

## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018/19

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As the New Year approaches, we all reflect on the past year and begin to dream of what the new year will bring. Looking back over my presidency with Playcrafters I realize the many success's we have had, both on-stage and off, along with recognizing an exceptional support team including board members, members, donors, directors, production teams, advertisers and patrons.

We couldn't have done it without **YOU**. Every family, including Playcrafters, has it's challenges though. For us, it continues to be our "BITS" (butts-in-the-seats) statistics, especially opening weekends. The disappointment to cast and crew of opening a show to an almost empty theater is heartbreaking. I am compelled to consider where we are falling short and what we need to do to draw a bigger audience, and the Board agrees we need to consider other incentives without losing an already sparse profit-margin (yes, we are non-profit, but we must be able to pay our operating expenses). So looking to 2019, we are hoping to introduce some exciting offers and opportunities to all of our Playcrafters family and friends. Please join us at our Annual Meeting and most especially our upcoming production of **Over the River and Through the Woods** in April. So, come out and keep supporting Playcrafters "live" theatre from Opening Night to Closing.

**Seasons Greetings to all and a Very Happy New Year! ~ Sharon Walker, President**



"You won't find better entertainment on the Island" **J.TC**

"I heard I missed one of Playcrafters best shows!" **MM**

"I really thought it was a great production, and one of the best I've seen at Playcrafters. **R.T.**

*Terrific cast, production crew and set" JH*

"I was totally blown away with last night's performance. Congratulations!" **CB.**

Accolades came from everywhere! The Rainmaker was a tremendous success in all avenues of theatrical production, truly one of Playcrafter's best. The life like storm effects that ended the play each night brought the audience to their feet with ovations. We do hope that you were part of the audience for this spectacular performance, it was not to be missed!

As producer, I am extremely proud of everyone. A superior cast was led under the uniquely sensitive and perceptive direction of Catherine Clyne, who also helped design the set. The detail and attention to the outstanding set construction goes to Jim Hazard, our most talented and resourceful design chief. Of course none of this could have been achieved without the skilled technical staff, construction crew, the generosity of the Boys & Girls Club, and the countless others who make community theater thrive. This was a dream team and my thanks to all. We invite you to mark your calendars NOW for our next production, coming Spring 2019. Come witness the magic of live theater presented by Playcrafters Theatre Company!

*~ Amelia Chiamonte, Producer*

### ANNUAL MEETING

#### **NOTE: CHANGE IN VENUE - CHANGE IN VENUE**

We will be holding our Annual Meeting on Sunday, **January 27 2019** at the **HAGERMAN FIRE DEPT. 510 Oakdale Ave., East Patchogue NY 2:00-5:00 PM.** Members are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Drinks, coffee & desserts will be provided. This is also our Annual Membership Renewal meeting, when we ask our members to renew their membership and encourage our non-members to become a part of this great organization. This is a fun opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. **Once again, please make special note of the change in venue for this annual event!**

### NEW BOARD NOMINEES

The nominating committee comprising of board members, Marcel Paul, Amelia Chiamonte and Playcrafters members, John Hannon, Joe Skelly and Judy Perfido are pleased to announce the following candidates for a three year term of service; Laurie Atlas, Jayne Hayes, and former board member, Annette Maillard. Please attend the Annual Meeting to cast your vote and welcome them aboard.

Thank you to outgoing board members, President Sharon Walker, Jane Love and Lisette Ruch for your dedication to Playcrafters Theatre Company. Your hard work is very much appreciated by all.



*Pictured: L-R George Loizides, Derek McLaughlin, Joseph Cavagnet, Mark Santaromita & Flo Federman*

**AUDITIONS FOR SPRING PRODUCTION**



Over the River and Through the Woods is a warm-hearted, boisterously funny, yet touching story about intergenerational relationships, deep familial love, and the inevitable little heartbreaks that occur as time passes and children grow and leave the nest. Joe DiPietro's intimate family comedy is a beloved staple of theaters across the United States. The love the laughs the fun and the tugging at the heartstrings is what makes this a comedy/tearjerker that will transport you to a place we can never forget...home.

**Auditions:** Wed. January 16th & Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

**Performances:** Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, April 5, 6, 7– April 12,13,14.

For information contact director Debbie D'Amore at [mddmdamore@aol.com](mailto:mddmdamore@aol.com)

LOCATION: Boys & Girls Club, 471 Atlantic Ave. Bellport, NY

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Nick Cristano.....In his 30's**  
**Frank Gianelli .....Nick's grandfather, in his 80's**  
**Aida Gianelli.....Nick's grandmother, in her 70's**  
**Nunzo Cristano.....Nick's grandfather, in his 70's**  
**Emma Cristano... Nicks grandmother, in her 70's**  
**Caitlin O'Hare....Attractive woman in her late 20's**

**CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!!**

As of January 1, 2019, our play reading committee will be accepting submissions from anyone who would like to direct a show during the 2019 - 2020 season which runs from August 2019 to June 2020. Our main stage performances usually run in the fall, winter and spring. The genre we will consider are Modern/Classic Dramas or Modern/Classic Comedies.

You may submit up to 2 plays that you would either want to direct or would feel would be good for us to produce. If you have a play suggestion in mind, it must be accompanied with a script. If you submitted something last year, you will need to resubmit for reconsideration.

Please send your script to the attention of

Marcel Paul, 488 Munsell Road, East Patchogue, NY 11772.

**Scripts must be submitted no later than February 1, 2019. Submissions will not be accepted after that date.**

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**MEMBERS—WE THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our donors and membership for your continued support. We always welcome your involvement in future productions. Please contact us if you would like to help out in our box office, concession or construction for upcoming events.

**~ Playcrafters Board of Directors**



We will begin work on our 2019 radio show in the spring. If you would like to be considered for this or any future Radio Show production, please contact the Radio Committee Chair, Amelia Chiaramonte at [amcloop@aol.com](mailto:amcloop@aol.com)

**THEATER FOLK**

**George Loizides** – Performing in **On Golden Pond** – Hampton Theatre Company, in Quogue, January 10 – 27, for information call 631-653-8955

Several Playcrafters members are involved in a production of **California Suite**, Directed by **Bob Kaplan** at the Phoenix Repertory Theatre in Lindenhurst, opening February 8<sup>th</sup> and running for two weekends. Come out and support **James Carey**, **Amelia Chiaramonte** and **Jill Linden** in this romp through Suite 203-204 of the Beverly Hills Hotel. For information call: (516) 701-9777

**James Carey** Directs the Tom Dulack mob comedy **Breaking Legs** at Clare Rose Playhouse in Patchogue, April 26 through May 12. For information call: (631) 654-9587.

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

We extend our deepest sympathies to Matt Palace for the loss of his Mother, Betty; Kathy Dallin for the loss of her mother, Helen; and George Loizides for the loss of his sister-in-law Barbara Ann.

Our Sincerest sympathies go out to the Palace, Dallin and Loizides families during this difficult time.



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