

May 2015

Our 58th Year

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**The
Williamsburg
Players**
Community theatre
at its best

GUYS AND DOLLS **MAY 28 - JUNE 13, 2015**

Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows
Based on The Idyll of Sarah Brown and characters by Damon Runyon



Last year, when I was asked to direct for the 2014/2015 season, the first show that came to mind was *Guys and Dolls*. I LOVE IT, and with a quick GOOGLE search on the internet, I realized that most everyone else loves it too.

Did you know that *Guys and Dolls* is the most performed Broadway musical of all time? I had no idea. In quick reflection though, it's not too surprising. You can't beat a show with catchy tunes like *I've Never Been In Love Before* and *A Bushel & A Peck*, or intertwined love stories involving gangsters that go by names like Sky Masterson & Nathan Detroit. And throw in a moral lesson for good measure, and it's the perfect recipe for a GREAT Broadway Musical.

So why direct a show like *Guys and Dolls*? For the magical world that can be created on stage for YOU to enjoy.

Our cast includes so much wonderful talent: Danon Middleton, Amanda Knowlton, John Cauthen, Jennifer Kristin Lent, Neil Hollands, Sam Miller, Jason Matthew Kriner, Jeremy Singleton, Jefferson Ellis, Tra'Waan Coles, Chris Cortright, Robert Lee Kyle, Jr., Ernie Desroches, Madoline Wallace, Jim Waldron, Adin Pace, Terri Osborne, Nancy Carnegie, Emma Gardner, Georgia Fox Hester, Marcia Dadds, Alicia Hainsworth, Zuri Petteway, Jordan Russnow, & Frank Connelly

The work of our crew, Michael Westenberger, Suzanne Daniel, Dean Shostack, Emma Cross, Becky Krantz, Katy Rodgers & Scott Hayes is so greatly appreciated.

I hope to see YOU at the Playhouse for this entertaining show!

Christina Westenberger, Director

TICKET & SHOW INFORMATION

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 pm with Saturday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets, \$20.00 for adults, and \$12.00 for children and students, can be purchased online at www.williamsburgplayers.org or 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.

AUDITIONS

Children's Theatre

Ages Grades Pre K - 5



The Wright Brothers May 30, 2015

Presented by
Rainbow Puppets Productions

Saturday 11:00 am All Seats \$7.00

Sunday May 31st 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Ages 6 - 12

Prepare a song no more than two minutes long
Must provide sheet music in appropriate key or a
Karaoke style CD without words
Accompanist will be provided
No a cappella or MP3 files

Sunday May 31st 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday June 1st 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Teens 13+ and Adult

Prepare 32 bars in the style of the show
Must provide sheet music in appropriate key
Accompanist will be provided
No a cappella and no track / Karaoke style CD's.

Callbacks will be held Tuesday, June 1st, if needed

Questions? Contact the director,
Peter Natale at peco@cox.net

*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, send an email to
webmaster@williamsburgplayers.org
or leave a message at (757) 229-1679.*

*Please do not leave feedback on the
ticket reservation line. Thank you!*



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**We will train you to sell tickets from home
and work the Box Office at the theater.**

**In return, you can receive COMP tickets to the
great season of shows coming to our theater.**

Interested?

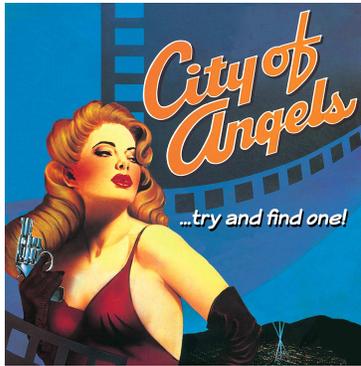
**Call Debbie Noonan at 220 - 3208 or
click the volunteer tab on our website
www.williamsburgplayers.org
and fill out the volunteer form
indicating a desire to work in the
box office. Just say **COUNT ME IN!****

WANTED! SEWING SUPPLIES

**Sewing machines, needles, thread,
fabric, notions. You name it,
we'll take it off your hands
and put it to good use.**

**Drop items off at the theater and place in
the large marked plastic bin by the front
door. The bin will be checked daily.**

2015 - 2016 SEASON

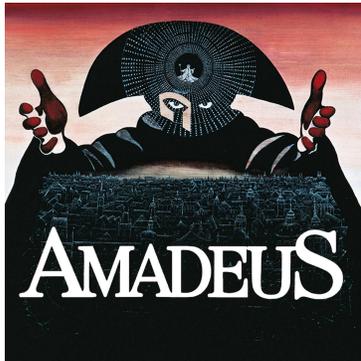


Sept 17 - Oct 3

Book by Larry Gelbart.
Music by Cy Coleman.
Lyrics by David Zippel

Directed by Chris Hull

Presented by special arrangement
with Tams Witmark Music Library



Nov 5 - Nov 21

Written by Peter Shaffer

Directed by Catherine Hagner

Presented by special arrangement
with Samuel French Inc.

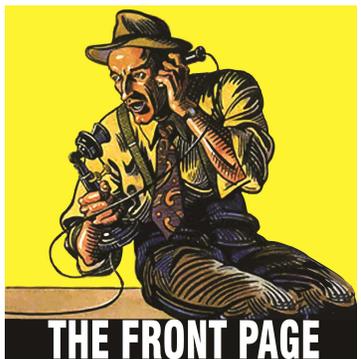


Jan 21 - Feb 6

Written by Bernard Slade

Directed by Julie King

Presented by special arrangement
with Samuel French, Inc.

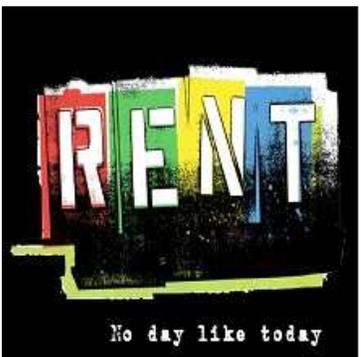


Mar 10 - Mar 26

Written by
Ben Hecht & Charles MacArthur

Directed by Sam Miller

Presented by special arrangement
with Samuel French, Inc.



June 2 - June 18

Music, Lyrics and Book
by Lionel Bart

Directed by Peter Natale

Presented by special arrangement
with Music Theatre International

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Children's Theatre

Ages Grades pre K - 5



**Christmas
with Santa
December 5
2015**

**Follow Me
February 6
2016**



**Storybook
Tales
June 4
2016**

Saturdays 11:00 am

All General Admission Seats \$7.00

**2015 - 2016 season
subscription forms
are in the mail.**

**If you need a form, call our box
office, (757) 229 - 0431 and
we will mail one to you, or
you can go to our website
www.williamsburgplayers.org
and download the form there**



D. Hugh Siggins

A Message from the President

As we approach our final show of our 58th season, I want to give thanks to Christina Westenberger and her cast and crew, who have been working hard to bring to you an outstanding performance of the very familiar and fabulous musical, *Guys and Dolls*.

If you don't have your tickets as of yet, please call the box office at (757) 229-0431, or purchase them online at www.williamsburgplayers.org. Prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children and students.

The brochures for our 59th season are in the mail and should have arrived in your mail box last week. If you have not received one, call the box office at the number listed above and one will be sent. Buying a season ticket, which remains at \$75.00, is the most economical way of enjoying our theater. Our season begins in September with the musical comedy *City of Angels*, written with a contemporary jazz theme and sidesplitting comedy. It is followed by *Amadeus*, *Romantic Comedy*, *The Front Page* and the musical *Rent*, a contemporary look at life in New York City's East Village.

We will continue our Children's Theatre program with three shows. Just prior to Christmas will be *Christmas with Santa*. After the holidays we present *Follow Me*, a story of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, and concluding in June is *Storybook Tales*, which brings to life 10 stories, such as *Pinocchio* and *Robin Hood*. The children's shows take place on Saturday mornings at 11:00 am and conclude by noon. See the list of shows on page 3 of this newsletter for performance dates. We love to see the little ones enjoying live theater!

Not part of our season is our summer fundraiser, *Oliver!*, presented July 24th through August 2nd. Prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children and students. A benefit of subscribing early to our main stage season is a \$5.00 discount on all adult tickets for the show. Auditions are May 31st and June 1st, and the requirements can be found on page 3. If you are interested in performing or working with *Oliver!*, come to auditions on either May 31st or June 1st.

In addition to auditioning for shows, our theater needs volunteers throughout the theater. When you enter our theater, you see volunteers at our concession stand, at the box office desk, and as ushers showing you to your seat. As you can see, we use many volunteers. As you are watching the performance, there are volunteers on stage, volunteers running the sound and light boards, and volunteers back stage as musicians and crew. And let's not forget the volunteers who designed, built and painted the set. As you can see, we have many and varied jobs within our theater for our volunteers. Would you like to join our group and be one of our newest volunteers? I know we have a job for every one of you. Go to our website, fill out a volunteer form and turn it in. We will make sure that you are put to work in the area that you wish.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who volunteers or attends our shows. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at *Guys and Dolls* and at each show in the upcoming season.



July 24 - Aug 2

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday 2:00 pm

\$20 Adults \$12 Children & Students