

Back Stage

March 2018



Cast and Crew of *Calendar Girls*

By Sharon Benchoff, Director

Cast

Bobbie Calloway Jessie
Kim Cuesta Annie
Megan Davis Cora
Pete Evans Liam
Robin Finley Ruth
Matt Hatfield Lawrence
Judy Hearn Chris
Tracy Joachimowski Brenda
Robin Mandelson Lady Cravenshire
Nichole Martin Elaine
Mike Murphy John
Chris Pali Rod
Cheryl Phillips Marie
Shelbie Thompson Celia

Crew

Sharon Benchoff Director
Cass Dasher Stage Manager
Carol Alex Producer
Melissa Dasher Marketing
Lynne Bratten Costumes
Gary Finley Lights
Kim Mason Sound
Alanna Phillips Special Effects
Samuel Barnes Tech
Jean and Jim King Props
Debbie Nagel Props
David Allen Set Construction
Bill Zlakowski Set Construction

The Drowsy Chaperone promises to be a fun show

By Kel Nagel, Director

It's March, and we are halfway through a great season. I am helping with *Calendar Girls*, so why do I think it is a good time to write about a show we are doing in late June?

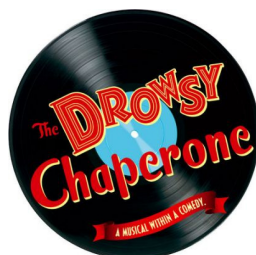
The Drowsy Chaperone is a big musical. We will need all the help we can get in staging it and attracting an audience.

If you want to know why we should be doing *Drowsy*, there are two reasons. The first is to have fun. The second is: I lied. There is no second reason. This is a fun show, from start to finish. There is very little that is serious about it.

It does have a traditional boy gets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back again plot, but even the boy loses girl part is fun.

Auditions are on Sunday, April 22 at 2 PM, Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24 at 7 PM. The cast includes fourteen adult characters and six ensemble. Character descriptions are on Community Players' website and will be printed in a future newsletter.

If you have questions or are interested in helping, email me at kelnagel@yahoo.com.



Calendar Girls begins rehearsals

By Sharon Benchoff, Director

We are on our way! Our first read through was held on February 19.

The cast is a superb blend of Player's veterans and newcomers. Some have made the leap from Techie to Actor. It was a wonderful afternoon of sharing laughter and a few tears as we read the brilliant Tim Firth script out loud. It is going to be a marvelous production.

Make sure you mark your calendars for the last two weekends in April and reserve tickets now.

We have great shows in 2018!!

Order your tickets today!

Calendar Girls at WorWic

Friday, April 20 at 8 PM,
Saturday, April 21 at 2 and 8 PM,
Friday, April 27 at 8 PM
and Saturday, April 28 at 2 PM.

Drowsy Chaperone at WiHi

Friday, June 22 at 8 PM,
Saturday, June 23 at 8 PM, and
Sunday, June 24 at 2 PM.

You can order your tickets
by calling 410-546-0099 or
by going to our website
www.SBYplayers.com.



Describe Your Artwork/Performance Style:

My artwork is sound.

When did you start making your art? Why?

I started doing sound at the age of 16 at Christ UM Church. I caught the bug so to say. Learning how to control the ups and downs of mixing voices, instruments, and music was exciting.

What is your inspiration?

My inspiration comes from knowing that I get to help others do what they love. I love the theater and I'm happy to be a part of it.

Do you make a living with your art?

No, I do it as a hobby.

What are your current non-art jobs?

I work for Tom Robinson at Robinson and Harrison Poultry. It will be 14 years in October. I also do photography on the side.

Who is your favorite artist and why?

One of my favorites is Johnny Depp. I think he is so talented. He can take on any role and make it completely different from anything else he's done.

Where in the community can you be seen performing?

You can see me next at Community Player's production of *Calendar Girls*.

National Folk Festival

By Sherri Hynes



Community Players has been asked to participate in the National Folk Festival which is being held downtown on September 8 – 9.

The committee is looking for activities for the "Family Area" near Market Street Inn. These

activities can include but not limited to storytelling, improve theatre, interactive theatre, etc. There will be local musicians, dance companies, and crafts.

If you are interested in helping or being involved please contact me at shynes@wcboe.org.



Describe Your Artwork/Performance Style:

My personal comedic nature is one of a dry humor. I tend to surprise with humor after setting a serious tone. I love comedy and I am thrilled to work with extraordinary comedic actors in *Calendar Girls*.

When did you start making your art? Why?

This is my on stage debut! I have worked behind the scenes in lighting and sound for The Salisbury School and Community Players for a number of years. I decided to give an audition a try because I just love Tim Firth's *Calendar Girls*!

What is your inspiration?

My husband, Pete and my two daughters, Maddi and Abby. They all have been performing on stage for many years and encouraged me to give it a try!

Do you make a living with your art?

Nope.

What are your current non-art jobs?

I am a physician with a specialty in pathology and a sub specialty in detmatopathology. I love my job but it is so nice to have a creative outlet both as a "techie" and now on stage.

Who is your favorite artist and why?

Lin Manuel Miranda (he's a genius and a truly kind and humble individual).

Where in the community can you be seen performing?

At Wor-Wic in April with the rest of the *Calendar Girls*!

Scholarships available

By Sherri Hynes

Each year Community Players awards up to two \$500 scholarships to local graduating high school seniors.

Application forms were sent to all local high school and private school guidance counselors and music/drama teachers.

To be eligible they must have demonstrated an interest and aptitude in the theatre, been involved in previous Community Players endeavors and is pursuing post-secondary training in some facet of dramatics. The deadline for submitting the application is Friday, April 6.

For more information, email me at shynes@wcboe.org.

Sharing our love of theatre

By Sharon Benchoff

On Friday, February 23, Ms. Tara Threadgill's Drama Class from Snow Hill High School along with students from Cedar Chapel School paid a visit to Community Players. For two and a half hours, Lynne Bratten (Costumer Extraordinaire) and I shared our knowledge of stagecraft.

Lynne gave a full over view of what is involved in designing and building costumes for the actors. I gave a Power Point presentation of stage lighting and some tips as a director.

The group was given a tour of our facilities while the students asked



intelligent and thoughtful questions regarding the production of a play. We give our warm wishes for the students to "break a leg" during their upcoming production of *The Addams Family*.

Community Players is dedicated in teaching and sharing our collective knowledge of theatre to all school groups. If you or someone you know is interested in a casual, informative talk, please contact me at fresnelop@aol.com or any one of our Board members.

Gentle Reminder

We are missing a few items that we need for upcoming shows so if you have borrowed any costumes from Players please remember to return them as soon as possible. Thank you!



Community Players of Salisbury

Remit Form and Payment to:
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P.O. Box 2431
Salisbury, MD 21802

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Tier: Select One (Valid September 1, 2017—August 31, 2018)

<u>Mezzanine</u>	<u>Orchestra</u>	<u>Center Stage</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Family*
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Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter
Email Blast	Email Blast	Email Blast
	Gift	Gift
	Players Night – Fall Musical Only**	Players Night – All Shows**
		Free Admission to workshops/classes
		10% off Players Merchandise

*Family memberships are good for 2 adults and all children under the age of 18 living in the same home. All family members, including children, must be registered and will receive a membership card

**Members must present membership card at Players Night to be admitted

Membership Information: Fill out (Address where Membership Card will be sent)

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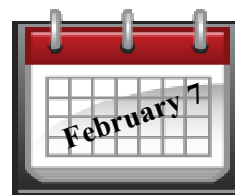
Membership Dues Reminder

If the address label on this
newsletter does not show
Member 2017-18
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Join today! Fill out the form
on the previous page.

Next Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, at 7:00 PM

At Community Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Road, Salisbury 21804



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