

# *Back Stage*

November 2020



COMMUNITY  
**PLAYERS**  
*of Salisbury*



## ***The View from Row G*** ***By Sharon Benchhoff, President*** ***(fresnelop@gmail.com)***

I'm certain, like me, you are receiving lots of emails and texts asking for donations from many worthwhile organizations who are hurting during this calamitous time. The fact that you are reading this newsletter proves that you believe the arts are important and speak to who we are as Americans. Musical theatre was born in America and we have produced some of the greatest playwrights in the world. Here comes the twist. I'm not going to ask you for money at this time. Food Banks and nonprofit organizations providing direct services should come first when we decide where our financial aid will go. This article is more of a thank you than a request. I want to thank you for your support for "Weekends on the Lawn". Ticket sale were \$1,880.00 which covered the cost of the royalties and necessary expenditures with some left for building expenditures. Fortunately, we keep our set pieces from previous productions (have you seen our scene shop?!), so we did not have to spend any money on any of the sets. Tony Broadbent was very generous in not charging Players for the use of his lighting equipment. Special thanks to Stevie Stevenson for the use of his trailer at no charge. Thanks also to all of the Board members. Each one pitched in by working where ever they were needed; directing, box office, acting, set construction, parking lot attendant or cleaning the restrooms (yeah, we do it ourselves). Whatever was needed, they were there.



Matt has been a member of Players for the last 8 years, having been a board member twice as well as Corresponding Secretary. Matt's first show with the Community Players was *Les Misérables* and he has been a part of over 20 shows since then. He also directed Players' production of *The Last Five Years* in 2019 and was supposed to direct *Cabaret* in the fall of this year which was unfortunately postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19.

On stage Matt has appeared in many shows. Among his favorites have been *The Addams Family* (Lucas Beineke), *Into the Woods* (Cinderella's Prince), *Moon Over Buffalo* (Paul), *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Eugene) and *The Foreigner* (Ellard). He most recently was seen on the lawn with Players productions of *Hate Mail* and *Film to Broadway*.

Matt got his start in theater in his junior year production of *Back to The 80's: The Totally Awesome Musical!* where he played the lead role, Corey Palmer. Since that first show, Matt has not stopped wanting to be on stage or directing.

Samuel "Sammy" Barnes first joined CPOS in the 2008 season playing the role of Officer Penn in the production of *Wait Until Dark* and then his first musical role as the Warden in the 2009 production of *All Shook Up*.

From that point on, Sammy has played an active role in as many productions possible, either as an aspiring actor or assisting with construction, stage crew, lighting assistant, props, costuming, wherever he is most needed.

Sammy has enjoyed playing many roles in various shows either with CPOS or Ocean Pines Players. He has appeared in *Dearly Departed*, *Opal's Husband*, *Romantic Comedy*, *Sunshine Boys*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Rumors*, *Death Trap*, and many more. He also has dabbled in a few movies and television commercials, including the fabulous role of "Greasy Joe" in *The Lumberjack of All Trades*.



Articles, photos, etc. for publication in **Back Stage** should be emailed to me (popirusty@comcast.net) by the 15th of each month. Also, if you have ideas for the improvement of our newsletter, please let me know!

Rusty Mumford  
Corresponding Secretary

## WANTED: OLD UNUSED PLAYERS SHOW SHIRTS

Did you buy a Show shirt and wear it once or twice? Is it hanging in the closet or folded in a drawer? If you are like many of us, they don't even fit anymore. Ken Johnson has begun a project to repurpose those shirts into wall hangings. He has used all his and is looking for old Players' show shirts that are not being worn anymore. If you have any shirts you would like to donate, please contact Ken at [kjohnson71063@gmail.com](mailto:kjohnson71063@gmail.com). What a creative idea! We look forward to seeing the result of his work!!



## TIME FOR A NAME

We have been in our Nutters facility for six years and we still refer to it as the Nutters property. This building and the surrounding land are so much more to us than the 'property'. It is time to give our home a name. If you have a suggestion, please email it to Corresponding Secretary Rusty Mumford at [popirusty@comcast.net](mailto:popirusty@comcast.net). All suggestions will be presented to the Board for a final choice.

***Congratulations to the winning team from Trivia Tuesday, October 20...  
Team Razzle Dazzle!***



# Community Players of Salisbury

## Membership Application

(Valid September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021)



Check one

**\$50.00 Family**

One household - up to 2 adults and all children who are under the age of eighteen (18), twenty-two (22) if a fulltime student or on active duty in the military

**\$25.00 Individual**

An individual who is eighteen (18) years old or older

**\$ 10.00 Student**

An individual who is under the age of twenty-two (22) and is a fulltime student

First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
<b>Family Membership ONLY</b> Adult #2 First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Children: First Name(s):	Last Name(s):	Age(s)	

### Interests (Circle all that apply)

Advertising	Box Office	Costumes	Design	Directing	Hair
Lighting	Maintenance	Make-up	Marketing	Membership	Painting
Performance	Props	Set Building	Stage Crew	Sound	Ushering

Remit Form and Payment to:

**Community Players**  
**PO Box 2431**  
**Salisbury, MD 21802**

Questions? E-mail us at: [membership@cposmd.com](mailto:membership@cposmd.com)

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# COMMUNITY PLAYERS PATRON ENROLLMENT FORM

## 2020-2021 SEASON

Thank you for your support! Your donation makes it possible to bring quality theatre to Delmarva. As a patron, you will receive tickets to all of our shows, special seating at WiHi, and an invitation to a Patrons Reception in the spring. Please select the level at which you wish to be listed in our programs:

\_\_\_ LEGACY CLUB: For a contribution of \$2,000 or greater, you will receive eight season tickets

\_\_\_ ANGEL: For a contribution of \$1,500 to \$1,999, you will receive six season tickets

\_\_\_ BENEFACTOR: For a contribution of \$1,000 to \$1499, you will receive five season tickets

\_\_\_ GUARDIAN: For a contribution of \$750 to \$999k you will receive four season tickets

\_\_\_ SPONSOR: For a contribution of \$500 to \$749, you will receive three season tickets

\_\_\_ DONOR: For a contribution of \$250 to \$499, you will receive two season tickets.

\_\_\_ FRIEND: For a contribution of \$ 100 to \$249 you will receive one season ticket.

ENCLOSED IS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Because of the continuing coronavirus emergency, we are unable to provide show dates at this time. We will contact patrons regarding show dates and your choice of dates as soon as they are available. A valid email address would be very helpful in facilitating this effort. We will not share your email address.

NAME (as you would like it in the program)

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All contributions above the retail value of the tickets are tax deductible

We  Love our **COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
*Patrons of Salisbury*

**Community Players Patrons 2020-2021**

***Legacy Club***

Pete & Kim Cuesta

Tom & Susan Robinson

***Benefactor***

Jim & Jean King

Betty Wootten

***Guardian***

Anonymous

Kel & Debby Nagel

***Sponsor***

Mary Sue & Gordon Gladden

Rodney & Patricia Layton

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Walter R. McCabe

Bill & Jan Owens

Alice Tweedy

Dr. Arlene White

Stephanie Willey

Kate & Dan Zimmerman



## **ABOUT OUR PATRONS**

Kel Nagel, Patron Chairman  
kelnagel@yahoo.com  
410-726-0670

If you look at any of our programs, you will see that some of our Patrons, including Kel and Debby Nagel, are active both on and off the stage.

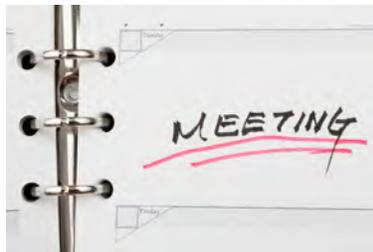
Whether Patrons or not, all of our cast and production team members donate their time and talent to making theater. We are richly rewarded by the knowledge that our efforts are appreciated by our audiences, and that we are making theater available to the local community at reasonable prices. Most of our patrons, however, do not choose to participate other than as audience members. We are so happy to have them!

In this newsletter, we have printed the list of our 2020-2021 Patrons, as it would have been seen in the *Cabaret* program this month. How sad for us all that we are unable to do indoor theater yet and are uncertain when we will get back on stage indoors.

While we are not doing big shows and selling tickets, we still have operating expenses. So all our cash flow is flowing out, or it would be, except for the generosity of Patrons who supported us knowing that we were cancelling shows. They are helping to keep our financial heads above water. So here is a big shout out to them.

If you would like to become a Patron for 2020-21, please fill out the form and send it to us. If you have any questions about our Patron program, please contact me.

And thanks again for your support. We cannot wait to see you at our next show!



## **Next meeting is November 4**

Players' next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 PM, face to face, at our Nutters' building. Social distancing and masks will be required.

If you would prefer to ZOOM in, please email Darrell Mullins at [dgmullins@salisbury.edu](mailto:dgmullins@salisbury.edu)

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**P. O. Box 2431**  
**Salisbury, MD 21802**

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of Community Players.  
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the current year,  
please check the  
mailing label on this  
newsletter.  
If it does not show  
2020-21, your dues  
are not up-to-date.*

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 4, at 7 PM**  
**5109 Nutters Cross Road**



**Community Players Officers & Board of Directors**  
**July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021**

*President: Sharon Benchoff - fresnelop@gmail.com*  
*Vice-President: Melissa Dasher - bizemomx5@comcast.net*  
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*Corresponding Secretary: Rusty Mumford - popirusty@comcast.net*  
*Treasurer: Charlie Linton - charliecamtransport@yahoo.com*  
*Immediate Past-President: Darrell Mullins - dmullins@salisbury.edu*

*Board Members*

*Bobbie Calloway, Pete Cuesta, Matt Hatfield - Term Expires 2021*  
*Sammy Barnes, Nate Drehmer, Tom Robinson - Term Expires 2022*  
*David Allen, Ken Johnson, Shelbie Thompson - Term Expires 2023*

***We're on the Web: [www.SBYplayers.com](http://www.SBYplayers.com)***