

Back Stage

COMMUNITY PLAYERS

February 2021

of Salisbury



The View from Row G ***By Sharon Benchoff, President*** ***(fresnelop@gmail.com)***

Happy 2021 to you all. I know like me you are hopeful that this year will be much better than 2020. I've been so busy working on "Almost Maine" that I wasn't certain that I would meet the deadline for the Newsletter. Some of you may be thinking that would be a good thing and would be saved from reading my ramblings. No offense taken.

"Almost Maine" is truly a unique experience for all of us that are involved in the production. As we told you in the last newsletter, the play consists of nine separate scenes that are woven together by the citizens of Almost, Maine. We have built four separate interior sets ranging from a basement laundry room to the local hangout, "The Moose Paddy". Five scenes take place in the great outdoors of Maine as well as a couple of porches. We have made a lot; I mean a lot of trees for these scenes not to mention the northern lights and some snow.

This play is rated G and will give the whole family a chance to spend some time together watching the recording of the live performance in the comfort of your home. I do hope you will watch on February 13 th , 14 th and/or 20th and support Players with our first streaming production.

Almost Maine offers a special thanks to...



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...for being a sponsor of our first streaming production!



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Board Member Spotlight



Shelbie Thompson got her start with Community Players in 2012. She has performed in many shows including *Matilda* (Miss Honey), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Janet van de Graaff), *Calendar Girls* (Celia), and most recently *Almost, Maine*. This is Shelby's first season as a board member. She has also been a member of the production committee twice and is the social media manager for CPOS. Shelby looks forward to many more years with Community Players and she can't wait to get back to the stage again soon!



"It's a Broadway musical adapted from a YouTube video based on a Twitter tweet inspired by a Facebook comment about a text message."

Production Committee Seeks Input for 2021 – 2022 Season

Until we can get back to performing in large theaters we are searching for shows we can present to our audiences in creative ways, such as drive-in style in our backyard or other outdoor venues, streaming online, smaller casts shows, etc. If you have any ideas or suggestions of plays or musicals that might work in a non-traditional setting please e-mail Melissa Dasher, Production Committee Chairperson at Melissa.SBYPlayers@gmail.com.

Submissions for regular season stage shows are also being accepted. Deadline for all submissions to be considered is January 31, 2021.

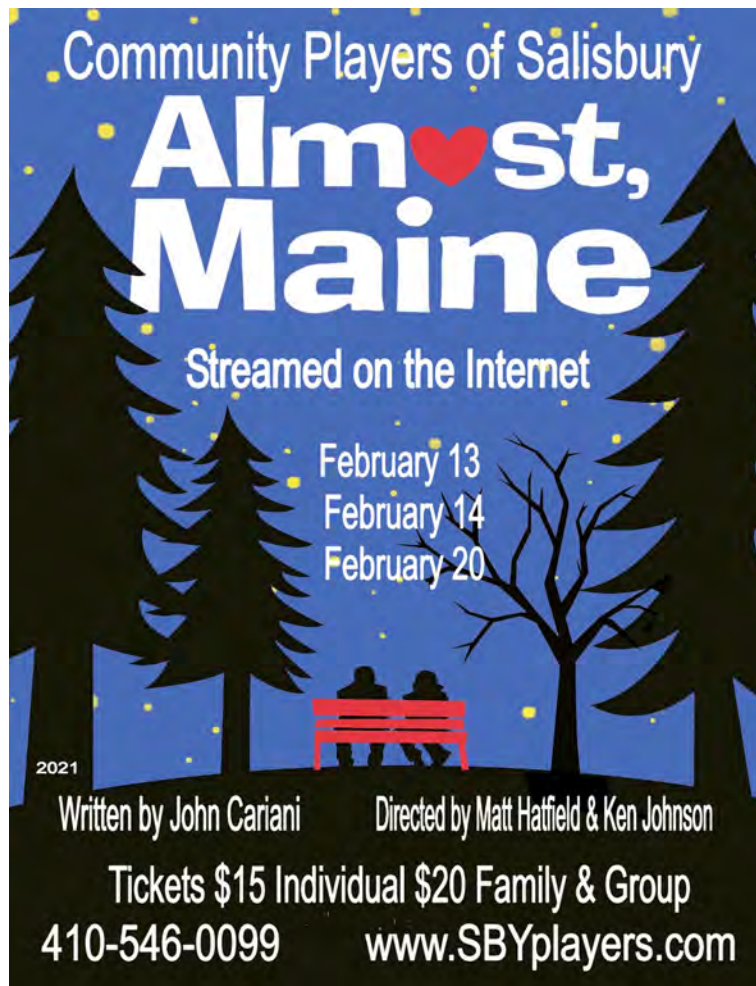
Also, if you are member of Community Players and would like to be a member of the Production Committee please contact Melissa Dasher ASAP. The Production Committee will meet a few times in February to review all the submissions and prepare a recommendation for the Board of Directors.

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"Why box five, of course."



Ticket Order Instructions

Patrons should call Players' phone (410-546-0099) to get their Patron discount code. Each Patron will get a unique code, good for one viewing of the show.

Everyone needs to follow these steps to purchase tickets...

1. On the CPOS website or social media post, click on the poster to get to the website.
2. Search for Community Players.
3. Click on Almost Maine poster.
4. Click on Purchase and select the date you plan to view the show.
5. Complete the payment information on the next screen. Patrons enter coupon code. Others enter credit card information and related personal information. Submit.
6. Patrons should follow the directions on the next screen.
7. Confirmation screen will follow stating that access code will follow in an email.
8. Once you receive your access code, you can view the show from the email or return to Showtix4U to view.

If you have any questions, please call the Players' phone line.



I would like to continue working on the Make-up/Wig Room inventory. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact me. I'm also giving one last call for Grants Committee members. If interested, let me know and we'll set up a meeting.

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 is February 3, 2021

Players' next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 3 at 6:30 PM**. This meeting will be a **ZOOM only** meeting!

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



Community Players of Salisbury Scholarship

The Community Players of Salisbury, Inc is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in Maryland. In 1937 a group of 26 charter members hoped to bring culture and pure entertainment to the Eastern Shore while providing an outlet for people interested in dramatics. Players was organized under the Recreation Division of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in May of 1938.

Each spring Community Players of Salisbury will award grants up to \$500 to two high school seniors from Somerset, Worcester, Wicomico County and/or Delmar area public, private or home-schooled programs, depending on suitable applicants and availability of funds.

Students wishing to apply for this scholarship must:

- A. Be a graduating high school senior in a Somerset, Worcester, Wicomico County or Delmar public, private or home school program
- B. Have applied for admission to a post-secondary institution
- C. Have participated in Community Players of Salisbury productions or be a member of a family that has participated in Community Players of Salisbury productions.
- D. Have financial need as evidenced by the FAFSA

The award shall be made under the following specific conditions:

1. Each candidate must submit a completed Community Players of Salisbury scholarship application.
2. The scholarship shall be paid directly to the student and shall be used for payment of normal school expenses such as tuition, school fees, room, board or books.
3. Student or their family must have participated in Community of Players of Salisbury productions.
4. Final selection of the scholarship recipient will be made by the Board of Directors of the Community Players of Salisbury.
5. Winner will be announced during the student's senior award program or at a Community Players of Salisbury function or meeting.

For more information and application, visit the Players website, sbyplayers.com.

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are not up-to-date.*

Next Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 PM ZOOM only
5109 Nutters Cross Road



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July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

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