

SPRING 2017



A Message From The President

Dear Friends,

For many of us, we can remember the exact Playcrafter show that hooked us into this one of a kind family. For me it was *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1989)*. I sang in the pit chorus. Since then I've remained an active member, serving on and off the board in mostly behind the scene roles. My one and only on stage experience was a dead person in *Our Town*, in which I discovered I enjoyed sewing my costume more than being on stage.

Now I have the privilege to serve as your President. This is a leading role for me with big shoes to fill. Together with the board of directors and our membership, I plan to do my best to lead Playcrafters through another year of successful community theater.

We have exciting things planned! So please, read on, stay tuned-in with our web and Facebook pages, and get involved!

Chrisa Burke



ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 29, many of our members came to our Annual meeting to help us celebrate our 57th year of bringing quality community theatre to the Bellport, Brookhaven area.



In addition to attending to our business part of the meeting, we were treated to a farewell speech by Bill Rudock who will be traveling the country for several years and who spoke graciously about the wonderful experiences he had as a member of Playcrafters Theatre Company. He promised to keep us up-to-date on his travels. We wish him a safe and adventurous journey.

Our Board Elections were held at the meeting and the Executive members were elected at a subsequent Board Meeting. Serving as our Executive Board are: Chrisa Burke, President, Kathy Loizides, VP, Joe Skelly, Treasurer, and Barbara Allen, Secretary.

Joining our current board members, Jane Love, Sharon Walker, and Lisette Ruch, let us now welcome the new members to our board: Marcel Paul, Barbara Allen, and Peter Morrison.

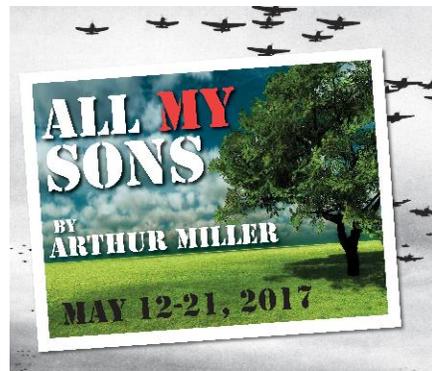
WINTER SHOW – RUMORS



You've all heard the Rumor about *Rumors*.... and it's true! Our winter production was a raving success! The closing matinee double sold out the house! Our success was due not to our strongest box office receipts in years, (20% more than our highest grossing show) but also to the show's fantastic reviews across the

board. Credit goes to veteran director Catherine Clyne for her excellent and creative direction, and to the incredible chemistry of the talented actors she cast to bring this hilarious show to our stage. Bravo to all! We also could not have had this kind of success without the amazing production crew who brought it all together; and did so during my absence due to the illness I had during the show's tech and opening weekend. I never had any worries – just so much appreciation for the high quality, professionalism that the Playcrafters team always demonstrates. My Co-Producer Vincent Rasulo and I truly had a wonderful time working with everyone. *Lisette Ruch*

SPRING PRODUCTION



Don't miss our spring production, *All My Sons*, by Arthur Miller and directed by James Carey.

Although this is James's first time directing for Playcrafters Theatre Company, he is not new to Playcrafters. James was last seen in our hysterical 2015 fall

production of *Don't Dress for Dinner*.

The fine cast of actors James has assembled are Ron Kagel, Catherine Maloney, Glen Beck, Alicia James, Vincent Rasulo, Len DeLorenzo, Christina Fink, Dan Schaaf, Kelly Schmidt, and Matthew McManus Kern.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

For my first outing as Director at Playcrafters, it was important for me to surround myself with as many new faces as possible... To create a fresh production of Miller's fantastic work and not simply rehash what I presented 7 years ago elsewhere. Our cast and crew are working very hard to make that happen.

Audiences will relate to this play. The themes are universal - responsibility to ourselves, our families and the world. Love, money, honor and deception are all issues we struggle with today. The back drop of war keeps things close to home. I hope audiences leave discussing the choices these characters make. Everything is not cut and dry and sometimes, the most obvious path has damning repercussions. *James Carey*

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre space at the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area, 471 Atlantic Ave., Bellport

Reserve Online: www.bellport-playcrafters.com

Or pay at the door – Credit Cards accepted
631-748-7863

PERFORMANCE DATES

Fri. & Sats., May 12, 13, 19, & 20th at 8:00 PM
Sunday Matinees, 14, & 21 at 3:00 PM

OUR APOLOGY

In our last newsletter, the email printed for play submissions in **Calling All Directors**, was unfortunately misprinted. Our sincere and contrite apology to whoever was caught up in this error. Moving forward in hopes of avoiding this in the future, we will be using the official Playcrafters E-mail address **ONLY** for all electronic communications. Listed below is all of our contact information.

Contact Info:

Email: info@bellport-playcrafters.com

Phone: 631-748-7863

Mail: PO Box 452, Bellport, NY 11713

Website: www.bellport-playcrafters.com

Readers Theatre

Many of the play submissions we received were for main stage productions. We are still seeking directors for Readers Theatre in the fall. If anyone is interested in doing a particular show, please forward your ideas to:

Email - info@bellport-playcrafters.com

GUIDELINES

A play that relies on the text to tell the story, with a large cast and not dependent on many props, costumes, set pieces or much staging to tell the story. **Deadline 7/31/17**

2017 – 2018 SEASON

Details for our 2017-2018 season will be officially launched in our SUMMER Newsletter.



MEMORIAL DAY

Rained out in 2016

Weather Permitting, we plan to march in 2017. Please look for our E-mail and check our website in May for information regarding meeting place and time

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Several of our members are involved in other regional productions. Come on out, knowing you are supporting live theatre on Long Island.

Catherine & Kevin Clyne – *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, May 11,12,13 at the Sands Point Preserve Conservancy

Bob Maletta, Director – *Said the Spider to the Spy*, Clare Rose Playhouse, weekends- April 28 – May 14

Amelia Chiamonte – *Said the Spider to the Spy* – Clare Rose Playhouse, weekends April 28 –May 14

REMBEMBERENCES

Long time Playcrafter, Pat Gubbins Sr. passed away in March. Pat was very active with Playcrafters Theatre Company during the late 70's and early 80's. He will be remembered for his entertaining performances in Playcrafters productions of *Brigadoon*, *Ten Little Indians*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Fidler on the Roof*, and his hysterical portrayal of Hysterium in *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A gentle reminder to those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2017. Not only do members enjoy reduced ticket pricing at the door, and stay up-to-date with our

current activities through our quarterly newsletters, but they are providing our theatre company with your valuable support in helping us continue to bring quality live theatre to the community.

If you are uncertain whether you renewed, please go to our web-site, bellport-playcrafters.com click on the membership button to the left of the home page. You will see a listing of our "to be renewed members" denoted by an asterisk*.



Support our theatre group renew your membership today!
Playcrafters Membership Renewal/Application below and return it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

- Patron \$100 and up Single, \$15
- Angel \$50 and up Couple, \$25
- Sponsor \$35 and up
- Couple \$25 and up
- Couple \$25 and up

- Single \$15
- Always notify me by US mail
- Email is good enough
- I would like to advertise in your program

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