

Back Stage

December 2020



COMMUNITY
PLAYERS
of Salisbury



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

As you know, we have been working on alternate performances since the beginning of the summer. So far, we brought you "Weekends on the Lawn" with readers theatre and concerts. While we still don't know if we will be able to present "Leading Ladies" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" this winter and spring due to the uncertainty of when Wor-Wic will be able to reopen the auditorium, we are still determined to bring theatre to the Eastern Shore. Exciting new projects are in the works at Players. We are working with Delmarva Public Radio to bring radio shows, performed by members of Community Players, to the local listening audience. We are currently reading scripts to choose some slightly different holiday stories. Since we don't know when we will be able to see all of you face to face, sitting in an auditorium, we must continue to come up with new ideas. I'm cautiously optimistic that our initiative to work with the Communication Department at SU is taking shape. There is a quirky sweet show, "Almost Maine", that we hope to perform and record to present to you in your home. Players will provide the directors and actors while SU will have talented media students film and edit the performance. Players will keep you up to date with our progress on these ventures here, on Facebook and on our website.



Community Players of Salisbury TRIVIA NIGHT



1st and 2nd session
 Email **Postponed until 2021** Register!

DID YOU KNOW...

Community Players has produced at least one musical per season since 1964, the first being *Guys and Dolls*. (Larger casts and bigger audiences equal more community participation)

Royalties for a musical cost us between \$4,000.00 and \$5,600.00.

Players pays to use the high schools; average \$6030.00 per musical.

Community Players has produced a season every year since 1937. (Even during WWII)

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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:	
Family Membership ONLY 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

Players use only:

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Board Member Spotlight



Nate Drehmer is proud to have been acting in Community Players of Salisbury since his first show in 2003, *The Wizard of Oz*. Some of his favorite shows he's been in include *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Into the Woods* and *South Pacific*.

It has been a privilege to put on great shows alongside such talented members of the community. Not only that, but it's an honor to call these fellow actors and tech experts great friends.



Tom Robinson has been involved with Community Players' productions both on stage and behind the scenes. He was in the chorus for *Hello Dolly* and *The Wizard of Oz* and played Mr. Smith in *Meet Me In St. Louis*. He was in charge of special effects for *The Wizard of Oz* and *You Can't Take It With You* and sound for a lot of Players' musicals since 2004.

Tom was born and raised in Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State with a degree in Poultry Science. He moved to the Eastern Shore and worked for Perdue Farms for eight years, the final three years as Director of Marketing.

In 1980 he founded Robinson & Harrison Poultry Company (an international poultry and meat company with offices in Maryland, Arkansas, Georgia, Texas, and Mexico). He is president of the company.

Tom is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Historic District Commissions, The Chipman Foundation, and The Salisbury School. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Wicomico County and Community Players of Salisbury and served as President of Players in 2013-14 and 2015-16.

He is a member of Christ UM Church and serves as the Director of Technical Ministries and Administrative Services.

Tom is happy to be married to Susan Robinson and is very proud of his daughters and grandchildren.

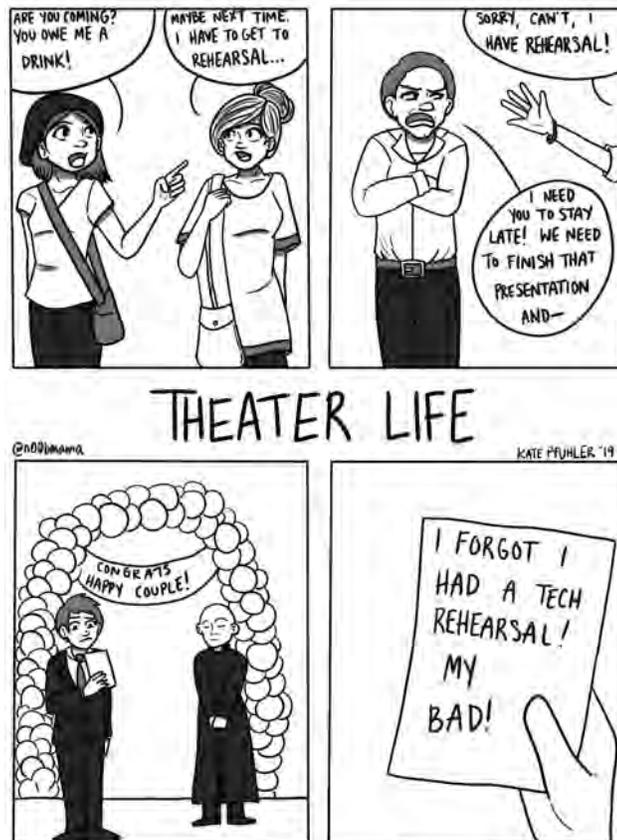


DID YOU KNOW...

The mission of Players shall be to encourage education, interest and participation in theater and to provide quality theatrical productions for the local audiences. Community Players is committed to celebrating an inclusive culture of creativity by welcoming actors, technicians, designers, musicians, and production team members from varied backgrounds, race, gender identity, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

Production Committee to Begin Work

Would you like to participate in selecting shows to present to the Board of Directors for next year's season? Then the Production Committee is the place to be. You must be a member of Community Players. You must commit to reading or watching all the scripts/shows submitted and be available to meet multiple times in the first few months of 2021 to discuss. We will be looking at shows that would make up a regular season as well as explore outside-the-box COVID friendly performance opportunities. If you are interested please e-mail Melissa Dasher, Vice-President and Production Committee chairperson at bizemomx5@comcast.net. Per our bylaws, the Production Committee will consist of 9 members representing as many facets of theater expertise as possible. Melissa will be appointing this committee in early January, so if interested, e-mail her before the end of December.



***Congratulations to the winning team from Trivia Tuesday,
November 17...Team We Got Nothin'!***



"We Got Nothin'" was the winning team for November 17th Tuesday Trivia. They came from behind to grab the win on the final question. Just goes to show that anyone can be a winner - just kidding guys - this hasn't been your first win.

Tuesday Trivia will be taking what we hope will be a short hiatus. There will be no trivia games for the remainder of 2020. With the percentage of COVID-19 cases on the rise in Wicomico and Worcester Counties, Players made the decision to suspend our trivia nights. We want to protect our members and friends by not having this gathering even though we have practiced social distancing and the wearing of face masks. Stay tuned for information when we will resume trivia.



Next meeting is December 2

Players' next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2 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



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. 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. **All suggestions will be presented to the Board at the December 2 meeting for a final choice.**



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your dues are paid for
the current year,
please check the
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newsletter.
If it does not show
2020-21, your dues
are not up-to-date.*

Next Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 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
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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