

Back Stage

September 2021

COMMUNITY
PLAYERS
of Salisbury



From the desk of the President...

Dearest fellow theater lovers,

If you are on social media or the internet much these days you may be seeing lots of reports coming from Broadway: articles announcing a show has decided to return, when it will open and where; press releases confirming a favorite actor has been cast in a lead role; pictures as the company arrives at the stage door for its first rehearsal in months. Recently I watched a video of a cast singing the opening song for the first time. The energy in the room was brilliant. Everyone had huge smiles, some even smiling with tears in their eyes. When the song ended it was completely silent for a second or two, then the room burst into celebration.

They. Are. Back.

As I sat watching I realized that I, too, had a huge smile on my face. I was happy to be entertained but I was also happy for the actors and musicians to be back doing what they love. I was happy for all the technicians and support staff who are back to work. I was happy for all the folks who have already purchased tickets and are making travel plans. And I was happy for us.

Community Players has been working and planning behind the scenes for the kick-off of our 85th season. A ton of organizing and purging has been happening in our warehouse. The floor has been stripped and re-waxed and the walls have been painted in our practice space. An air conditioning leak has been repaired over one of the costume rooms. Make up is being restocked. Grants applications are being submitted. We are thrilled to have been invited to be a part of Furnace Town's first ever Renaissance Fair. Venues are being secured for a darker side of Edgar Allen Poe. Auditions for Noises Off have been held.

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

RESPOND: Rusty by October 2, 2021
(popirusty@comcast.net or 410430-0423
with side dish and number of people)

See you there!

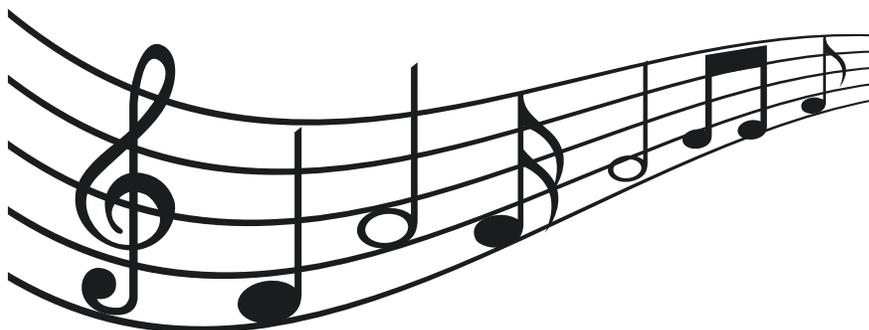


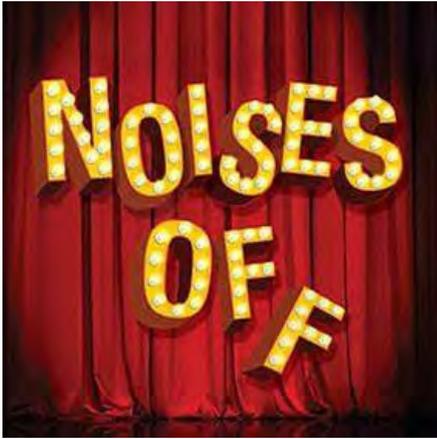
This season **Concert on the Lawn** has been scheduled for **October 1, 2, and 3, 2021** on the lawn behind our building at 5109 Nutters Cross Road. This concert, like last year's, will be a drive-in style performance. The audience will be able to drive in and park on the back lawn to see the concert and listen to the performance through the FM radio in the comfort of their own vehicle.

The theme of this year's concert is **Leading Men & Leading Ladies**. Songs from Broadway musicals will be chosen which were performed by the lead male or female in the show.

The cost of admission for this family-friendly concert is \$10 per person or \$20 per vehicle (cash or check only please). Bring the whole family to enjoy a trip through Broadway musicals as performed by some of our leading men and leading ladies!

Audition dates/times will be announced on our website and through other social media outlets.





NOISES OFF SET WORK

Set Construction for the first production of our 85th season, **Noises Off**, will begin on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10 AM. Set work will continue every Saturday until the set is completed or until we move to WiHi (whichever comes first). Many hands make lighter work. No special skills are necessary to work on the set. There will be something for everyone to do regardless of technical ability. Spend an hour or two or spend the day! All help is appreciated.



Poe: The Dark Side

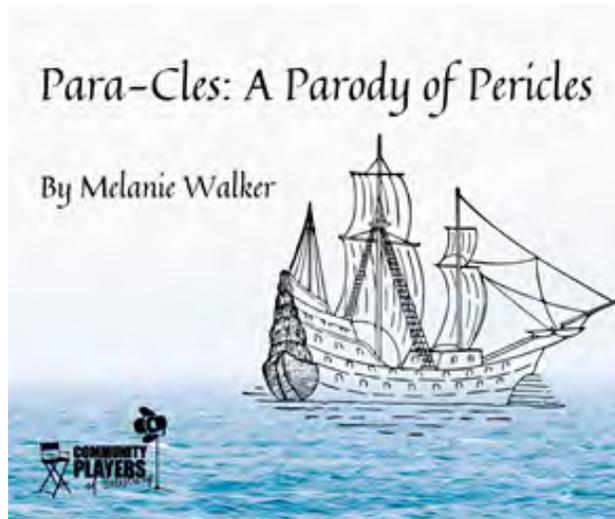
We dare you to experience the terror of Edgar Allan Poe! Featuring *The Raven*, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Black Cat*, *The Imp of the Perverse*, and *The Cask of Amontillado*, this show is directed by Matt Bogdan and will be presented on the following dates:

Thursday, Oct. 21, at Wildflower Estate in Mardela Springs;
Friday, Oct. 22, at Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD;
Thursday, Oct. 28, at Brick Room in Salisbury, MD;
Friday, Oct. 29, at Moose Lodge in Salisbury, MD.

Arrangements are being made for a possible dinner theater production at Cactus Taverna on Halloween.

This show is rated PG 13 and is presented by The Community Players of Salisbury.

Tickets are \$10 and reservations are suggested since space is limited in most venues. For more information and to reserve your ticket, call 443-235-3272.



Para-Cles was performed as part of the first Renaissance Festival at Furnace Town Historic Site in Snow Hill on August 21st and 22nd.

Congratulations to Director Sharon Benchoff and the cast on presenting this quick paced parody of a Shakespeare play. Performed on an open-air stage, Para-Cles was enjoyed by all those who attended the Renaissance Festival



MAKEUP KITS



During every show, actors put on makeup as they prepare for each performance. During shows with larges 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 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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PO Box 2431
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Questions? E-mail us at: membership@cposmd.com

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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, September 1 at 7:00 PM.
5109 Nutters Cross Road



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July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

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