by now, David and Brenda Allen's house burned down. Luckily, no one was home at the time, but the fire resulted in total destruction of their home. They are long-time members of Community Players.

We've been discussing various approaches to offering help and support.

I am asking that anyone who wants to donate something to help the Allen family may do so by sending a check to Community Players, P.O. Box 2431, Salisbury, MD 21802 and specify that the donation be for the Allen family.

This clearly is a trying time for David and Brenda and their family. My hope and prayers are that they get through it knowing that we are here to help.

## Get your tickets for our upcoming shows

Call 410-546-0099  
or on the web at  
[www.SBYplayers.com](http://www.SBYplayers.com)

### *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*

January 31, February 1, 6, 7, & 8  
at WorWic Community College

### *Senior Follies*

April 24, 25, 30, May 1, 2  
at WorWic Community College

### *Jesus Christ Superstar*

June 19, 20, 21  
at WiHi Auditorium



## We will have a Holiday Social after our December meeting

By Rusty Mumford, Hospitality Chairperson

Following the regular monthly Community Players meeting on Wednesday, December 4, at 7 PM join us for a Holiday Social.

The Hospitality Committee plans to kick off the holiday season with hors d'oeuvres (I promise that this will be better than chips and dip) and a time to socialize with fellow members of Players.

We see each other at meetings or when we work on shows, but this guarantees to be a great time to see old friends and make new ones!

Bring your favorite alcoholic beverage, if you would like.

See you on December 4!

## Thanks to everyone who completed our survey during *Matilda*

By Sharon Benchoff, Vice President

The survey was inserted in the *Matilda* program. Not only did you complete the survey while you attended the performance, but we are still receiving your completed surveys in the mail.

Your feedback is so important to us.

We appreciate your input and will be placing a survey in the program for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.



## It's time to renew your Membership

By Sharon Benchoff & Melissa Dasher,  
Membership Co-Chairpersons

Our membership renewals for this year are moving as slowly as maple syrup in Vermont.

Show how much you care about the organization and our continued commitment to bringing quality productions to the Shore. So many young people have been exposed to live theatre either by our workshops or being part of our shows, such as "Matilda". Players is a family where all are appreciated and accepted and have a great time.

Did you know the average cost to produce one of our musicals is \$25,000? Royalties, rental of the school, costumes, sets, lighting, and the orchestra all cost money.

Won't you become a member or patron today?

## Production Committee is meeting to select next season's shows

By Sharon Benchoff, Chairperson

It is never too early to begin thinking about next season!

The Production Committee will be meeting this month to begin reading and considering productions for our 2020-2021 season.

If you have a desire to direct a play that has always been one of your favorites, or have a desire to see Players produce one of your favorite musicals or plays, please let us know.

The deadline for submission of a play or musical is January 31.

## Community Players will be at the Ward Museum's Winter Wonderland

By Melissa Dasher, Chairperson

We are thrilled to be invited by the Ward Museum to be a presenter at their annual "Winter Wonderland" event. It will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

This event draws a large crowd every year and is an excellent opportunity for our organization to give back to our community and to also introduce ourselves to new people. We will set up in The Ward Museum's beautiful new Legacy Center room and interact with the children and families as they rotate into our space to see what we are up to. Winter Wonderland will also feature Santa Claus, a make-your-own hot chocolate bar, story time, lots of craft stations, and performances by a local dance troupe and music ensembles.

We plan to offer a couple different activities throughout the day. One is a charades-type game where an individual or a group will select a prompt and then choose from an offering of simple costumes and props and act out their scenario for the audience. The other is Drama Circle Games like Zip, Zap, Zop or Bippity, Bop, Bop or Pictures. This is going to be a lot of fun!

All members and friends of Community Players are invited to help with this exciting happening.

We need people to be at the event, participating along with the kids, not afraid to be silly and have fun, to help them feel less inhibited and show them how it is done. We also need prompt or scenario ideas, such as "You are a group of reindeer working together to build a snowman" or "Act out an elf trying to gift wrap a doll baby whose head keeps falling off."

Please e-mail me with ideas or if you are willing to work a shift (10 AM-Noon or Noon-2 PM) at [bizemomx5@comcast.net](mailto:bizemomx5@comcast.net).



## Consider a tax-free donation to Players from your IRA

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 is the ability for taxpayers to lower their adjusted gross incomes

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.

The key rule to remember is that the distributions must be made directly to the charity. The owner 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. Community Players of Salisbury is a qualified 501(c)3 organization.

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

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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, 2019 - August 31, 2020)**

<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, 2019 - August 31, 2021)**

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

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Please consider becoming a member of Community Players. If you are not sure if your dues are paid for the current year, please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If it does not show 2019-20, your dues are not up-to-date.

## Next Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 PM  
at 5109 Nutters Cross Road

A Holiday Social follows at about 7:30 PM



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