

The Community Players of Salisbury
Production of

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MARY POPPINS

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

A Musical based on the stories of:
P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film

Musical Director
Susan Robinson

Directed By
Joe Benamati

Choreographer
Laurie Birely

June 17 & 18 - 8pm / June 19 - 2pm

June 24 - 8pm / June 25 - 2pm

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Community Players of Salisbury, Inc.
presents

Mary Poppins

Based on the stories of

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Original Music and Lyrics by

Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by **Julian Fellowes**

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by

George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

Directed by **Joe Benamati**

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Wicomico High School Auditorium

Friday, June 17, 2016 at 8:00 PM

Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 19, 2016 at 2:00 PM

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Community Players' President's Message

I would first like to thank each of you for your support of the Community Players of Salisbury. Without you, we would have no one to laugh at our jokes, applaud our encores, or simply enjoy the entertainment we are passionate about providing you. Every year, we strive to provide the community with exciting and interesting theatre. This past season has been challenging to produce, but we could not be more proud of the level of entertainment we are so fortunate to have been a part of.

Mary Poppins has been a favorite of mine since I was a child. It is beyond thrilling for me to be a part of bringing this magical show to new generations in a medium so very close to my heart. Being a part of this show has been an amazing experience, and I cannot wait for each of you to see what these talented actors, musicians, and technicians have put together for you.

What a wonderful way to finish the 2015-2016 season! We hope that you will continue to support our local arts and the Community Players of Salisbury next year. The 2016-2017 season promises to be bigger and better than ever!

Megan Davis

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Director's Message

Thank you for joining us for our production of the timeless classic, *Mary Poppins!*

I've dreamed about directing *Mary Poppins* since I first saw it on stage. The story line, the special effects, the music, the characters, all speak to me as an artist.

Community theatre is not, however, a solo endeavor. It is definitely a team effort. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious does not begin to describe how it feels to be working with such an outstanding production staff to direct this amazing cast in the production of such an iconic musical. Being at the helm to guide this team (ranging in age from 7 to 90) as they give life to these characters, and their stories, has been an incredible experience. I'm honored that The Community Players of Salisbury has given us the opportunity to make that dream a reality.

They say performances are gifts, offered to the audience, by the artist. ("We do what we do not for us, but for you.") On behalf of my entire team, I hope you accept and enjoy our, humbly offered, gift. May that which entertains us for a moment, affect us for a lifetime.

Joe Benamati

Don't miss Community Players' next season!

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Something's Afoot — January 2017

Deathtrap — April 2017

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Synopsis

It's London, 1910. The Banks family is having trouble keeping a nanny for their two children until Mary Poppins arrives

Act 1

Scene 1: Rooftop, Street, Parlor at Cherry Tree Lane

Scene 2: Parlor

Scene 3: Nursery

Scene 4: Park

Scene 5: Parlor

Scene 6: Street, Kitchen

Scene 7: Bank

Scene 8: Cathedral Steps

Scene 9: Park

Scene 10: Street, Parlor

Scene 11: Nursery

Scene 12: Roof

15 minute Intermission

Refreshments are available for sale in the lobby

Act 2

Scene 1: Street, Parlor

Scene 2: Park

Scene 3: Park

Scene 4: Park

Scene 5: Parlor

Scene 6: Parlor

Scene 7: Nursery

Scene 8: Roof, Nursery, Parlor

Scene 9: Parlor

Scene 10: Nursery

Scene 11: Cathedral Steps, Bank

Scene 12: Park, Heavens

Scene 13. Park

Scene 14. Nursery

Musical Numbers — Act 1

Scene 1

<i>Prologue</i>	Bert
<i>Cherry Tree Lane (Part 1)</i>	Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Robertson Ay and George
<i>The Perfect Nanny</i>	Jane and Michael
<i>Cherry Tree Lane (Part 2)</i>	Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Robertson Ay and George

Scene 3

<i>Practically Perfect</i>	Mary Poppins, Jane and Michael
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Scene 4

<i>All Me Own Work</i>	Bert
<i>Jolly Holiday</i>	Bert, Jane, Michael, Neleus, Mary Poppins and Ensemble

Scene 5

<i>Let's Hope She Will Stay</i>	George, Winifred, Jane and Michael,
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Scene 6

<i>Winds Do Change</i>	Bert
<i>A Spoonful of Sugar</i>	Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Robertson Ay and Winifred

Scene 7

<i>Precision and Order</i>	Clerks, Chairman, Von Hussler and Northbrook
<i>A Man Has Dreams</i>	George

Scene 8

<i>Feed the Birds</i>	Bird Woman, Mary Poppins and Ensemble
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Scene 9

<i>Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious</i>	Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael, Mrs. Corry and Customers
<i>Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (Reprise)</i>	Bert and Customers

Scene 10

<i>The Winds May Blow</i>	Bert
<i>Twists and Turns</i>	Bert

Scene 11

<i>Playing the Game</i>	Mary Poppins, Valentine, Doll, Teddy Bear, Punch and Toys
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Scene 12

<i>Chim Chim Cher-ee</i>	Bert and Mary Poppins
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Musical Numbers — Act 2

Scene 1

Cherry Tree Lane (Reprise)

Mrs. Brill, Robertson Ay, Jane,
Michael Winifred and George
Miss Andrew

Brimstone and Treacle

Scene 2

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Bert, Park Keeper, Michael, Jane,
Kite Flyers and Mary Poppins

Scene 3

Good for Nothing

George

Scene 4

Winifred Despairs

Winifred

Scene 5

Brimstone and Treacle (Part 2)

Mary Poppins and Miss Andrew

Scene 6

Practically Perfect (Reprise)

Jane, Michael and Mary Poppins

Scene 8

Step in Time

Bert, Michael, Jane, Sweeps and Mary Poppins
Bert and Sweeps

Down the Chimney

Scene 9

A Man Has Dreams/A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise)

George and Bert

Scene 10

Anything Can Happen (Part 1)

Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael,
Winifred, Bird Woman and Board of Directors

Scene 11

Give Us the Word

George

Scene 12

Anything Can Happen (Part 2)

Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael,
Winifred, Bird Woman and Board of Directors

Scene 13

A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise)

Mary Poppins

Scene 14

Bows

Company

Cast (in order of appearance)

Bert	Ken Johnson
George Banks	Ben Reavis
Winifred Banks.....	Stephanie Davis
Jane Banks	Hannah Siegmund
Michael Banks	Zander Jett
Katie Nanna	Alexis Bireley
Policeman	Rusty Mumford
Miss Lark	Susan Upton
Admiral Boom	Steve Culver
Mrs. Brill	Leah Wilson
Robertson Ay	Matt Hatfield
Mary Poppins	Katie Parsons
Park Keeper	Alejandro Pagan
Neleus.....	Ava Clayton
Queen Victoria	Kristina Van Meter
Bank Chairman	Pete Cuesta
Miss Smythe	Maddi Cuesta
Von Hussler	Norm Wolske
Northbrook	Rusty Mumford
Bird Woman	Sherrie Hynes
Mrs. Corry	Mandy Moss
Annie.....	Lilly Dasher
Fannie.....	Chloe Dasher
Valentine	Alexa Nastasi
Teddy Bear	Gillian Barr
Mr. Punch	Ryder Myrick
Doll.....	Abbey Cuesta
Miss Andrew	Brooke Bennish

Ensemble

Claire Barr	Kathryn Donati	Ella Gammel
Sadie Hudson	Maggie Jones	Crista Kirkendall
Erin Lambertson	Michaela Miller	Wyatt Myrick
Hannah Pfingst	Alana Power	Melodi Power
Eva Rogers	Sophia Rogers	Noah Royal
Luke Schoellkopf	Sarah Siegmund	Adrienne Smith
Charlotte Szentesi-Thomas	Logan Tucker	Ben Van Meter
Julia Van Meter	Mary Veise	Chloe Walker
Elizabeth Wilcox	Lillian Wilcox	Savannah Wilcox
	Katheryn Wilson	

Production Staff

Director	Joe Benamati
Assistant to the Director	Sarah Benamati
Musical Director	Susan Robinson
Choreographer	Laurie Bireley
Assistant Choreographer	Alexis Bireley
Producer	Sherri Trader Hynes
Stage Manager	Megan Davis
Assistant Stage Manager	Melissa Dasher
Stage Crew	Melissa Dasher, Megan Davis, Jacob Palmer, Ellen Siegmund
Lighting	Cass Dasher, Ken Johnson
Sound Design	Tom Robinson
Sound Crew	Kim Cuesta, Kim Mason, Antonio Nastasi, Debbie Smith
Sound Setup Team	Jolene Adkins, Ed Barnard, Buddy Chatham, Kim Cuesta, Sean Irwin, Don Kuczenski, Kim Mason, Antonio Nastasi, Jake Parsons, Adham Ramses, Susan Robinson, Tom Robinson, Debbie Smith
Flight Director	Bobby Wilcox from Flying by Foy
Flight Crew	David Allen, Pete Cuesta, Jacob Palmer, Jake Moss, Norm Wolske
Set Construction and Painting	David Allen, Claire Barr, Gillian Barr, Cass Dasher, Melissa Dasher, Ken Johnson, Ryder Myrick, Jacob Palmer, Ellen Siegmund, Sarah Siegmund, Charlotte Szentesi-Thomas, Kim Szentesi-Thomas, Mary Veise, Lilly Wilcox, Savannah Wilcox, Leah Wilson, Bill Zlakowski
Costume Crew	Carol Alex, Lynne Bratten, Bonnie Creamer, Erin Failaev, Sheila Long, Jennifer Tusing, Bev Yurek
Property Crew	Joe Benamati, Cass Dasher, Melissa Dasher, Megan Davis, Ellen Siegmund
Wig and Hair Design	Rusty Mumford
House Managers	Carol Alex, Mary Veise
Publicity	Peter Cuesta
Program Cover, Poster and Sign Design	Kathy Panchyk
Program Advertising	Tom Robinson
Program	David and Pat Oberholtzer, Tom Robinson

Orchestra

Conductor - Jeff Baer

Keyboards - Joanne Little, Susan Robinson	Guitar - Paul Vinroot
Woodwinds - Frank Mahoney, Ashley Palmer	Cello - Sarah Burton
Bass - Michael Bireley	Trombone - Mike Devine
Horns - Ken Dasher, Meghan Rice	Trumpet - Pat Shaner, Tom Davis
Drums - Christopher Reavis	Percussion - Jane Mahoney

Who's Who in the Cast

Claire Barr (Ensemble) is in her second Players musical with her daughter, Gillian. Their first was *Wizard of Oz*, which happened to be directed by "Bert". They have had such a great time sharing the experience of musical theatre together, as we sang in the car, and practiced our dance steps whenever and wherever we could. We will never forget how to spell Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Saying it just makes you smile! Thanks to Sandy (Hubby/Daddy) for keeping us well fed between school, voice and dance lessons, work, practices, and shows!

Gillian Barr (Teddy Bear/Ensemble) has been in two of Players shows, *Wizard of Oz* and now *Mary Poppins*! She saw *Mary Poppins* on Broadway and it really made her want to be in the show. Gillian was also in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* at The Salisbury School. Now, as a freshman in high school, she had the privilege of performing in this year's James M. Bennett Rock 'n' Roll Revival Show! She loves being in these productions and credits her performing to her mom.

Brooke Bennish (Miss Andrews/Ensemble) is a student at Parkside High School, where she is a member of the Concert Choir and is the president of the Parkside Players. She is also a member of Wicomico County's Visual & Performing Arts program, as well as an All Shore and All State Choir participant. She has played Liesl in the Mar-VA Theatre's production of *The Sound Of Music* and has been in various Community Players shows, such as *Oliver!*, *The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz*, *Fiddler On The Roof* (Hodel), and *The Addams Family* (Wednesday). She has had a blast taking on the challenge of Miss Andrews' harsh yet comical demeanor, and thanks all of her cast and crew for the magical experience she has had with *Mary Poppins*!

Alexis Bireley (Katie Nana/Ensemble) is very excited to be in this musical because she loves *Mary Poppins*, and this musical contains her favorite Broadway song, "Let's go fly a kite"! This is her second performance with Players, the first being *They're Playing our Song*. In the past, she has played Jan in *Grease*, Eulalie Meckecknie Shinn in *The Music Man*, and Gabriella Montez in *High School Musical*. Today Alexis is happily married to Michael Bireley, who is playing bass in the pit. Alexis hopes to inspire people, and to let God's love shine through her for all to see.

Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Ava Clayton (Neleus/Ensemble) is a ten year old ball of energy. She loves singing, theatre, dancing, and playing with her brother and many friends. This is her fourth show with Players. She was previously in *Oliver*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Les Misérables*. She is thrilled to be playing the role of Neleus!

Abby Cuesta (Doll/Ensemble) is thrilled to be back with Players! She has appeared in Players's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* (Sprintze), The Salisbury School's production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Jemima Potts), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Ensemble) and *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (Oompa Loompa). Her personal favorite is Conrad's guitar girl in *Bye Bye Birdie*. In her free time she enjoys Midlevel sword fighting and playing the bagpipes. She plans on singing and dancing for many years to come!

Maddi Cuesta (Miss Smyth/Ensemble) is excited to participate in another Community Players production! Maddi has been performing in many productions at both The Salisbury School and The Oldfields School for the past 10 years. She enjoys performing as a singer/songwriter and running a dating service for single squirrels. Favorite performances include *The Miss Firecracker Contest* (Max Sam), *Annie* (Molly), and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Randolph/Rachel). She also performed the lead role of Sarah Crewe in the Mezzanine's production of *A Little Princess*.

Pete Cuesta (Bank Chairman/Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of the cast and performing with his daughters (his favorite role). Other performances include singing tenor in The Salisbury Chamber Singers and pretending he is not being watched by owls. He has enjoyed the stage for most of his life but has spent recent years in publicity for Players and behind the scenes in the theater program at The Salisbury School. Look for his directorial debut next April in *Deathtrap*.

Steve Culver (Admiral Boom/Ensemble) has previously appeared with the Community Players in *The Odd Couple*, *Oliver!*, *On Golden Pond*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Les Misérables*, *The Foreigner*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Blithe Spirit*, and *The Addams Family*.

Chloe Dasher (Fannie/Ensemble) is having a totally awesome time playing Fannie in the Talking Shop. This is her fourth role with Players. She was in *Fiddler on the Roof* as Belke, she was in *Les Misérables* as Little Cosette, and *The Wizard of Oz* as a munchkin. She thanks her family for encouraging her, her sister, Lilly who has always stood side by side with her, and her other sister, Mandy Moss, who introduced her to Players, and helped her with her singing, acting, and auditions. Chloe would like to congratulate every cast and crew member and wishes them the best.

Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Lilly Dasher (Annie/Ensemble) is having a lot of fun playing in her fourth production with Community Players. She has also been in *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz* as a munchkin, *Les Misérables* as Gavroche, and *Fiddler on the Roof* as a villager. She loves being on stage and singing with her friends. She is very grateful for her older sister, Mandy Moss, who helped her prepare every audition song.

Stephanie Davis (Mrs. Banks) is so excited to be a part of *Mary Poppins!* She has participated on and off stage in several Players Productions including *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Les Misérables*, *Chicago*, *They're Playing Our Song*, *The Odd Couple*, *Vanities* and *The Addams Family*. Most of all, Stephanie considers it a privilege to share the stage with such fun and talented people.

Kathryn Donati (Ensemble) is a ninth grader at Sussex Academy. She has been dancing for twelve years at Seaford Dance Center. She is also a competitive swimmer. This is her first time appearing in any production outside of her dance recitals. She would like to thank Mrs. Randolph and Miss Laurie for supporting her love of dance and her parents for being supportive of her decision to experience this new opportunity.

Ella Gammel (Ensemble) has appeared in two of The Salisbury School's musicals: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Shrek the Musical* (Pinocchio). She has also performed in several Dance Center Salisbury recitals and productions. Ella would like to thank her family for all their support.

Matt Hatfield (Robertson Aye/Ensemble) is absolutely thrilled to be a part of his tenth show with Community Players. He was assistant director for *Moon Over Buffalo*, in which he was also featured as Paul. Matt was also in *The Addams Family* (Lucas Beineke), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Motel Kamzoil), *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Eugene), *The Foreigner* (Ellard) and *Les Misérables*. He would like to thank Joe, Susan and the wonderful cast and crew. Matt would also like to thank God for blessing the world with Megan Davis. Without her he wouldn't even be anywhere close to where he is now in theatre.

Sadie Hudson (Ensemble) will be an 8th grader at Laurel Middle/Senior High School She has been dancing with Seaford Dance Center for approximately 8 years. Sadie takes ballet, tap/jazz, and lyrical classes and she recently danced in the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, DC. This is her first Player's performance.

Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Sherri Trader Hynes (Bird Woman/Ensemble) has been involved with Players for over 45 years in virtually every capacity. She was last seen on stage in *The Addams Family*, *The Mousetrap*, *Rumors*, and had leading roles in *Hello Dolly*, *The Sound of Music*, *Oliver!* (1995), *The King and I*, *Blithe Spirit* (1991), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *You Can't Take it With You*. Her directing credits include *Blithe Spirit*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Oliver*, *Oklahoma*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Charley's Aunt*, and *Godspell* for the Community Players. She would like to dedicate this and every performance in memory of her parents, Leon and Anna Lee Trader and her dear friends Edward Atkinson and Micki Guldán.

Zander Jett (Michael Banks) is performing in his first show with the Community Players of Salisbury. He has performed in The Salisbury School's All-School-Musical and the Ocean Pines Youth Theatre for several years. Zander loves his family, and loves to go to the beach and surf. He also plays the piano, and plays and sings for seniors at senior homes.

Ken Johnson (Bert) began his "career" with Community Players as a follow-spot operator for *Don't Drink the Water* over thirty years ago, and he hasn't stopped. He has directed several shows for Players, most recently *The Addams Family* this past Fall. He has been seen in many past productions for Players, most notably as The Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz* ('85 & '02), Finch in *How to Succeed* ('04), and Motel in *Fiddler on the Roof* ('92). When not directing or on stage, he is very active designing and building sets. Some of his favorites have been *Jekyll & Hyde* ('10), *Les Misérables* ('13) and last season's *Fiddler on the Roof*. Ken is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Players. He is a big Dick Van Dyke fan and is very excited to be playing one of his dream roles.

Maggie Jones (Ensemble) is currently studying music education at Salisbury University. She has been doing shows since she was twelve, but most recently was in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. She is incredibly excited to be doing her second Community Players show! Maggie would like to thank her teachers, her family, and her boyfriend for motivating and inspiring her.

Crista Kirkendall (Ensemble) is appearing in her first show onstage with Players. She worked backstage in *The Addams Family*. After many years of theatre, but the first of many years in Salisbury, she'd like to thank her supportive husband for letting her find this amazing group of people who welcomed her into their community! Enjoy the show! These performances are dedicated to Chelsi whose creativity and love will never stop shining.

Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Erin Lambertson (Ensemble) is no stranger to the stage and has performed with many theater group in the area. This is her second show with The Salisbury Players and she looks forward to many more. Other than theater Erin enjoys singing, softball and her hover board.

Michaela Miller (Ensemble) is ecstatic to be in her second Community Players production. Recent appearances include *Shrek: The Musical* (Mama Ogre), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Ensemble), and *Fiddler on the Roof* (Ensemble). She is a junior at The Salisbury School and has been acting and singing her whole high school career. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her in all of her endeavors.

Mandy Moss (Mrs. Corry/Ensemble) is pumped to be back on stage in her first musical since *Les Misérables* in 2013. She has performed in several Players shows, most recently as Annelle in *Steel Magnolias*. She would like to thank the cast and crew for a delightful experience, her husband Jake for his constant support and the Lord for blessing her with all this!

Rusty Mumford (Policeman/Northbrook/Ensemble) has been a member of Community Players for 30 years. He has held most offices in the organization and has been part in almost every show either on stage or back stage. He has directed numerous productions for Players, the most recent being *Steel Magnolias*. On stage his favorite roles are *Oliver!* (Mr. Brownlow), *Jekyll and Hyde* (Lord Reginald Kensington), *Rumors* (Ken), *Harvey* (Elwood P. Dowd), *Social Security* (David Kahn), *Christmas Carol* (Scrooge/Dickens), *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Schroeder), *Godspell* (Company), *Annie* (Drake), *The Sunshine Boys* (Ben), *You Can't Take It With You* (Paul), *My Three Angels* (Joseph), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Mendel, Rabbi), *Hello Dolly*, *The Wizard of Oz* (Uncle Henry, Emerald City Guard), and *Footloose* (Uncle Wes). Love to his family, especially Becky (and the other two P's), Joanne, and the newest Mumford, Ellie Grace! Thanks for believing in me!

Ryder Myrick (Mr. Punch/Chimney Sweep/Ensemble) is excited to be a part of his second Player's production. Ryder has also participated in other local productions, including: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Salisbury University), *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (The Salisbury School), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Community Players), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (The Salisbury School) and *Shrek: The Musical* (The Salisbury School). Ryder is an avid pianist and enjoys drawing and playing the saxophone in the middle school band. A very special Thank You to the cast and crew who have made his experience with Players spectacular.

Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Wyatt Myrick (Chimney Sweep/Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of his second Community Player's production. He also appeared in *Fiddler on the Roof* and The Salisbury School's *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Shrek: The Musical*. Wyatt enjoys playing the piano and clarinet, and is an enthusiastic soccer player. A heartfelt thanks to the cast and crew for making his *Mary Poppins* experience very fun and memorable.

Alexa Nastasi (Valentine/Ensemble) is extremely excited to be in her second show with the Community Players. She has a profound passion for musical theatre. Previously, she was in *The Addams Family* as the Native American Ancestor. She would like to thank her family and everyone involved for making this another memorable and wonderful show.

Alejandro Pagán (Park Keeper/Ensemble) is making his debut with Players. This is also his first musical. He is very excited to be performing in this show and he can't wait to see what the future of acting has in store for him. This fall he will be attending SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) where he will be majoring in Performing Arts.

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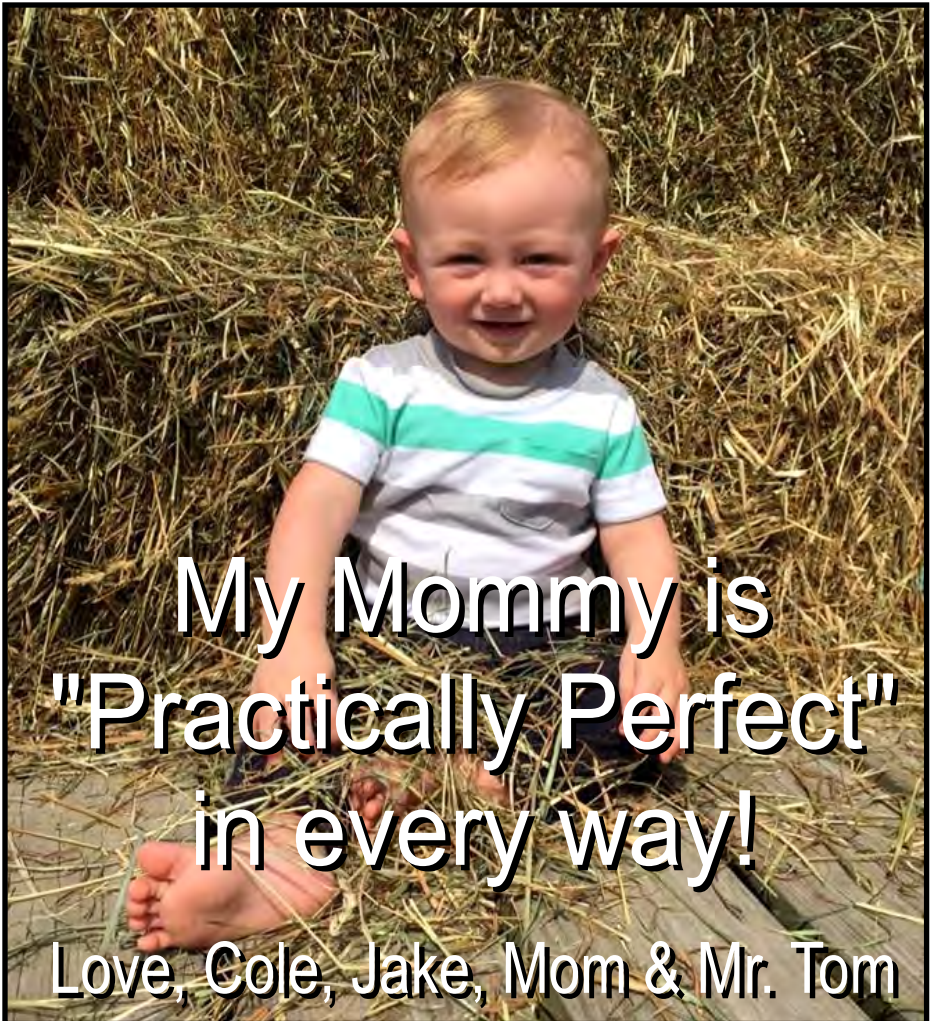
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Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Katie Parsons (Mary Poppins) has been involved with Players since 2000 and is currently on the Board of Directors. She is a teacher at The Salisbury School, where she also directs the All-School-Musicals, and can be found on the weekends singing at Christ United Methodist Church. Katie wants to thank her husband for letting her think she's practically perfect, her parents for showing her anything can happen, her dogs, chickens, and duck for being supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, and her 11-month-old baby Cole for always being her spoonful of sugar. Now, enjoy as we step in time to the world that is Cherry Tree Lane!



Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Hannah Pfungst (Ensemble) is a 10th grade student at The Pfungst Homeschool Academy. She has danced for ten years at Dance Unlimited, including Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, and Pointe. This is her first production with Community Players.

Alana Power (Ensemble) is making her first appearance with Players. She has performed with the Mar-Va Theater as Gretl in *Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Return to Oz*. She is in a vocal and piano student with Boone's Tunes where she was awarded first class honors for voice from the Royal Conservatory of Music. She takes ballet, tap, and jazz from Salisbury Dance Academy. This summer, Alana will attend Musical Theater Camp. She is a second grade honor student at Fruitland Primary and is enjoying her second time performing with her Mom.

Melodi Power (Ensemble) is thrilled to be performing for the first time with Players and the second time with her daughter, Alana. She credits her parents for her love and appreciation for music and performing. She studied musical theater at West Chester University. Melodi has been in *South Pacific* as Nelly, *Guys and Dolls* as Sarah, as well as *42nd Street*, *Sugar*, and *The Sound of Music*. She will be an instructor for the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company's Musical Theater Academy this summer. Melodi is a Media Specialist who was honored to be selected as Somerset County's Teacher of the Year for the 2015-2016.

Ben Reavis (George Banks) is in his first major role with the Players, having taken minor and ensemble parts in *Chicago*, *Oliver*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Les Misérables*, *Fiddler On the Roof*, and *The Addams Family*. He is excited to be involved with such a talented group. As of July 1st he will be officially unemployed for the first time in 47 years, having retired as a public school choral teacher for the last 43 years at James M. Bennett HS. He wants to dedicate his performance to his family and all of his former students.

Noah Royal (Ensemble) is appearing in his first show with Players. He is on a Disney trend as he has starred as John in *Peter Pan* and as Flounder in *The Little Mermaid* at SCS. He is a Presto Program student at Salisbury University and is under the tutelage of distinguished international soloist Rosa Lamoreaux. Noah is thrilled to be a part of the Players family!

Luke Schoellkopf (Ensemble) is excited to be making his Community Players debut. He has appeared in *Shrek*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *The King & I* and *Willy Wonka* at The Salisbury School. Luke has also performed with the Ocean Pines Community Theater in *Annie*, *Aladdin*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Luke enjoys playing sports, singing, playing the flute, and baking desserts.

Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Hannah Siegmund (Jane Banks) is so excited to be playing the part of Jane Banks! Her goal is to one day be on Broadway. Hannah has previously appeared in *Les Misérables* and *Wizard of Oz*. She has been on stage, singing and performing since she was 4 years old. Hannah has performed in a number of Kaleidoscope productions, including the lead role of Ramona in *Ramona and Beezus*.

Sarah Siegmund (Townsperson/Ensemble) is thrilled to be part of Player's production of *Mary Poppins!* Sarah was also on stage for *Wizard of Oz* with Community Players. She has been singing and performing in musical productions since she was 4 years old. Sarah has performed in a number of Kaleidoscope Children's productions such as *Cinderella*, *Children's Letters to God*, *Ramona and Beezus*.

Adrienne Smith (Ensemble) is in 9th grade. She was in Sussex Academy's *The Little Mermaid* (Flotsam) and *Into the Woods*. She would like to thank Allison Dayton for getting her interested in theater, and her parents for always supporting her.

Charlotte Szentesi-Thomas (Ensemble) is pleased to be in her fourth show with Community Players. *Mary Poppins* is Charlotte's nineteenth show since her stage debut at age eight; she most recently appeared on stage in the role of Edith in *Blithe Spirit* last year. She is home for the summer from her first year at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.

Logan Tucker (Ensemble) is a 13 year old homeschooler. She just completed 8th grade and attends Classical Conversations of Salisbury. She has been dancing with Dance Unlimited for 6 years studying ballet, tap, jazz, pointe, and lyrical. She is active in Salisbury Wyldlife and enjoys attending their camp in the summer. Her only experience in theater, prior to *Mary Poppins*, was playing baby Jesus in a church play at three months old.



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Susan Upton (Miss Lark/Ensemble) has appeared with Players in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Shaindel), *The Sound of Music* (Sister Margaretta), *Guys & Dolls*, and *My Fair Lady*. She also performs with the Salisbury Chamber Singers and Power Productions. She sings and directs the kids' choir at Christ UMC and teaches Middle School Music at The Salisbury School. She also is owner/instructor at Boone's Tunes of Delmarva and is proud to have five of her vocal students joining her onstage in this show!

Benjamin Van Meter (Ensemble) is a fourth grader at Westside Intermediate, and enjoys DI, soccer, and baseball. This is Ben's 5th Players show. He was last seen as Cousin ITT and Thing in Players' *Addams Family*, and performed last summer in the Summer Scholars/Community Players children's theatre show, *Stone Soup*. Ben has been in Players' *Les Misérables*, *Wizard of Oz* and *Oliver* productions. He's having a jolly good time in this show with the accent!

Julia Van Meter (Ensemble) is a first grader at Westside Primary and enjoys singing, dancing and playing soccer and softball. She performed onstage with Wor-Wic's *T-Ball*. This is her Players debut and she is super excited to be on stage with mom and sharing the stage with her brother, Ben.

Kristi Toadvine Van Meter (Queen Victoria/Ensemble) was last seen in Player's *Les Misérables*, she has appeared in numerous Players productions since her debut in *Cinderella* in 1994. Favorite roles include playing Jo March in *Little Women*, a WAC in *The Mouse that Roared*, and Ethel Toffelmier in *The Music Man*. She works at Wor-Wic Community College and is very excited to be on stage for the first time with her daughter, Julia, and son, Ben.

Mary Veise (Ensemble) is a Life Member of Community Players. She has served as Players President, Board Member and helped with most tasks required to produce a show. Thanks and best wishes to Joe, Susan, and Laurie for a great show.

Chloe Walker (Ensemble) is very excited to be in her third show with community players! She is an upcoming junior at Stephen Decatur High School and is a part of the concert choir and volleyball team. She takes voice and piano lessons with Boone's Tunes of Delmarva, and has performed with both All Shore and All State Choirs. She enjoyed performing in *Fiddler on the Roof* and being the Flapper Ancestor in *Addams Family*. Thanks to all the cast and crew for making the show great, and a thanks to her parents for their unending support.

Who's Who in the Cast (Continued)

Elizabeth Wilcox (Ensemble) is very excited to perform in her first production with Players with a fantastic and dedicated cast and crew! To top it all off, she gets to share this experience with two of her sisters, Savannah and Lilly. They have been entertaining their family side by side their entire lives, and now hope to extend that to you! Enjoy the show!

Lillian Wilcox (Ensemble) is so excited to be in *Mary Poppins*! It's her first play with Community Players. Her favorite song is "Step in Time"!

Savannah Wilcox (Ensemble) is thankful to be participating in her very first Players production. She is in awe of the talents and gifts of this amazing cast and crew, and mildly concerned she very well could be in the wrong costume. Don't blink, count the shadows, don't be lasagna, and enjoy the show!

Kathryn Wilson (Ensemble) is a 5th grade student who enjoys singing, playing the piano, soccer and softball. She has played Flick in *A Christmas Story* and Marta von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* at the Mar-Va Theater. She was also in the chorus of *Fiddlers on the Roof* with Players.

Leah Wilson (Ms. Brill/Ensemble) is a choir and general music teacher at Pocomoke Middle School. She graduated from Salisbury University with a bachelor's in Music Education and Vocal Performance in 2014. She is excited to perform for the first time since she graduated.

Norm Wolske (Von Hussler/Ensemble) is retired and enjoys church, golf, travel, music, and volunteering. His Players debut was as a singing and dancing waiter in *Hello Dolly*. He has also appeared in the ensemble in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. He has loved Broadway musicals since he was a child and enjoys being part of the *Mary Poppins* experience. Norm has four children and seven grandchildren and has been married to Lyn for 45 years.

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Who's Who Behind the Scenes

Joe Benamati (Director) began acting more than 40 years ago. He joined Community Players as Mr. Bumble in *Oliver!* ('93) then reprised that roll for Players in 2013. Since that time he's been seen on stage in roles such as The Cowardly Lion (*Wizard of Oz*), Moonface Martin (*Anything Goes*) and a personality splitting 5 rolls in *Annie*. He's also been a stage manager, and lighting and sound director for various Players productions. He slipped into the directors' chair for *A Christmas Carol* (2000) and is excited to have the chair back again for this production of *Mary Poppins*. He is also an active "Techie" at Christ United Methodist Church. (When God's part of the audience, all the world really is a stage.) "Of all the parts in all the shows I've ever done, my favorite is the part of Dad to my wonderful daughter Sarah, and husband to my all-to- forgiving wife Janet. I love you both!!"

Susan Robinson (Music Director) has been music director for Players shows *The Addams Family*, *All Shook Up*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Anything Goes*, *Snoopy*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. She played keyboard for the Players' productions of *Footloose*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Godspell*, *Oliver*, *They're Playing our Song*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. She's choir director and keyboardist at Christ UM Church and accompanies the Upper School chorus at The Salisbury School. Susan played keyboard for The Salisbury School's productions of *Shrek*, *Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang*, *The King and I*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Willy Wonka*, *Peter Pan*, *The Sound of Music*, and *South Pacific*. This labor of love has been most enjoyable thanks to this wonderful cast, orchestra, crew, and especially sharing it with her husband, Tom, and daughter, Katie.

Laurie Bireley (Choreographer) has been in numerous Players shows and teaches at Seaford Dance Center. She's choreographed shows for community theatre, professional theatre, high school chorus, and high school productions. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Todd, for 28 years! Proud mom of Christopher, Michael and Alexis. She THANKS her family for their support and encouragement.

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Jeffrey Baer (Conductor) has been involved in many Players productions over the past 20 years. He sang principal roles in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Godspell*, and *Jekyll and Hyde*. He served as musical director for *Oliver!*, *Wizard of Oz*, *They're Playing Our Song*, *Meet Me in St. Louis* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. He is the Director of Music at Bethesda UM Church and the Choral Director and Visual and Performing Arts Instructor at Wicomico High School.

Lynne Bratten (Costume Coordinator) has created and coordinated costumes for players since 1984. Her most recent productions have included: *The Addams Family*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Blithe Spirit*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and *Jekyll and Hyde*. She also creates costumes for Rock and Roll Revival. She is thrilled to be collaborating with her daughter as they help bring the magic to life!

Kim Cuesta (Sound Crew) is pleased to be in the sound crew for her first Community Players production. Kim has worked the sound board for The Salisbury School for 3 years and is the only sane person in the family.

Megan Davis (Stage Manager) is so excited to part of another Players' musical. Usually you will find her backstage for Players' musicals, though most recently you may have seen Megan on stage as in *Moon Over Buffalo*. She can't wait to share this magical show with audiences. Enjoy!

Melissa Dasher (Assistant Stage Manager) has been involved with Players since 2013. She was most recently behind the scenes as stage crew with *Moon Over Buffalo* and *Addam's Family* and on stage as Nurse Preen in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. She thoroughly loves working in all aspects of Community Players is blessed that she has been able to work with all 4 of her daughters.

Judy Hearn (Scenic Artist) has been with Players, both onstage and backstage, since 2010. Previous set work of note includes *The Addams Family*, *Les Misérables*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Steel Magnolias*, *On Golden Pond*, *The Odd Couple*, *They're Playing Our Song*, and *The Mousetrap*. Many thanks to my impossibly patient and understanding family. "Nana's gotta paint!"

Kim Mason (Sound Crew) has been part of the Sound Team for eleven Players' productions including both productions of *Wizard of Oz*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *High School Musical*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Les Misérables*, *The Addams Family*, and *Moon Over Buffalo* and five productions at The Salisbury School including *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma!*, *Sound of Music*, and *Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang*.

Who's Who Behind the Scenes (Cont.)

Tom Robinson (Director of Sound) has been Players Director of Sound for twenty-two shows and is the current Vice-President. He has also been the Technical Director for all fourteen All-School Musicals at The Salisbury School. He is the Director of Technical Ministries at Christ UM Church.

Debbie C. Smith (Sound Crew) was part of the Sound Team for Players' *Fiddler on the Roof*, *All Shook Up*, *Les Misérables*, and *The Addams Family* and for The Salisbury School's *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Sound of Music*, *Peter Pan*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Annie*. She is a member of the Cutting Edge Singers, Celebration Choir, and Tech Team at Christ UM Church.

Jenny Tusing (Costume Designer) – First introduced to Players in 1991, Jenny moved backstage to assist her mother with *Fiddler on the Roof* costumes in 2014. Since then she has designed the costumes for *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Blithe Spirit*, *The Addams Family*, and *Moon Over Buffalo*. Jenny is grateful to have the opportunity to exercise her creativity and to have a mother who can turn her ideas into reality.

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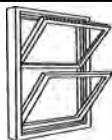
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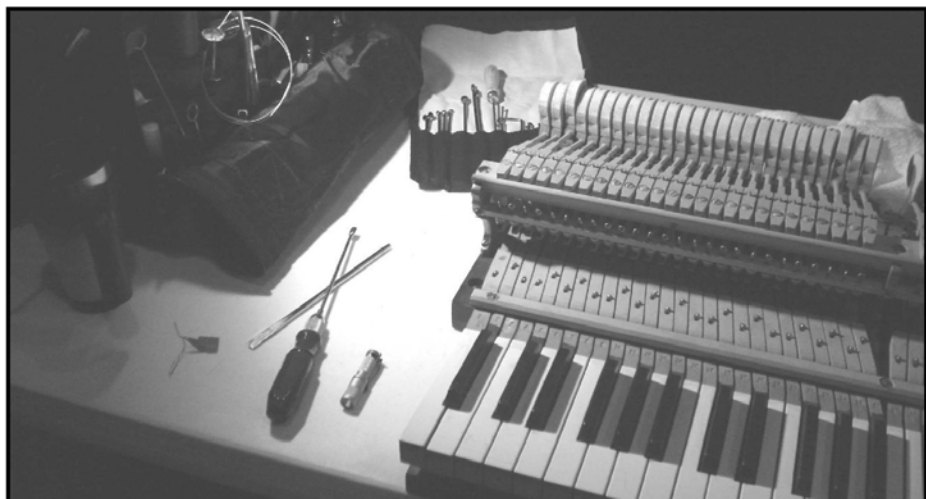
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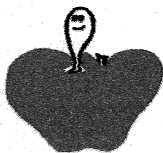
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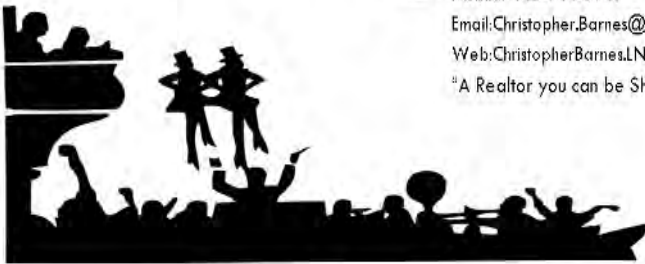
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