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PLAYERS
of Salisbury



December 2016

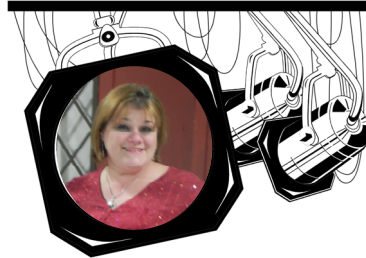


Wow! The holidays are here again! No matter what you do to celebrate, this is a busy time of year for everyone. So, from us to you, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Holidays!!! May this holiday season and the coming New Year bring you and yours all the joy and peace you deserve!

Our second production of the season, **Something's Afoot**, has been cast and is in rehearsal. If you receive a call asking for help, please volunteer as much time as you can.

If you have something to go in the newsletter, please submit it to me by the 15th of the month at popirusty@comcast.net or you can give it to me at the monthly meeting and it will go in that month's newsletter.

R. Popirusty



Community Players' Director Spotlight on Maria Demetriou

CPOS: Who are you when you are not a Community Player?

MARIA: *My clients refer to me as "The Wedding Dress Doctor" - I am a master seamstress and designer. But my full time job is being wife to Ted and mom to Tommy.*

CPOS: How long have you been a Players' member?

MARIA: *I joined Players in 2012.*

CPOS: What was the first Players' show you were involved with? In what capacity?

MARIA: *As Ted mentioned, we got involved with "Oliver" after moving to the area in 2012. Where I was cast alongside my real family as Widow Corney.*

CPOS: What is your all-time favorite play or musical?

MARIA: *That's a tough one without narrowing down genre. But based on life events and timing, I'd lean towards "Ragtime".*

CPOS: What is your ultimate dream role?

MARIA: *Most of which I've aged out of or already have done, but at this point - Mama Rose.*

CPOS: Where do you see Players in 10 years?

MARIA: *Producing smaller shows at Nutters and more educational programs with a FT staff.*

January Meeting

Community Players would like to invite everyone to the monthly meeting on January 4 at 7 PM. We will be discussing **Something's Afoot**, projects for the New Year, and introducing some very exciting new things.

We hope to see both new and familiar faces!

Happy Hanukkah





The Show Is Cast!

According to Directors Ted and Maria Demetriou, ***Something's Afoot*** has a wonderful cast. They are hard at work in rehearsal and having a great time!

Set work has begun and help is needed. Work will continue on Saturday mornings, beginning at 9 AM and on some weekday evenings, as scheduled by the set builders. If you have some time to help, please stop by Players on Saturday morning to check the schedule for construction.

If you have any questions, contact Ted Demetriou at 410-804-6880 or ted@demetriouinsurance.com or Maria Demetriou at 410-804-1628 or weddingdressdoctor@gmail.com.

Production Committee is looking for Directors for the 2017-18 season

Are you interested in directing a play? Have you chosen a play that you would like to direct for Players? What are you waiting for?!?!?

The deadline to submit a play for consideration for next season is January 31.

If you have that show in mind, contact Production Committee Chairperson Tom Robinson, to get started. He can give you all of the information you will need to get your show submitted to the committee. If you need help, I am sure that he or one of the committee members will be glad to offer some assistance.



Community Players' Board Member Spotlight on Robin Finley

CPOS: Who are you when you are not a Community Player?

ROBIN: *When I am not "playin", I am a real estate appraiser who is looking forward to retiring.*

CPOS: How long have you been a Players' member?

ROBIN: *I became a member in 2001.*

CPOS: What was the first Players' show you were involved with? In what capacity?

ROBIN: *My first play was "Little Women" directed by Cindy Gore (who I miss and to whom I will always be grateful). I was the mean, nosy next-door neighbor, Mrs. Moffett.*

CPOS: What is your all-time favorite play or musical?

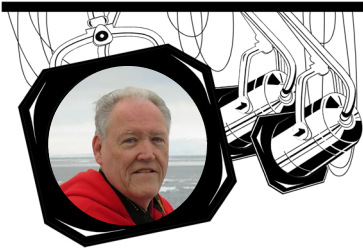
ROBIN: *Sooooo many, but when I was young (many many years ago) my parents bought me the Broadway recording of "Hair" and I listened to that thousands of times. I got to see the revival a few years ago and loved it so much I saw it twice! The music and message both speak to me. I guess I am just an old hippie at heart.*

CPOS: What is your ultimate dream role?

ROBIN: *If I were younger I would love to play Blanche in "A Streetcar Named Desire".*

CPOS: Where do you see Players in 10 years?

ROBIN: *Like most of us I would love to see Players use our facility as a performance space. But also I would like to see our membership become diversified.*



Community Players' Member Spotlight on Ernie Matthews

CPOS: Who are you when you are not a Community Player?

ERNIE: *I am a retired engineer having been able to retire in 1998. Seem to busier now than then.*

CPOS: How long have you been a Players' member?

ERNIE: *Became a member of Players in 1986-1987 season, so pushing 30 years.*

CPOS: What was the first Players' show you were involved with? In what capacity?

ERNIE: *My wife Betsy and I where the House Managers for "Slightly Off Broadway" the celebration of Players 50th anniversary.*

CPOS: What is your all-time favorite play or musical?

ERNIE: *My favorite Play is "Phantom of the Opera". My favorite Players production is a tough choice, they have all been great. Probably "Fiddler on the Roof" or "Les Miserables".*

CPOS: What is your ultimate dream role?

ERNIE: *Having only appeared on stage in one production in 1988 I would have to say being on stage is not a big priority. Most current directors are probably OK with that.*

CPOS: Where do you see Players in 10 years?

ERNIE: *In the last few years changes have been so positive with the opening of our new facility it is easy to dream of our own performance venue actually happening in 10 years. A semi-permanent staffing of our facility, our own box-office, continued involvement with the youth of our community and development of future directors and production staff. We have some fantastic talent in our community and it will be great to see them on our own stage and behind the scenes.*



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*Family - \$20

Student - \$5

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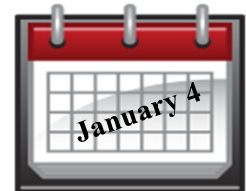
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Next Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, at 7:00 PM

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



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