

Back Stage

October 2021

COMMUNITY
PLAYERS
of Salisbury



From the desk of the President...

Dearest fellow theater lovers,

This October, watch for Community Players to be out in the community. Thanks to the brainstorming idea of director Matt Bogdan and his Darker Side of Poe show you will find players at numerous venues throughout the area. We are delighted to be partnering local businesses with Community Theater. An evening out at any of these local businesses, watching theater, will be a great night.

Rehearsals are underway for the hilariously funny Noises Off which will play at WiHi Auditorium in November. Tickets are now on sale and you will not want to miss this show. Spread the word and invite your friends!

Unfortunately, due to COVID policies, we do not currently have venues for our winter shows. (If you know someone with a ton of money who would like to build us a theater, let's talk.) Community Players is filled with very creative people and we are working hard to find a way to bring you all of the shows we have planned for this season. In the meantime, make plans to see **Edgar Allen Poe: The Dark Side** and **Noises Off**. You won't be disappointed!

Melissa Dasher
President



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



Players' Annual Kick Off Event has been scheduled for October 9, 2021 at Players' on Nutters Cross Road. We are planning to have a covered dish dinner. Players will supply fried chicken, ham, the paper goods, soda, and ice. Each family who attends is asked to bring a side dish to share (salad, vegetable, or dessert). We also ask for a small donation to help defray the cost of the dinner (\$3.00/person or \$5.00/family). Come renew acquaintances and make new friends!

WHAT: **Players' Kick Off Dinner**
Covered Dish (Meat, Paper, Soda, & Ice provided)
BYOB

WHEN: **Saturday, October 9, 2021**
5 PM Happy Hour
6 PM Dinner
Open Mike Night to follow
(Comedy, Monologue, Skits, Song-Bring your Best)

DONATION: \$3.00/person or \$5.00/family to help defray costs of dinner

RSVP: **Rusty by October 6, 2021**
(popirusty@comcast.net or 410430-0423
with side dish and number of people)

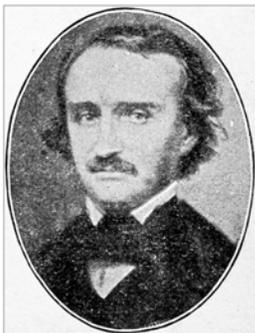
See you there!



Since we were not able to fill our production team, the **Leading Men & Leading Ladies Concert on the Lawn** which was scheduled for October has been postponed. We hope to re-schedule the concert for a fine Spring 2022 weekend when production team members are more readily available and less shows are in production at the same time. New dates and times as well as audition information will be published as soon as those decisions are finalized.



We dare you to experience **Edgar Allan Poe: The Dark Side**, a live, memorized, word-for word telling of the darker works of Poe. The first-person narratives allow the audience to capture the transformation of the storytellers, who will not only rely on memory, but also will use their acting skills for a very dramatic presentation. Featured works include *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Raven*, *Annabelle Lee*, *The Imp of the Perverse*, *The Cask of Amontillado*, and *The Black Cat*. Serving as moderators are three women from Poe's life: his mother, his wife, and his fiancée, who introduce each work and provide intriguing biographical details, speaking to Poe as if he were there in the audience.



Venues and dates and times for the Poe Show are as follows: Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD, Friday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m.; MarVa Theater in Pocomoke, MD, Saturday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. ; The Brick Room in Salisbury, MD, Thursday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. ; Moose Lodge in Salisbury, MD, Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. ; and Cactus Taverna in Salisbury, MD, October 31, at 7 p.m. The Halloween performance is a dinner theater includes the show for \$10 (cash or check) and dinner (credit card accepted) for \$34 plus tax, tips, and alcoholic drinks .



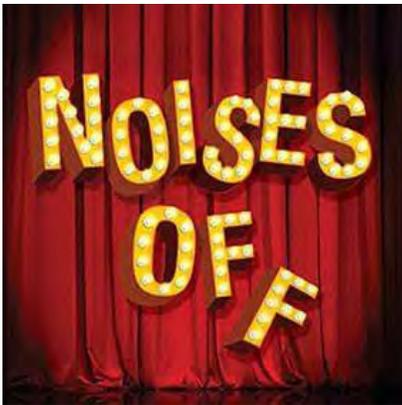
The show is rated PG-13, and tickets are \$10 (cash or check). Reservations are strongly suggested since space is limited at most venues. Call 443-235-3272 to reserve your ticket to terror (if you dare!).

Edgar Allan Poe: The Dark Side is presented by the Community Players of Salisbury and produced and directed by Matt Bogdan.

Cast



The Tell-Tale Heart: Mike Murphy
The Raven: Pete Cuesta
Annabelle Lee: Mark Tyler
The Imp of the Perverse: Jason Bruce
The Cask of Amontillado: Matt Hatfield,
Sam Barnes
The Black Cat: Matt Bogdan
Poe's mother: Judy Hearn
Poe's wife: Devin Bradley
Poe's fiancée: Kim Cuesta



Rehearsals are well underway. Set construction has begun. The props are being gathered. Costumes are being pulled for fittings. Sound and Lighting plots are being designed.

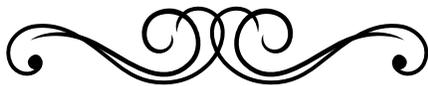
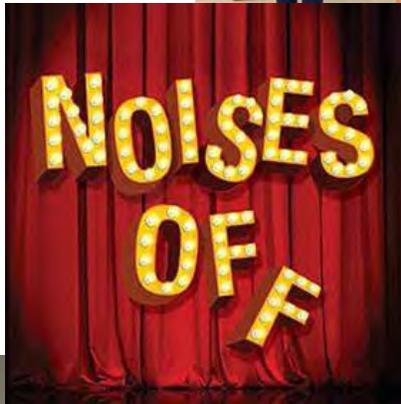
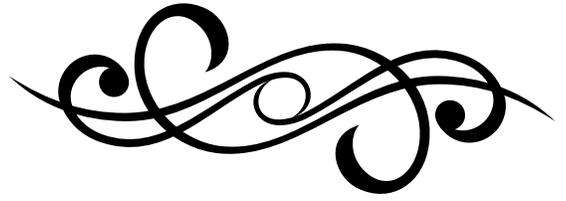
This production is already becoming a joyous experience for cast, crew and production team. My theory has been, if everyone is laughing at the cold read through, the play will be a hit. And, yes there were lots of laughs.

Noises Off is a love letter to the theatre, albeit a letter that shares the foibles, near catastrophes and mishaps that ensue backstage before, during and after performances. **Noises Off** is a 1982 play by the English playwright Michael Frayn. The idea for it came in 1970, when Frayn was watching a performance of a farce that he had written from the wings. He said, "It was funnier from behind than in front, and I thought that one day I must write a farce from behind."^[1] The play has been nominated for scores of awards for the original and revivals on Broadway and has been a favorite for each subsequent generation of audiences that have laughed through the mayhem.

Don't miss the fun. November 5th and 6th at 7:30 and November 8th at 2:00. Performances at Wicomico High School Auditorium (following current CDC/Board of Education guidelines). Tickets will be going on sale soon through sbyplayers.com or by calling 410-546-0099.

Sharon Benchoff
Producer

¹ **Mehlman, Barbara K. "A Curtain Up Review". Curtain Up.**



MAKEUP KITS



During every show, actors put on makeup as they prepare for each performance. During shows with large casts, this creates a major traffic jam at the makeup counter. A few of us have purchased our own makeup so that we can move away from that traffic jam and do our own makeup apart from the crowd. If you are planning to do multiple shows and are interested in ordering your own starter makeup kit, Players is taking orders for Mehron Mini-Pro Makeup Kits. The kit comes in three shades: Fair/Olive Fair, Medium/Olive Medium, or Medium Dark/Dark. Each kit includes an 8 color cream palette (4 CreamBlend foundation shades and 4 accent shades), Colorset powder, eyeliner pencil, stipple sponge, non-latex sponge, powder puff, and an instruction booklet. The price for each kit will be \$25.00 and will include a case. If you are interested in ordering a makeup kit, please fill out the form below and bring it with your payment to the September or October meeting (or contact Rusty at popirusty@comcast.net to make other arrangements). Orders placed by the October meeting will arrive in time for **Noises Off**.

MAKEUP KIT ORDER FORM

Name _____

Shade	Quantity	Price
Fair/Olive Fair	_____ x \$25	= _____
Medium/Olive Medium	_____ x \$25	= _____
Medium Dark/Dark	_____ x \$25	= _____

TOTAL _____



Membership Application

(Valid September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022)

Check one:

PATRON

- 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 \$999, 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 \$ 125 to \$249, you will receive one season ticket

MEMBER

- \$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

Adult #1 First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Patron or Family Membership ONLY			
Adult #2 First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Children: First Name(s):	Last Name(s):		Age(s)

Remit Form and Payment to:

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

Next Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 PM.
5109 Nutters Cross Road



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July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

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