

# *Back Stage*

November 2021

COMMUNITY  
PLAYERS  
*of Salisbury*



*From the desk of the President...*

Dearest fellow theater lovers,

November! What an exciting time for us!

Noises Off runs Nov 5th, 6th & 7th at WI-Hi Auditorium. Tickets are available on our website [SBYPlayer.com](http://SBYPlayer.com) or at the box office prior to each show. A musical revue, **All Together Now**, is a global event celebrating local theatre that runs Nov 12th, 13th & 14th at Christ United Methodist Church on Phillip Morris Drive in Salisbury. Tickets are not required but donations will be accepted to help with the expenses. AND, you have one more chance to see **Edgar Allan Poe: The Dark Side** on Nov 10th at The Globe Theatre in Berlin.

Thank you to all the many people who are working behind the scenes and on the stages to make these shows a reality. Your love of live community theater will be obvious to all who attend. Your attention to details & commitment to excellence will shine in each of these outstanding productions.

Make sure you check us out on Facebook or Instagram for the most up-to-date info and announcements!

One more thing: It is not too late to become a member of Players!

*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



## NEXT MEETING

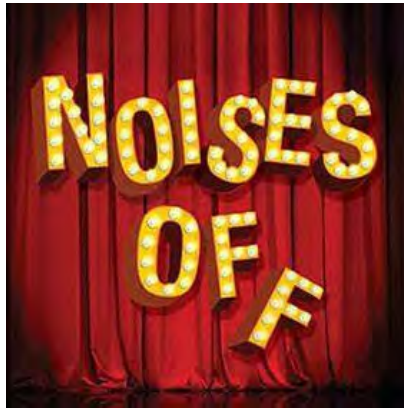
Due to conflicts with Noises Off, our November meeting has been canceled. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM** at Players. Join us as we hear the wrap up of the first show of our 85th season!



Calling all actresses, actors, and more! Community Players is producing the musical **25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** at the end of January, 2022. We are looking to cast a wide variety of character actors to portray these zany roles. Bring your 16 bars of music (either sheet music or backing track) and be ready to move! We encourage auditioning with the song of the character you want, but any song counts! Auditions will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 18th – 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Players. Callbacks, if necessary, will be Sunday. We hope to see you there.

Community Players is committed to celebrating an inclusive culture of creativity by welcoming actors, technicians, designers, musicians from varied backgrounds, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.

*Jake Brittingham*  
2 Director



Don't miss the fun! **Noises Off** will be performed at the Wicomico High School Auditorium on November 5th and 6th at 7:30 and November 8th at 2:00 (following current CDC/Board of Education guidelines). Tickets are on sale now through [sbyplayers.com](http://sbyplayers.com) or by calling 410-546-0099.

Get your tickets to see this hilarious play within a play!

**EDGAR ALLAN POE: THE DARK SIDE**  
Presented by Community Players of Salisbury -- Directed by Matt Bogdan



October 22 at 7:30	Kylan Barn	Delmar, MD
October 23 at 7:30	Mar-Va Theater	Pocomoke, MD
October 28 at 7:30	The Brick Room	Salisbury, MD
October 29 at 7:30	Moose Lodge	Salisbury, MD
October 31 at 7:00	Cactus Taverna*	Salisbury, MD
November 10 at 7:30	Globe Theater	Berlin, MD



**Community Players Announces an Upcoming Production of  
Music Theatre International's  
All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre  
Performances to take place November 12 – 14, 2021**

***A fantastic selection of songs are featured in this brand new musical revue from shows including Rent, Les Misérables, Into the Woods, Matilda, Hairspray, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Fiddler on the Roof, Once on This Island, Little Shop of Horrors, Mamma Mia! and many more!***

Community Players will be joining thousands of theatrical organizations around the globe by producing their own local production of Music Theatre International's **All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre**. Theatrical licensor Music Theatre International (MTI) created this revue for theatres across the globe to use as a local fundraising event performed over the same weekend of November 12, 2021. Players' performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 12 & 13 at 8 PM and Sunday, November 14 at 2 PM. All performances will take place at Christ United Church. Tickets will not be required but donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of production.

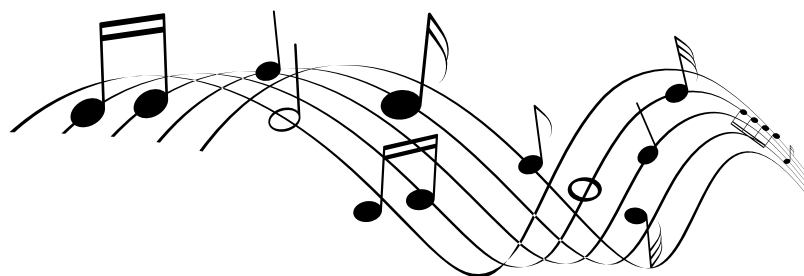
**All Together Now!** features songs from MTI's beloved catalogue of musicals including *Annie, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Come From Away, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Fiddler on the Roof, Godspell, Guys and Dolls, Hairspray, Into the Woods, Les Misérables, Little Shop of Horrors, Mamma Mia!, Matilda, My Fair Lady, Once on This Island, Rent, Waitress* and many more!

MTI's President and CEO, Drew Cohen stated, "MTI's All Together Now! is about bringing people back to the theatre, whether as audience members or cast, crew and musicians. The revue features songs from the world's most iconic musicals, so there is definitely something for everyone to enjoy. Our goal with this worldwide event is for organizations to provide hope, inspiration and excitement to their communities through the transformative power of musical theatre."

Directed by Darrell Mullins, the cast of **All Together Now!** includes:

- Rachel Bailey
- Abby Cuesta
- April Currey
- Mark Decker
- Alonzo Dixon
- Matt Hatfield
- Kyle Hayes
- Britni Ilczuk
- Brianna McCaffrey
- Rebekah McKelvey
- Rusty Mumford
- Luke Schoelkopf
- Shelbie Thompson
- Will Townsend
- Alana Troxell
- Norm Wolske
- Ashleigh Workman

With vocla coaching by William Folger and Susan Robinson and choreography by Katie Nuttal-Oakley, this concert promises to be an incredible extra production. Players is proud to be a part of this global celebration of local theatre.





## **PLAYERS MOURNS THE LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND**

Longtime Players' member and friend, Carol Alex, passed away on September 25th surrounded by the family that she loved. In her youth, Carol was a professional dancer in New York. When she and John moved to the Eastern Shore, she became very involved with Community Players and her church, Christ United Methodist Church.

Carol was dedicated to her family--two children, three grandchildren, and one grand-daughter. She remained active in her daughter's dance studio, Dance Magic, which was truly a family business with all family members taking an active role.

Carol will be missed by many, family and friends alike. Her bright smile and gentle spirit filled many rooms and brightened the spirits of everyone she knew.

In honor of this amazing lady, Community Players' 85th season will be dedicated to her memory.



# 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:	
<b>Patron or Family Membership ONLY</b>			
Adult #2 First Name:		Last Name:	
Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Children: First Name(s):		Last Name(s):	Age(s)

Remit Form and Payment to:

**Community Players**  
**PO Box 2431**  
**Salisbury, MD 21802**

Questions? E-mail us at: [membership@cposmd.com](mailto:membership@cposmd.com)

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of Community Players.  
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your dues are paid for  
the current year,  
please check the  
mailing label on this  
newsletter.  
If it does not show  
2021-22, your dues  
are not up-to-date.*

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 PM.**  
**5109 Nutters Cross Road**



**Community Players Officers & Board of Directors**  
**July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022**

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