

JULY 2013

STAGE•WRITE

**The
Williamsburg
Players**

Community theatre
at its best

ANNIE

JULY 19 - JULY 28, 2013

Book by Thomas Meehan, Music by Charles Strouse, Lyrics by Martin Charnin



Leapin' Lizards!

This popular comic strip heroine takes center stage as we present our family-friendly, special summer fund-raising production of one of the world's best-loved musicals. With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts, despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find her parents, who abandoned her 11 years earlier on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel and embittered Miss Hannigan.

With the help of the other girls in the orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous and magical world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations and befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She finds a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

We were excited when 50 young girls between 6 years and 12 years old auditioned for the orphan parts in *ANNIE!* And it didn't stop there - three young boys, 18 adults and a lovable dog were also cast in this production.

Our cast of *ANNIE* brings some familiar faces along with a host of new faces to our stage. Creating the role of Annie is 12 year old Brigit Davidson. The other 13 orphans include Abigail Curran, Brooke Dempsey, Emily Dempsey, Samantha "Goldey" Dempsey, Lydia Duval, Lilianna Green, Katherine Lenahan, Sarah Lenahan, Mae O'Neal, Lauren Sylvia, Olivia Triska, Noveigh Vollette and Riley Zatterio.

Along with the girls, we have three boys to play in various street scenes: Hunter Bishop, Oliver O'Neal and Corbin Volette-Lefleur. And let's not forget a lovable dog named Barkley.

The adult roles are created by Carrie Grace Morgan (*Grace Farrell*), George Opie (*Daddy Warbucks*), Arna Majcher (*Miss Hannigan*), Rachel Marrs (*Lily St. Regis*), Adam Lemos (*Rooster*), Steve Pasco (*Bert Healy*), Don Ritz (*FDR*), and an ensemble cast who create a host of other characters: Kelsey Helmick, Alexa Coffman, Justin Jones, Sarah Jones, Izabella Montes, Elizabeth Montgomery, Matthew Rivera, Dallis Seeker, Isabella Stansbury, Judy Triska and Lauren Vollette.

Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm with Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. Adult Tickets, \$20.00, and children/student tickets, \$10.00, can be purchased on our website, www.williamsburgplayers.org, where you can choose your exact seat, pay by credit card and print your tickets at home, bypassing the box office when you arrive at the theater. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the box office at (757) 229-0431 and leaving your name and phone number. A box office volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.



Would you like to be a part of the exciting world of community theatre? We have a place for anyone who would like to be a part of our theatre family.

Production opportunities exist for building sets, painting, hanging lights, running the light board, working backstage or collecting props. Non-production help, such as working in the box office, selling concessions, ushering and general maintenance, are some of the other wonderful opportunities available! Become part of the WP family of volunteers today!

Call Carol Moff at (757) 565-2826 for more information.



July 19 - July 28

Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm

Sunday 2:30 pm

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Adults \$20 Students \$10

**Purchase tickets online at
www.williamsburgplayers.org or
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If you have a comment, a suggestion or an idea that you would like to share with us, you can contact us via regular mail at P.O. Box 91 Williamsburg, Virginia, 23187, email at webmaster@williamsburgplayers.org or leave a message at (757) 229-1679.

Please do not leave feedback on the ticket reservation line.

Thank you!



Season Subscriptions Now On Sale

With our main stage productions often selling out, and only 300 seats available for our Children's Theatre, a season subscription to both is the best way to guarantee having the best seats possible for the performance.

Our 2013-2014 main stage season subscription price is \$75.00 for five shows - a 20% savings from the single ticket price of \$18.00. The Children's Theatre subscription is \$30.00 for five shows.

The season subscription form is available online at www.williamsburgplayers.org or by calling the box office and asking one be mailed to you.

For further assistance please call (757) 229-0431 and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

OUR SET STRIKE VOLUNTEERS



On Sunday, June 23rd *CHICAGO* was put to bed, making way for our next show, *ANNIE*!

The following people were instrumental in helping strike and clean the theater: Catrina Berry, Guy Bordleon, Bob Campbell, David Cunningham, Tony Gabriele, Pam Gerth, Tristen Gerth, Josie Miller, Ingrid Holzer-Miller, Peter Natale, Bob Noonan, Steve Olson, Rico Robinson, Jack Schaeffer, Bob Shea and Link Wright.

AUDITIONS

Would you or someone you know like to audition for one of our productions? As a first time performer or a seasoned actor, all levels of talent are welcome.



July 7th & 8th, 2013 7:00 pm

Cast: 4M / 4W

Physical Comedy Required.

Readings will be taken from the script.

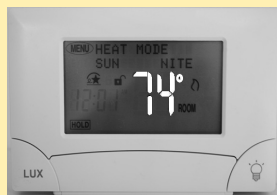
The show will run three weekends during September.

For questions or additional information, please contact the director, Doug Stewart, at gstewart@gc.k12.va.us

For more information visit www.williamsburgplayers.org

For Your Comfort ...

Many of our patrons find the temperature level of the theater affects them differently - what one person finds to be too cool another person finds to be too warm.



We all experience the theater temperature differently. We have the theater set at 74 degrees. If you find this to be too cool, please bring a sweater or light jacket. We are continually working to make your theater experience more enjoyable.

*Williamsburg Players Annual Meeting will be held at the theater on Sunday, August 4th
Social hour & light hors d'oeuvres at 1:00 p.m.*

Meeting at 2:00 pm

To be eligible to vote on proposals and new board members you must be a season ticket holder or have volunteered during the 2012-2013 season

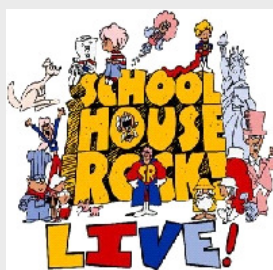
OUR 2013 - 2014 SEASON



Sept. 12 - Sept. 28, 2013

Written by Ken Ludwig

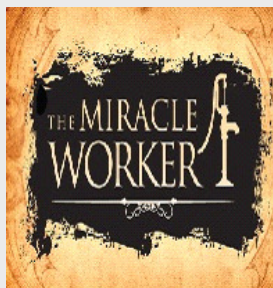
Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.



Nov. 7 - Nov. 23, 2013

Book: Scott Ferguson, Kyle Hall & George Keating. Music & Lyrics: Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall & Tom Yohe. Based on an idea by David McCall and the TV series created by George Newall & Tom Yohe

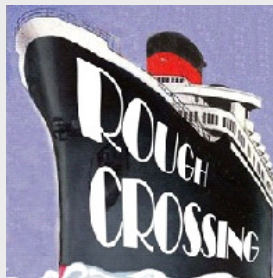
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Jan. 16 - Feb. 1, 2014

Written by William Gibson

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Mar. 27 - Apr. 12, 2014

Written by Tom Stoppard

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.



June 5 - June 21, 2014

*Book by James Lapine
Music and Lyrics by
Stephen Sondheim*

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**THE SEASON SUBSCRIPTION FORM
WAS MAILED AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY.
REMEMBER, TICKETS ARE FULLY EXCHANGEABLE
FOR A DIFFERENT PERFORMANCE DATE FOR THE
SAME PRODUCTION. NO QUESTIONS ASKED!**



President's Message from D. Hugh Siggins

The Williamsburg Players are having a busy summer! Completing a critically acclaimed run of *Chicago*, with packed houses at every performance, we are in rehearsals for *Annie* which will be presented for two weekends, July 19th through July 28th, on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2:30 pm. Tickets are available online at www.williamsburgplayers.org or by calling the box office at (757) 229-0431. This is a special fund raising show and is not part of any season. Our cast is working hard, memorizing lines, vocal selections and choreography. The cast consists of 14 girls, 3 boys, 18 adults and a dog. Please support this fund raising event by purchasing your tickets today.

This is the second season that we will be presenting a Children's program which is listed on the season selection pamphlet and again in this newsletter. If you did not receive one in the mail, call the box office and we will be happy to send you one. Or better yet, visit www.williamsburgplayers.org and download a form today. The children's theatre programs are held on select Saturday mornings at 11:00 am, last about one hour and are designed for children Pre-School through 5th grade, although we have found parents and grandparents enjoying them as well! This coming season we hope to see the attendance increase at these events.

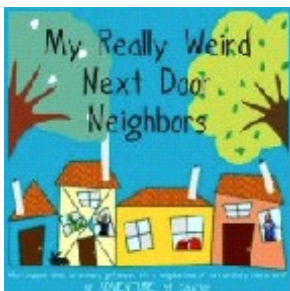
We are also trying something new and exciting for us! The Christopher Wren Association is scheduling two classes at the James-York Playhouse during September 2013. We will be teaching a class on the Williamsburg Players' season on Tuesdays from 9:30 am -11:30 am on September 10th, 17th and 24th, covering the aspects of auditions, set building and the various sundries that go into show planning and execution. In addition, Glenn Winters will teach his course on Understanding Opera on Thursdays from 9:30 am -11:30 am on September 12th, 19th and 26th.

As you can see, there are many exciting things happening at the theater. We look forward to your joining us!

Children's Theatre

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OUR
2013-2014
CHILDREN'S THEATRE
SEASON



MY REALLY WEIRD NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS

SEPT. 14, 2013



NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

NOV. 23, 2013



AESOP'S FABLES

FEB. 1, 2014



ONCE UPON A TIME

APRIL 5, 2014



THE ADVENTURES OF CHESSIE THE MANATEE

JUNE 14, 2014

ALL SHOWS ARE SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 11:00 AM TICKETS: \$7.00