

Back Stage

April 2021

**COMMUNITY
PLAYERS**
of Salisbury



The View from Row G
By Sharon Benchoff, President
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It has been lonely sitting out here all by myself in row G. But, by summer we should be able to enjoy the warmth of the summer sun and the coolness of a dark (socially distanced) theater together. Right now, we are working on putting together our plans for next season. We are aspiring, to have a full season of four productions. We are also in the planning stages of putting together shows for our second season of "Weekends on the Lawn". One of the many criteria considered in putting together a season are of course what you, our audience and patrons would like to see. Another major consideration is cost. I would love to say that money is not a problem, but even though we are a non-profit organization, that does not mean we can afford to dip into the red.

Did you know that the rent and associated fees of renting one of the high schools in Salisbury for one of our productions historically costs \$6440.00? We must pay between \$3,500 and \$5,600 in royalties/license to produce musicals. Then there are of course the costs involved in set construction, costumes, programs, paying our extraordinarily talented orchestra members a small stipend, plus areas of tech.

I am extremely proud of the quality of our endeavors and we strive to bring you the best possible experience in return for your patronage. I am looking forward to announcing our 85th season and "Weekends on the Lawn" productions and hope to see you soon.



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!

Ken Johnson and crew continue to work in Players' shop organizing and cleaning up. Please stop by on Saturday morning and offer your help. There are jobs that even the novice can handle.

Rusty Mumford
Corresponding Secretary



Next meeting is April 7, 2021

Players' next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 7 at 7:00 PM**. This meeting will be an **IN PERSON** meeting! Please bring a mask and we will be socially distanced

If you would like to ZOOM in, please email Darrell Mullins at dgmullins@salisbury.edu. Invitations will be emailed the day before the meeting.



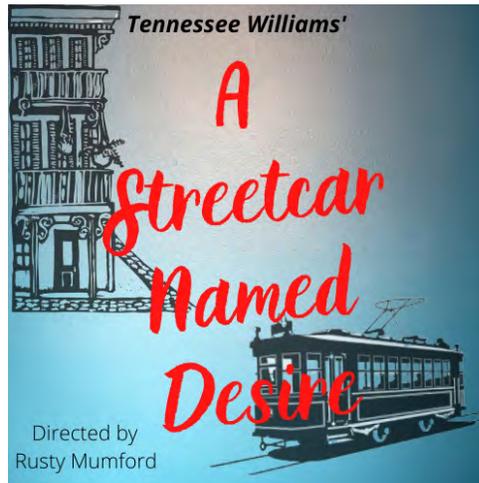
Want to make theater happen, but not into acting or tech? Well, we may have the perfect volunteer job for you. Community Players hopes to expand our grant and sponsor support. If applying for grants and contacting prospective sponsors for funding sounds like your thing, please contact Tom Robinson at tomchicken@aol.com



Can you match these hopeful uplifting lyrics to their musical?

(Don't cheat! Answers are on Page 6)

1. Let's go fly a kite
2. Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day
3. Let us be glad, let us be grateful
4. I see fireworks – I hear the bells ringing out
5. Opening up, letting the day in. Pour you a cup and say, "Hello, how ya been?"
6. I stick out my chin and grin and say tomorrow
7. Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise
8. Life's candy and the sun's a ball of butter
9. To new beginnings. Hello to sunny days
10. Happiness is singing together when the day is through and happiness is those who sing with you



***Congratulations to the cast
of
Community Players' Production
of
A Streetcar Named Desire!***

Director Rusty Mumford is very pleased to announce the cast of the CPOS 2021 production of ***A Streetcar Named Desire***.

Blanche DuBois	Shelbie Thompson
Stella Kowalski	Devin Bradley
Stanley Kowalski	Jason Bruce
Harold 'Mitch' Mitchell	Matt Hatfield
Eunice Hubbell	Heather Oland
Steve Hubbell	Sammy Barnes
Young Collector	Jay Weaver
Pablo Gonzales	Will Townsend
Flower Seller	Cory Dolly
Doctor	Jim King
Nurse	Robin Finley

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE SETWORK

Setwork is progressing very well. In fact, this may be one of the first shows where the set is finished before Tech Week. Imagine that?!? Thanks to everyone who has come out to help so far. We look forward to seeing lots of people when we get started again.

In the meantime, we are looking for some very specific pieces of furniture and set decoration. If you can help with any of the following items, please contact Director Rusty Mumford (popirusty@comcast.net) or Producer Becky Mumford (mimibecky@comcast.net).

Do you have a phone chair (gossip bench) that you would be willing to loan us for the show? Do you know someone who does or where we could find one? Please let us know if you do.



Do you have a full (double) size metal bed headboard that you would be willing to loan us for the show? Do you know someone who does or where we could find one? Please let us know if you do.

Do you have a couple of old Coke bottles (the little ones, no paint) that you would be willing to loan us for the show? Do you know someone who does or where we could find them? Please let us know if you do.





Have you been an active member of Community Players and want to become more involved? Maybe it is time to think about becoming a member of our board of directors or serving as an officer. Maybe you know someone who would be a great addition to the board. The board is responsible for choosing our productions, how monies are spent, helping with productions, attending meetings, servings on committees and shaping our future. The board meets the first Wednesday of each month. You would be expected to share your ideas and have a good time. Please contact me if you have any questions. I'll be glad to discuss the duties.
Sharon fresnelop@gmail.com

As part of our "Weekends on the Lawn" we are considering a Broadway Music concert. If there are songs and/or musicals you want us to include, please send me your thoughts at frenselop@gmail.com
Sharon

- ANSWERS TO MUSICAL LYRICS:
1. Mary Poppins
 2. Oklahoma!
 3. Wicked
 4. 1776
 5. Waitress
 6. Annie
 7. Les Misérables
 8. Funny Girl
 9. Kinky Boots
 10. You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

BALTIMORE PRODUCTION COMPANIES CASTING FOR OC PROMOS

Coastal locals are being sought for a few promotional videos for Ocean City, Maryland. Below is some quick info on our production.

WHO: Working Stiff & PandaBlair, our production companies in Baltimore.

WHAT: Several spots for OCMD for Summer 2021.

WHERE: Beach and boardwalk in OCMD (e.g. inlet beach one day)

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, 2021

WHY: This year's campaign is about the allure of the ocean and beach, and the fond memories we get from our beach vacations.

We are aiming to shoot some gorgeous beach shots early in the morning and well as throughout the day. We may still be able to make a timeslot work for you even if you are only available for part of the day (e.g. dawn, midday, or dusk.)

There is no dialog. These are lifestyle shots of, for example: walking the beach at sunrise, surf fishing, surfing, making sand castles, etc. See attached photo for reference.

There is no pay, aside from lunch money, at this time. We and OCMD are reaching out to some local vendors for gift cards or gift certificates for those who participate.

If you are interested and available the week following Easter, simply let me know so I can add you to the list of folks. Basic info needed is:

1. Name (can be individuals, friends, couples and families)
2. The Days and Times you are available on Sat/Sun, April 10/11
3. Cell #
4. Email Address
5. A Recent Photo

Those who have been vaccinated already, or could show a negative test result by Thursday, April 9 would get preference. (Our small crew of 8 people will have been tested).

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

Next Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00PM.
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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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