

## SUMMER 2018

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

School is out, vacations are planned, and people look forward to a little downtime, but not Playcrafters. We are busy preparing our Summer Readers Theater, planning our Fall Production, and will be hitting the streets, providing a special mobile stage performance, in addition to continuing our tradition of bringing

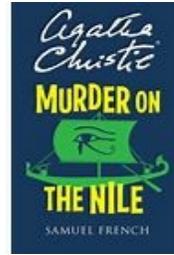


the Bell Brothers back to life on the Trolley at Bellport Day on July 28th. None of this would be possible without our steadfast team of Playcrafters members. When I say steadfast, I am referring to a select group of individuals who, month after month, year after year, provide Playcrafters with their time and expertise to make sure Playcrafters continues to provide quality community theater. I am sure these Theater Folk would also like a little “R and R”, but we will need your

help. If you, or anyone you know, would like to volunteer some time, what better way than supporting community theater. We can always use handymen, painters, decorators, thrift-shoppers, bakers, greeters, “App” or Tech-savvy, movers and shakers. Will train and mentor. Everyone is able to contribute. Stop by our table at Bellport Day - See you soon!

*Sharon Walker*

### SUMMER READERS THEATER



Playcrafters Reader’s Theater will be presenting *Murder on the Nile* by Agatha Christie, directed by Jane Love, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 and August 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Our talented cast includes: Amelia Chiaramonte, Miss Ffoliot-ffoulkes; Catherine Clyne, *Louise*; Claire Parella-Curran, *Jacqueline De Severac*; Flo

Federman, *Kay Mostyn*; John Hannon, *Simon Mostyn*; Jane Hayes, *Christina Grant*; Jules Jacobs, *Dr. Bessner*; George Loizides, *Canon Pennefather*; Dan Love, *Smith*; Marcel Paul, *McNaught*; Richard Westhoff, *Steward*; Emma Walker & Hannah Landolfi, *Beadsellers*.

Simon Mostyn has recently married Kay Ridgeway, a rich woman, having thrown over his former lover Jacqueline. The couple are on their honeymoon and are at present on a paddle steamer on the Nile. With them are Canon Pennefather, Kay’s guardian, and Jacqueline, who has been dogging their footsteps all through the honeymoon. Also on the boat are a multitude of memorable passengers all with reason to kill. The tension builds, as a shocking conspiracy is laid bare. Mark the date on your calendar and enjoy a delightful production of this exciting trip down the Nile.

### MOON OVER BUFFALO



Our most recent production, *Moon Over Buffalo*, was an artistic and financial success for Playcrafters. It was a fast-paced farce with swordplay, slamming doors and mistaken identity. Our thanks and congratulations go out to Director Catherine Clyne, Co-Producers Lisette Ruch and Kevin Clyne, Stage Manager Judy Perfido, Fight Choreographer Ellyn Stein, Jim Hazard for his wonderful set design and construction, and our brilliant cast of Nick Damadeo, June Damadeo, Kelly Schmidt, Mike Shanahan, Laurie Atlas, Bryan Mayer, Christine A. Cavagnet and Kevin Clyne.

Many thanks to our production team for donating their time and talent and to our audience for their support.

*Kevin Clyne, Producer*

### MEMORIAL DAY



After being rained out for the last two years we are happy that this year the weather cooperated with our plans to celebrate our country’s date of remembrance, honor and tribute for those who sacrificed for their country. Pictured above are just a few who came out to help us mark the occasion. Lexi & Sharon Walker, Marcel Paul, John Hannon, Linda Conroy, Lisette Ruch, Claire-Parella Curran, Jay Curran, Vincent Rasulo, and **Cooper!**

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Playcrafters Theatre Company is pleased to announce this year’s recipients of the Margaret W. Smith and Desmond W. Burke Memorial Scholarships.

Chosen from a group of highly qualified applicants were the following:

**Gillian Donaghy**, awarded the Margaret W. Smith scholarship, will be attending St. Joseph’s College where she hopes to continue performing through her college experience.

**Benjamin Greene**, awarded the Desmond W. Burke scholarship, will be studying Music Therapy at SUNY Fredonia.

**Emma Walker**, awarded the Desmond W. Burke scholarship, will be attending Suffolk County Community College and the Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology where she will be studying Animal Science. *(continued on back)*

(continued from front) Thank you to all, whose generous donations, have made these awards possible. Congratulations and best of luck to our talented and deserving winners.



Pictured: Chrisea Burke, presenting the Desmond W. Burke Memorial Scholarship to Emma Walker as Sharon Walker looks on.

**PLAYCRAFTERS THEATRE COMPANY'S TRIPLE THREAT ON BELLPORT DAY JULY 28!**



This year we are happy to announce that not only will members of Playcrafters Theatre Company be heading out on our annual trolley tour of Historical Bellport, but we will also be

presenting an enhanced version of our 2018 Bellport.com Radio Show, *Life of Riley*, directed by Peter Morrison and produced by Lisette Ruch. You can also find many of your Playcrafter Theatre Company's familiar faces greeting Bellport Village residents and guests at our 'booth' on the Four Corners, handing out postcards, raffle tickets and goodies. Please make a point to come out on Bellport Day, on July 28<sup>th</sup> and say hello!

**AUGUST AUDITIONS FOR FALL PRODUCTION**

**"The Rainmaker" N. Richard Nash—  
Performance dates TBD early November**

**Directed by Catherine Clyne**

*On the dry western plains during a severe drought, a mysterious man appears at the Curry farm proclaiming that he can bring rain. Each family member's life is profoundly touched by this charismatic stranger, especially Lizzie Curry, who learns that hopes and dreams are not just fairy tales. Described as a romantic comedy, The Rainmaker is much more than that. It is the story of a family brought back from despair when they take a risk and have faith in the outcome. It is the story of how a hopeless situation can be transformed by finding the power and strength that lies within us.*

Auditions to be held August 21, 22 and 23 from 7-9pm at The Boys & Girls Club, 471 Atlantic Ave. Bellport, NY

**ON THE MEND**



Best Wishes to **Ed Stever** recovering nicely from Heart Surgery earlier in the month.

Sending warm thoughts and positive vibes to **Bob Malletta**, suffering from complications from his previous hip and neck injuries.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE!!**

Curtain Up, Light the Lights! Playcrafters New Website is now LIVE! Check out our makeover at [www.bellport-playcrafters.com](http://www.bellport-playcrafters.com) thanks to the tremendous efforts of Sharon Walker, Joe Skelly, Michelle DePalo, Flo Federman, and the technical expertise of Joe Landolfi.

Our WebSite will continue to grow with enhancements to include online Membership Renewal and Donations accepted through PayPal. Of course, you can still make Donations or keep your Membership current by sending your check directly to our PO Box using the Membership application attached to the newsletter, joining us at the Annual Meeting, or inquiring at any of our productions. Check the Website often for upcoming shows, information on purchasing tickets, audition notices and more!



**LAST CALL FOR MEMBER RENEWALS**

At last count, our renewal rate from last season is just about 100%. Since a theatre company cannot survive on ticket sales alone, it is the support of **you**, our loyal Playcrafters Theatre Company members that help us continue to live the dream of presenting quality, live theatre to our community. Our Summer Readers Theatre Production is right around the corner, and one of the benefits of being a member is free admittance to this performance; this year, Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile, directed by Jane Love.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2018 - if it slipped your mind, please take a moment now to fill in the form below and send it in.

Thank you as always for your continued support of Playcrafters Theatre Company and supporting live theatre in our community!

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**We are a 501 (c) 3 entity, all membership dues are tax deductible**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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- Member - \$25 (\*)
- Sponsor - \$50 & up
- Angel - \$75 & up
- Patron - \$100 & Up

**PLEASE CHECK ONE**

- Always notify me by US mail
- E-Mail is Good Enough

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

(\*)Single/Couple/Family/household members are combined into one level - Member - \$25

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