

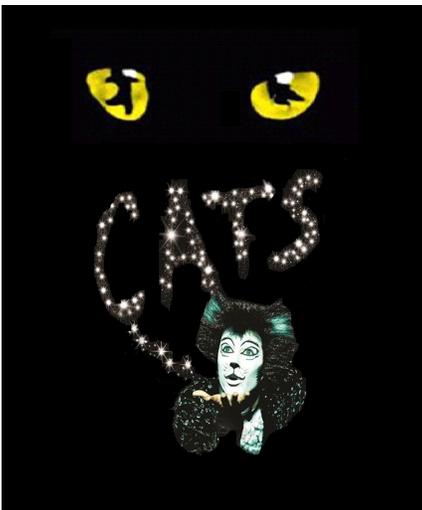
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**The
Williamsburg
Players**
Community theatre
at its best

CATS

SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

Based on the book *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* by T.S. Eliot
Music by Andrew Lloyd Weber



Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, written in 1939, is a collection of whimsical poems by T. S. Eliot about feline psychology and sociology. The poems were written during the 1930s under his assumed name "Old Possum," in letters to his godchildren. The

best-known musical adaptation of the poems is the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *CATS*. The musical premiered in London's West End in 1981 and on Broadway in 1982, and went on to become the longest-running Broadway show in history, until it was beaten by another Andrew Lloyd Webber show, *The Phantom of the Opera*, which is now in its 26th year on Broadway. *CATS* ran 18 years on Broadway and 21 years on London's West End, and is the most toured Broadway musical in American history.

We now bring *CATS* to Hampton Roads, where, on September 11th, it will not only open the Williamsburg Players' 58th season, but it will also be making its Hampton Roads debut, being performed for the first time ever in our area by a community theatre.

The cast consists of both WP veterans and newcomers. A complete list of cast members and their *CATS*' characters can be found on our website, www.williamsburgplayers.org.

Director Peter Natale, (*Peter Pan*, *Annie*, *Chicago*, *The Producers*, *Curtains*, *42nd Street*, *A Chorus Line*), well known by our patrons for his mega-musicals, said recently "this family friendly show will delight audiences of all ages, and if you look closely enough, you may see your own cat portrayed on the stage in this song and dance musical extravaganza."

The motto of the show, *CATS NOW AND FOREVER*, is still very much alive, as tours continue around the world. In April of this year, Royal Caribbean International announced that the full production of *CATS* will be performed regularly for guests aboard their cruise ship *Oasis of the Seas* beginning in the fall of 2014! And now, its Hampton Roads debut!

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.

OUR 2014 - 2015 SEASON

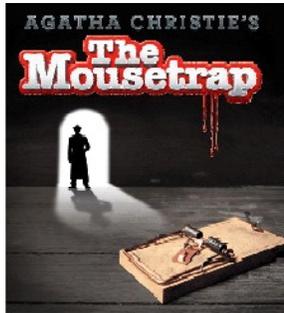


**SEPT. 11-27
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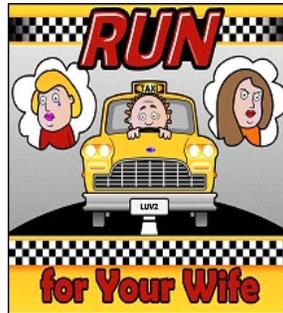
*Presented by special
arrangement with the
Rodgers and Hammerstein
Library*



**NOV. 6-22
2014**

Written by
Agatha Christie

*Presented by special
arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.*



**JAN. 15-31
2015**

Written by
Ray Cooney

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arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.*

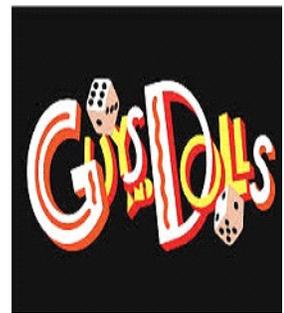


**MAR. 12-28
2015**

Adapted for the stage by
Patrick Barlow

From an original concept
by Simon Corble & Nobby
Dimon

*Presented by special
arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.*

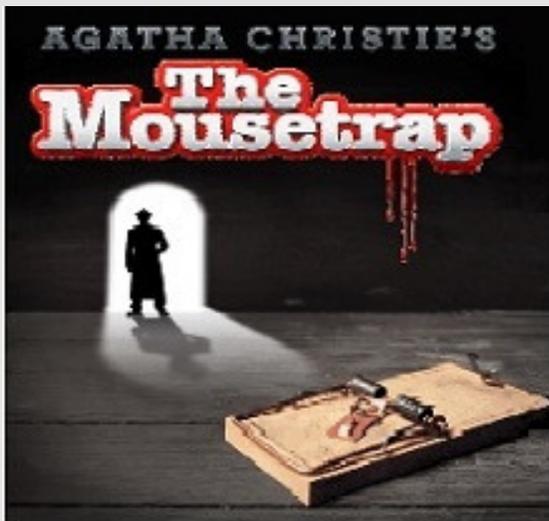


**MAY 28 -
JUNE 13
2015**

Book by Jo Swerling and
Abe Burrows. Music and
Lyrics
by Frank Loesser.

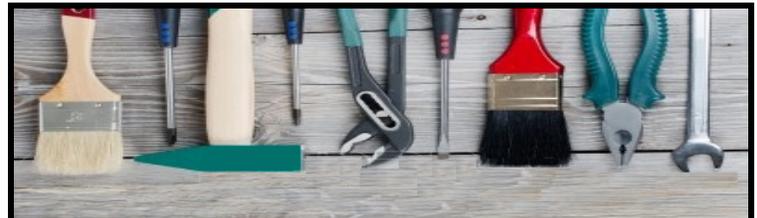
Based on The Idyll of
Sarah Brown and
characters
by Damon Runyon

*Presented by special
arrangement with Music
Theatre International*



**SUNDAY & MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

For questions or additional information, contact the
director, Les Waldron at actors2@verizon.net



Thank You

*to the following individuals who helped
strike the Peter Pan set, and helped to build
the set of our next production, CATS!*

Guy Borderlon, Bob Campbell, Brianna Conway,
Dave Cunningham, Aerika Gabbin, Megan Gerth, Georgia
Hester, Cole Mercado, Peter Natale, Max Nelson, Sean
Nelson, Steve Olson, Raymond O'Shaughnessy, Jack
Schaeffer, Audrey Seeker, Jeremy Singleton & Linc Wright



Pictured is Dallis Seeker, our 2014 Scholarship Winner, receiving
his check at the Annual Board Meeting from WP Treasurer
Neil Hollands and Scholarship Chairperson Betsy Jo Spence

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our theater. Interested? Call Debbie
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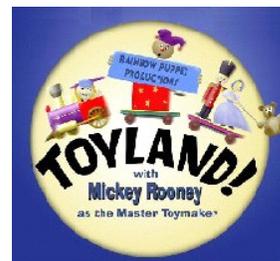
Children's Theatre

Ages Grades Pre K - 5



**A pirate party
Sept. 20, 2014**

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*



**Toyland
Nov. 22, 2014**

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*



**William's Adventure
in Black History
Jan. 31, 2015**

*Presented by
Brightstar Touring Theatre*



**Happily Ever After
Mar. 28, 2015**

*Presented by
Brightstar Touring Theatre*



**The Wright Brothers
May 30, 2015**

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*

**All Shows
Saturdays 11:00 am**

A Message from the President



D. Hugh Siggins

What's happening at the Williamsburg Players for their 58th season?

To begin with, Peter Natale is going to work his magic as director of *CATS*, the opening show of our 2014-2015 season, which incidentally is making its Hampton Roads debut at our theater! The cast has been in rehearsal since early June, and will be ready to slink across our stage beginning September 11th. During this run, we will take a Saturday morning, September 20th, to present the children's puppet program, *Pirate Party*. Please bring your elementary school age children or grandchildren to attend this production beginning at 11 am. Tickets for this show are only \$7.00.

Season subscriptions are still available—only \$75.00 for the 5 performance season, which compared with \$20.00 individual show tickets, saves you 25% and is easily a great deal. Buying a season subscription allows you to have the best seats available for each production, with the flexibility of making changes if the need arises.

Several members left our board during this past year. We thank Peter Natale, Kelsey Helmick, Marsha Allen, Debbie Noonan, Carol Moff and Nina Costello for their service and hope that they will continue to remain active as volunteers and staff personnel. At the annual meeting, we elected new board members and officers, whose titles and duties are listed on the previous page. We look forward to much volunteer help from this group. And speaking of volunteer help, this is our area of greatest need. We could not operate this theater without our volunteers. At the present time we need ushers, concession people, box office help, folks to build, paint, and strike the sets, work backstage, and sound and light operators. No experience? We will train you!

Introducing our newest board members, Rani Wachter, appointed to head up our volunteers, has a background with young people, is a teacher, and was a cruise line entertainment director. She was last seen on our stage as the witch in *Into the Woods*. Guy Bordelon, originally from Louisiana, has been a musician and singer and currently works as a training director for the military. Kathleen Walden is a previous board member and has worked backstage, box office, acted, and directed our 50th Anniversary production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. We have varied experience coming on the Board.

We hope you have already purchased your season tickets. If not, you can download a subscription form from our website, www.williamsburgplayers.org, or you can call the box office at (757) 229-0431 for assistance.

See you at the theater.

2014 - 2015 SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Purchasing a Season Subscription is the best way to guarantee having the best seats possible for our main stage performances. Our Season Subscription price remains at \$75.00 for five shows - a 25% savings over our single ticket price. The Children's Theatre subscription is \$30.00 for five shows, a \$5.00 savings.

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