

COUNTY PLAYERS

At The Falls Theatre



SEASON 66 | 2023-2024

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2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

WELCOME TO SEASON 66!

Live theatre is an essential ingredient to our community, both locally and globally. We look to theatre to provide relief, understanding, and hope. Season 66 at County Players is a celebration of our sense of family, community, and empathy. These performances will warm your hearts while reflecting our challenging world. We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful worlds we will create together in Season 66!

Welcome to County Players!

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FROM OUR 66th SEASON SPONSOR

As we come together to celebrate County Players' 66th Season, Hudson Valley Credit Union is proud to continue our support for this vital community theatre company. The stories this band of players bring us each year make us laugh and cry, and we're much the better for that. Congratulations to the many actors, crew, and volunteers who keep this gem polished and shining for us all to enjoy year after year. See you at the theatre!



WHAT YOU LOVE MOST

about the County Players experience: a dynamic five-show Main Stage subscription package and a bold six-play Readers Theatre series package - a thrilling musical, four unforgettable fully-staged comedies, six smart and adventurous play readings - all with our commitment to artistic excellence.

SUBSCRIBERS GET GREAT BENEFITS!

GUARANTEED SEATING
Lock in your favorite seats.

BEST PRICING
Receive the best prices.

FEE-FREE TICKET EXCHANGES
Enjoy flexibility with free ticket exchange.

RESERVE YOUR FAVORITE SEATS
FOR OUR 66th SEASON

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ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT	2023 JUNE 2023
ON GOLDEN POND MAIN STAGE	JULY 2023
CALENDAR GIRLS MAIN STAGE	SEPTEMBER 2023
THE CAKE THE NEW CENTURY CP2 MINI FESTIVAL 1	OCTOBER 2023
THE HUMANS MAIN STAGE	NOVEMBER 2023
FREUD'S LAST SESSION THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE CP2 MINI FESTIVAL 2	DECEMBER 2023

AUDITIONS

SUN APR 16 | 7pm
MON APR 17 | 7pm

SUN JUN 25 | 7pm
MON JUN 26 | 7pm

SUN AUG 27 | 1pm
SUN AUG 27 | 3pm

SUN AUG 13 | 7pm
MON AUG 14 | 7pm

SUN OCT 1 | 1pm
SUN OCT 1 | 3pm

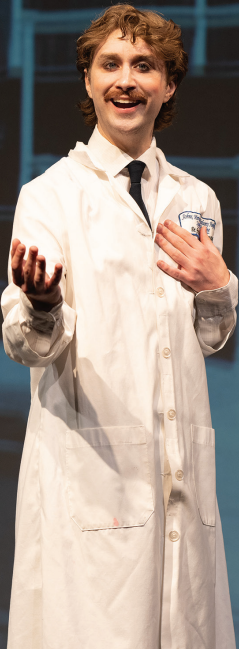
AN IDEAL HUSBAND MAIN STAGE	2024 FEBRUARY 2024
PHOTOGRAPH 51 SILENT SKY CP2 MINI FESTIVAL 3	MARCH 2024
RAGTIME MAIN STAGE	MAY 2024

SUN NOV 5 | 7pm
MON NOV 6 | 7pm

SUN JAN 21 | 1pm
SUN JAN 21 | 3pm

SUN JAN 14 | 7pm
MON JAN 15 | 7pm

“To delight, educate,
challenge the community,
and to nurture creative
expression through theatre
and performing arts of the
highest quality.”
COUNTY PLAYERS’ MISSION



Photos by Louisa Vilardi Photography except where noted: Front cover: *Native Gardens*, 2022; Page 3: *The Book of Will*, 2022; Page 4: *The Mel Brooks Musical: Young Frankenstein*, 2022; Page 16: *Gently Down the Stream*, 2022, *George Washington's Teeth*, 2022, Page 23: *Seven Keys to Baldpate*, 2022; Back cover: From top left clockwise: *Book of Will*, 2022; *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, 2022 (Tom Duggan Photography); *The Niceties*, 2022; Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, 2022; *Native Gardens*, 2022. Graphics and layout by Stacy Greenspan.



on GOLDEN pond

by Ernest Thompson

ONE MORE SUMMER
ON GOLDEN POND AWAITS

TIMELESS HEARTWARMING COMEDY | Main Stage

JULY 2023

Fri & Sat 8pm | July 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22

Sun Matinee 2pm | July 16

Sat Matinee 2pm | July 22

ON GOLDEN POND

By **ERNEST THOMPSON**

Directed by **BILL PECKHAM**

On Golden Pond is a humorous and heartwarming play about love, reconnection, and family. After an unexpected relationship blooms, a family reunites during an unforgettable summer. Come back to the pond one more time and see this American classic.

On Golden Pond is presented by special arrangement with **Broadway Licensing, LLC**, servicing the **Dramatists Play Service** collection. dramatists.com

“... a work of rare simplicity and beauty ...”
NY DAILY NEWS

“Why can’t you just pick berries and catch fish and read books, and enjoy this sweet, sweet time?”
ETHEL, ON GOLDEN POND

PRICING | Adult: **\$22**, Senior 60+, Military, Students (*with ID*), and Children under 12: **\$20**
SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

Calendar Girls

By Tim Firth

GUARANTEED TO MAKE
YOU LAUGH, CRY, AND
COME OUT SINGING

HILARIOUS SMASH-HIT COMEDY | Main Stage

SEPTEMBER 2023

Fri & Sat 8pm | Sept 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23

Sun Matinee 2pm | Sept 17

Sat Matinee 2pm | Sept 23

CALENDAR GIRLS

By **TIM FIRTH**

Based on the Miramax motion picture by

JULIETTE TOWHIDI and **TIM FIRTH**

Directed by **JAMES STEINMEYER**

Based on the true story of eleven older women who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukemia Research Fund, *Calendar Girls* opened at the Chichester Festival Theatre and has since become the fastest-selling play in British theatre history.

Calendar Girls presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. concordtheatricals.com

"It makes you laugh; it makes you cry, and it leaves you feeling better about life than you did when you entered the theatre."

THE TELEGRAPH

"One moment the dressing gown was on, the next it was just me and the hat."

JESSIE, CALENDAR GIRLS

PRICING | Adult: **\$22**, Senior 60+, Military, Students (*with ID*), and Children under 12: **\$20**
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THE HUMANS

BY STEPHEN KARAM

A CELEBRATION OF
WORKING-CLASS
FAMILIAL AFFECTION

AWARD-WINNING TRAGICOMEDY THRILLER | Main Stage

NOVEMBER 2023

Fri & Sat 8pm | Nov 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18

Sun Matinee 2pm | Nov 12

Sat Matinee 2pm | Nov 18

THE HUMANS

By **STEPHEN KARAM**

Directed by **ANDREW KARL**

It's the small dinner party that made big waves on Broadway about a fractured family at its not-so-finest. A bold, bruised, and billowing comedy, *The Humans* layers the fabric of a family's past as they gather at the New York Chinatown apartment of the youngest daughter and her boyfriend for a holiday meal.

The Humans is presented by special arrangement with **Broadway Licensing, LLC**, servicing the **Dramatists Play Service** collection. dramatists.com

"Terrific . . . crackling with joy and sadness. It is an absolute triumph"

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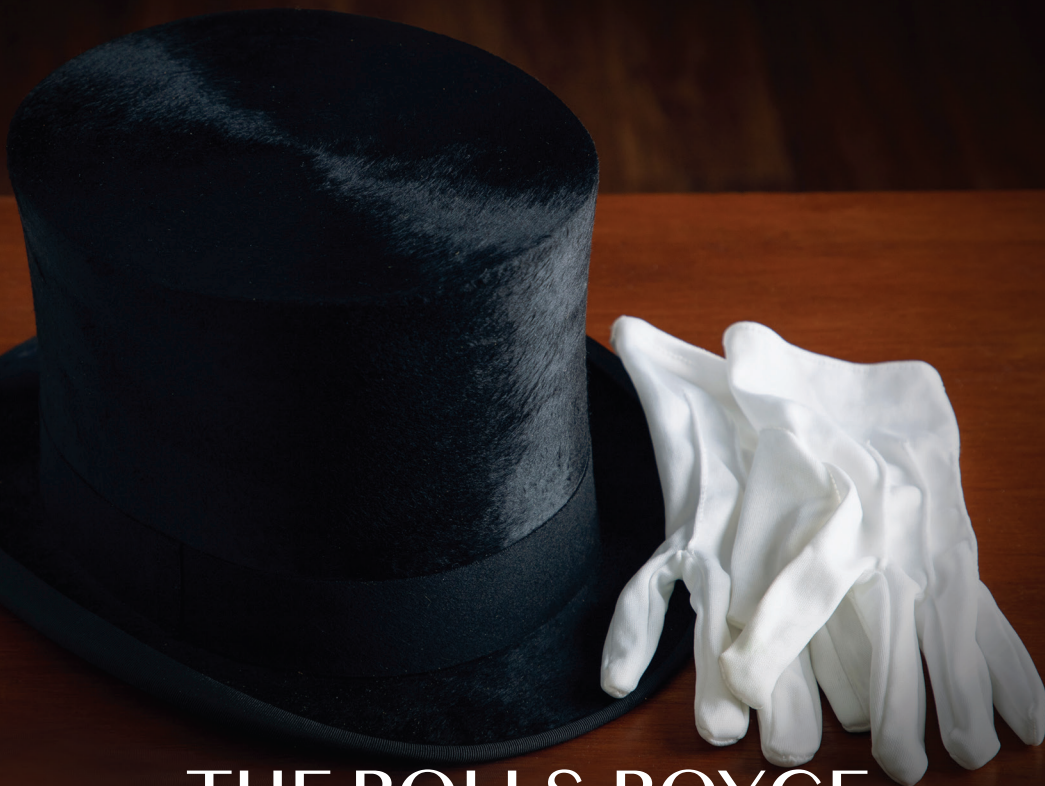
"There's enough going on in the real world to give me the creeps."

DEIRDRE, THE HUMANS

PRICING | Adult: **\$22**, Senior 60+, Military, Students (*with ID*), and Children under 12: **\$20**
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an *Ideal* HUSBAND

By Oscar Wilde



THE ROLLS-ROYCE
OF ENGLISH COMEDIES

FEBRUARY 2024

Fri & Sat 8pm | Feb 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24

Sun Matinee 2pm | Feb 18

Sat Matinee 2pm | Feb 24

AN IDEAL HUSBAND

By **OSCAR WILDE**

Directed by **MICHAEL J. FROHNHOEFER**

This witty and still topical play brings an act of political sin into the heart of the English home. An ambitious government minister, Sir Robert Chiltern's smooth ascent to the top seems assured until Mrs. Cheveley appears in London with damning proof of his previous financial chicanery.

"Incredibly funny."

THE TELEGRAPH

**"Every man of ambition has to fight his
century with its own weapons."**

CHILTERN, AN IDEAL HUSBAND

PRICING | Adult: **\$22**, Senior 60+, Military, Students (*with ID*), and Children under 12: **\$20**
SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

MAY 2024

Fri & Sat 8pm | May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18

Sun Matinee 2pm | May 12, 19

Sat Matinee 2pm | May 18

RAGTIME, THE MUSICAL

Book by **TERRENCE MCNALLY**

Lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**

Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

Based on the novel, *Ragtime* by **E.L. DOCTOROW**

Directed by **ANNA MARIE PAOLERCIO**

This musical tapestry depicts an African-American family, a Jewish immigrant family, and a wealthy white suburban family in turn-of-the-century America, who collide in pursuit of the American Dream. Nominated for 13 Tony Awards® including "Best Musical," and winning for "Best Original Score" and "Best Book of a Musical," *Ragtime* is a powerful portrait of life during the turn-of-the-century, exploring America's timeless contradictions of freedom and prejudice, wealth, and poverty, hope and despair.

Ragtime is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, New York, NY. MTIShows.com

"A triumph for the stage."

TIME MAGAZINE

"Nothing much happens in a year. The world will not spin off its axis. Nothing will change, Mother. We will miss each other but the world will stay the same."

TERRENCE MCNALLY, RAGTIME

PRICING | Adult: **\$26**, Senior 60+, Military, Students (*with ID*), and Children under 12: **\$23**
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RAGTIME

THE MUSICAL

By Terrence McNally • Music by Stephen Flaherty • Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

**A sweeping musical portrait
of early twentieth-century America**

8. Gently Down the Street
Rufus You're so American.
Beau What does that mean?
Rufus Everything has to have a reason, right?
Beau Yes, well, I am sure that's what you mean.
Rufus Yes, well, I am sure that's what you mean.
Beau What?
Rufus When you said "I am sure" that was
amazing. How did Beau know that was
amazing?
Beau I don't know.
Rufus Don't be afraid. What's the secret?
Beau I thought he did... I'm sure, I'm sure.
Rufus I thought he did... I'm sure, I'm sure.
Beau I thought he did... I'm sure, I'm sure.

CP2 READERS THEATRE SERIES

Three Mini-Festival Weekends

Each weekend features two play readings,
offering actors and audiences an opportunity to experience
great theatre, underscoring its essence: **the playwright's words.**

CURTAIN | EVENINGS: Fri & Sat 8pm | MATINEES: Sat & Sun 2pm
PRICING | \$15/Reading | \$20/Both Readings on the same weekend
SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

CP2 READERS THEATRE MINI FESTIVAL ①

The Cake By Bekah Brunstetter



A comedy about baking,
beliefs, and when to
stop following the recipe.

OCTOBER 13 & 14, 2023

Fri 8pm & Sat 2pm

THE CAKE

By **BEKAH BRUNSTETTER**

Directed by **BRITTANY PROIA**

A celebrated North Carolina baker is thrilled to finally design a wedding cake for her goddaughter. But when she learns the marriage is between two women, she begins to feel conflicted. A surprising and sweet take on a modern-day controversy, steeped in humor and warmth.

The Cake is presented by arrangement with
Concord Theatricals on behalf of
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Readers Theatre is
"theatre of the mind."
No costumes. No props.
No sets. Just great
stories. Well told.

THE new CENTURY by paul rudnick

A comedy set
in NYC about
where our new
century might
be heading.

OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2023

Sat 8pm & Sun 2pm

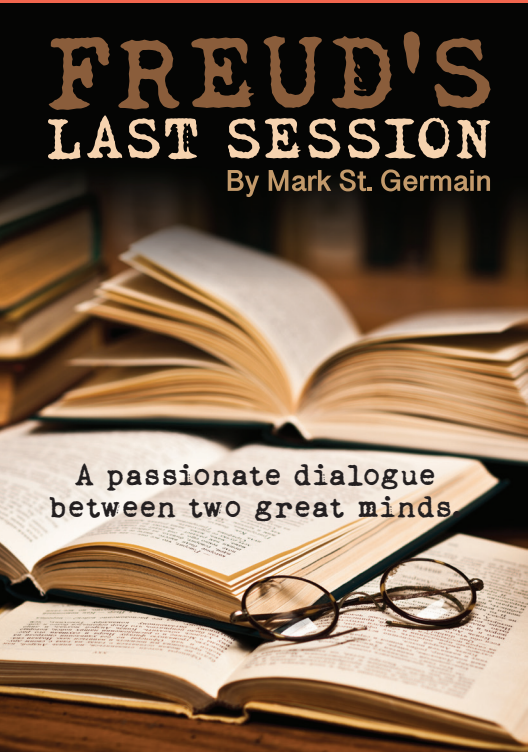
THE NEW CENTURY

By **PAUL RUDNICK**

Directed by **MICHAEL J. FROHNHOEFER**

When the playwright is Paul Rudnick, expectations are geared for a play both hilarious and smart, and *The New Century* is no exception. It is a provocative and outrageous comedy, featuring a collection of hilarious characters.

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arrangement with **Broadway Licensing, LLC**,
serving the **Dramatists PlayService** collection.
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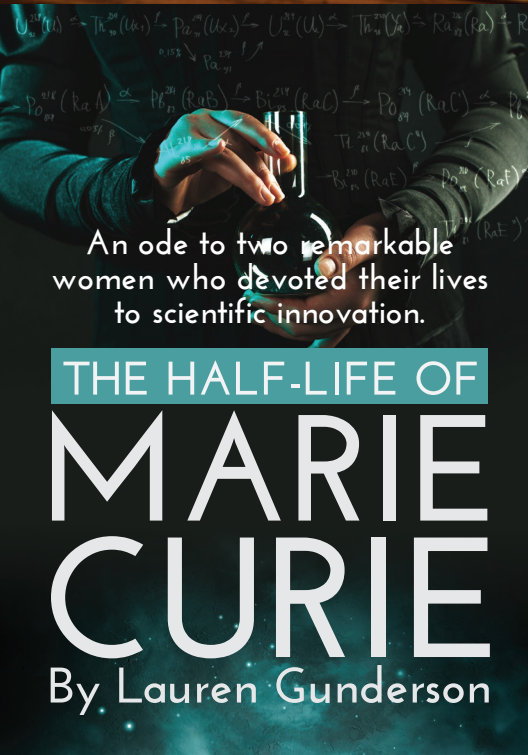
**FREUD'S
LAST SESSION**
By Mark St. Germain

A passionate dialogue
between two great minds

DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2023
Fri 8pm & Sat 2pm
FREUD'S LAST SESSION
By **MARK ST. GERMAIN**
Directed by **JAMES STEINMEYER**

The first of September 1939. Sigmund Freud, the world-renowned psychoanalyst awaits the visit of soon to be legendary author C.S. Lewis on the day World War 2 is declared. The impending war and Freud's failing health catalyzes a far deeper conversation as they clash about the existence of God, love, sex, and the meaning of life.

Freud's Last Session is presented by special arrangement with **Broadway Licensing, LLC**, servicing the **Dramatists PlayService** collection. dramatists.com



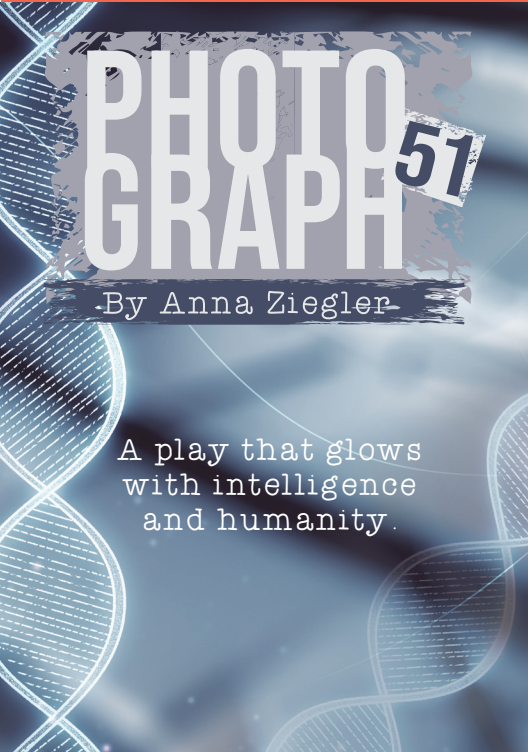
An ode to two remarkable
women who devoted their lives
to scientific innovation.

**THE HALF-LIFE OF
MARIE
CURIE**
By Lauren Gunderson

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2023
Sat 8pm & Sun 2pm
**THE HALF-LIFE OF
MARIE CURIE**
By **LAUREN GUNDERSON**
Directed by **MICHAEL J. FROHNHOEFER**

In 1912, scientist Marie Curie spent two months on the British seaside at the home of Hertha Ayrton, an accomplished mathematician, inventor, and suffragette. At the time, Curie was in the throes of a scandal in France over her affair with Paul Langevin, which threatened to overshadow the accomplishment of her second Nobel Prize.

The Half-Life of Marie Curie is presented by special arrangement with **Broadway Licensing, LLC**, servicing the **Dramatists PlayService** collection. dramatists.com



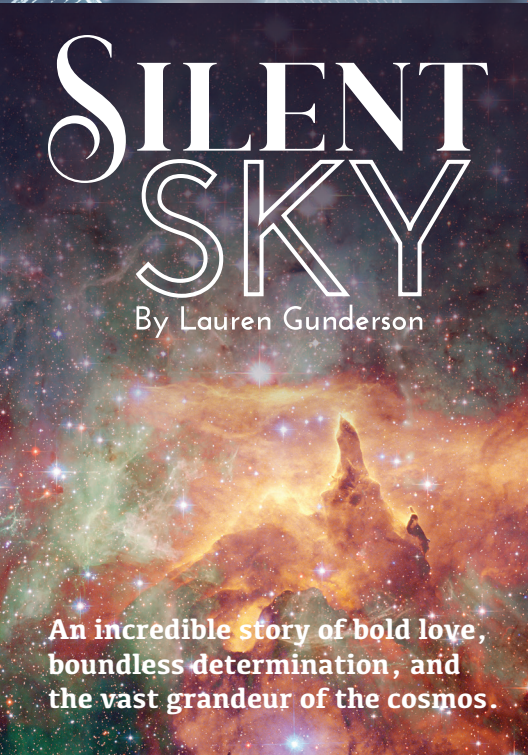
PHOTOGRAPH 51
By Anna Ziegler

A play that glows
with intelligence
and humanity.

MARCH 8 & 9, 2024
Fri 8pm & Sat 2pm
PHOTOGRAPH 51
By **ANNA ZIEGLER**
Directed by **KIT COLBOURN**

Rosalind Franklin was a gifted research scientist who was part of the race to uncover the secrets of DNA in the 1950s. Her more famous contemporaries Watson and Crick took all the kudos for the discovery of the molecule's double helix structure, yet it was Franklin's skill with X-ray diffraction that first uncovered what's called "the secret of life."

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**SILENT
SKY**
By Lauren Gunderson

An incredible story of bold love,
boundless determination, and
the vast grandeur of the cosmos.

MARCH 9 & 10, 2024
Sat 8pm & Sun 2pm
SILENT SKY
By **LAUREN GUNDERSON**
Directed by **CHRISTINE CRAWFIS**

A decade before women gained the right to vote, Henrietta Leavitt and her fellow women "computers" transformed the science of astronomy. While at the Harvard Observatory, Leavitt found 2,400 new variable stars and made important discoveries about their fluctuating brightness, enabling fellow scientists to map the Milky Way and beyond.

Silent Sky is presented by special arrangement with **Broadway Licensing, LLC**, servicing the **Dramatists PlayService** collection. dramatists.com

YOUR GENEROSITY IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH WE STAND, DREAM, AND CREATE.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

Donors ensure a future for the work we aspire to create. Help us to make the Hudson Valley a great place to live, work, and celebrate community.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

County Players is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. All contributions are deductible to the extent provided by law. We rely on generous contributions to bridge the gap between ticket revenues and operating costs.

CONTRIBUTE TODAY

Join our family of donors who share a passion for County Players.
The memories and inspiration will be passed on for generations.

MEMBERSHIP DONATION

(Donation included with purchase of a Main Stage subscription.)

Each membership donation level offers benefits and opportunities.

INDIVIDUAL DONATION

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Your generosity seeds County Players' boundless imagination.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

ADOPT-A-SEAT, TRIBUTE, AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

A special way to commemorate or memorialize, these gifts support our capital improvement efforts and allow us to plan for the future.

MATCHING GRANTS

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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Support the theatre and share your business with thousands of Hudson Valley cultural arts patrons by becoming a Show Sponsor or an Advertising Partner.

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HEALTH & SAFETY

Current health & safety protocols are posted on our website. All protocols are subject to change.

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AVAILABLE 24/7

COUNTYPLAYERS.ORG/TICKETS

ONLINE ORDERING is the fastest and most convenient way to secure subscriptions, purchase single tickets, or make ticket exchanges.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Online & Phone:

Early Bird discount pricing will be applied to all orders February – April 30, 2023. Regular pricing applies on and after May 1, 2023.

(An additional \$5 per subscription applies to all subscription orders.)

Mail:

Regular pricing will apply to all mail orders received on and after May 1, 2023.

(An additional \$5 per subscription applies to all subscription orders.)

Renewal Deadline: April 30, 2023. Afterward, subscriptions are best ordered online or by phone. We are unable to guarantee previous subscription seats, and regular pricing applies.

Paperless Ticketing:

All subscription tickets will be distributed via email unless otherwise requested (*print-at-home* and *mobile* options). ALL ticket holders will be on the check-in list when they arrive for their performance(s), so a printed ticket is no longer required. *(An additional \$1 per order postage/handling fee will be added to all "Mail to Me" ticket requests.)*

ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS.

Single (non-subscription) Tickets:

There is a \$1.50 per ticket handling charge on the purchase of all phone and internet orders for non-subscription tickets.

All date exchanges for single tickets will be charged a \$5 exchange fee. Subscription ticket exchanges are not subject to this exchange fee.

All productions, including dates and times, are subject to change.

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SEASON 66 PRICING GUIDE

SUBSCRIPTION PRICING

MAIN STAGE SUBSCRIPTION

5 MAIN STAGE SHOWS

EARLY BIRD

FEB 1 – APR 30, 2023

Adult: **\$85**

Senior 60+, Military,
Students (with ID), and
Children under 12: **\$75**

REGULAR

MAY 1 – JUL 30, 2023

Adult: **\$90**

Senior 60+, Military,
Students (with ID), and
Children under 12: **\$80**

SUBSCRIBERS

► *enjoy the best seats
at the best prices!*

CP2 MINI-FESTIVAL SUBSCRIPTION

3 WEEKENDS 6 READINGS

ALL 3 WEEKENDS

FEB 1 - OCT 15, 2023

Guaranteed same seats
for all six readings: **\$60**

► **SAVE \$30**
*and enjoy one
FREE weekend!*

INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICING

*Ticketing opens 6–8 weeks prior
to Opening Night of each show.*

MAIN STAGE

Plays:

Adult: **\$22**

Senior 60+, Military,
Students (with ID), and
Children under 12: **\$20**

Musicals:

Adult: **\$26**

Senior 60+, Military,
Students (with ID), and
Children under 12: **\$23**

CP2 SERIES

All Seats: **\$15/reading**
Reserved Seating available
online in advance and at
the door.

An additional \$5 fee per subscription applies to all Main Stage subscription orders.

All tickets are non-refundable and can be exchanged only for a different date/time of the same production. Non-subscription tickets will be charged a \$5 fee per ticket for date/time changes, and require at least 24 hours' notice.

A \$1.50 per ticket processing fee applies to all individual online and phone ticket sales. County Players reserves the right to move your seats, if necessary, to conform with all current safety and capacity requirements. County Players reserves the right to substitute shows. All shows are subject to availability of performance rights.

GET THE SCOOP ON A GROUP

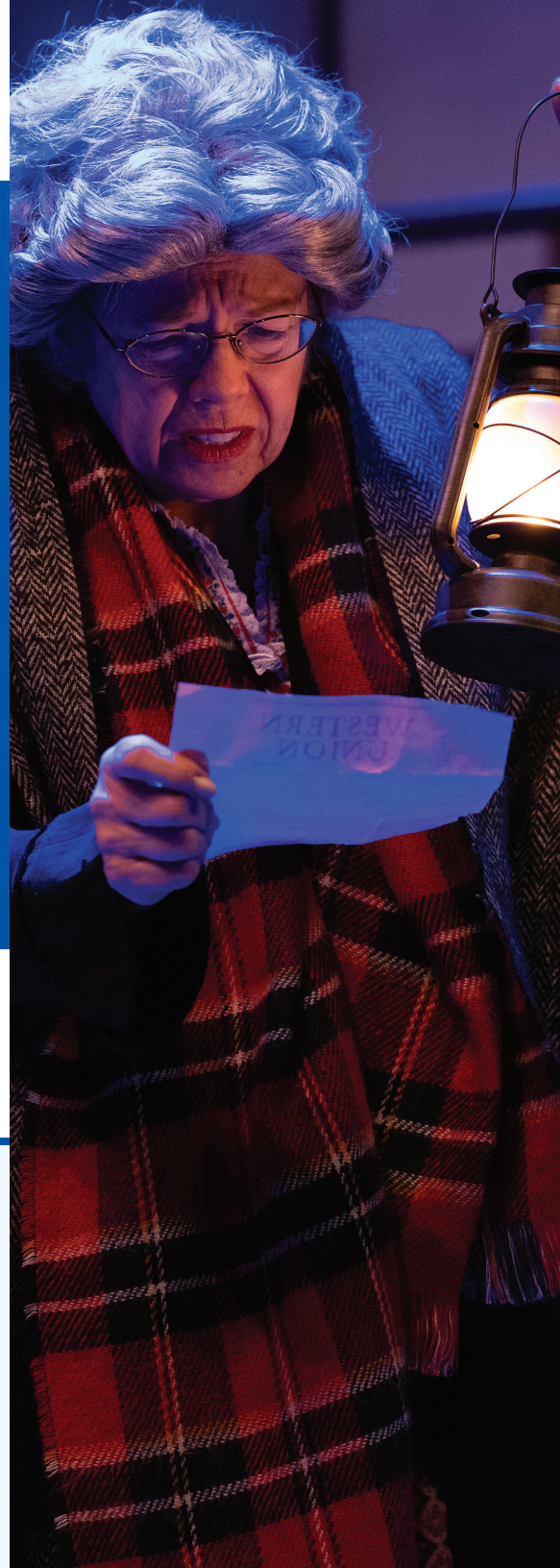
Gather your family, friends, colleagues, or social group to save! Your group can enjoy a discount on tickets, or turn any County Players' performance into a fundraising event for your organization.

**SAVE 15%
GROUPS OF 12 - 24**

**SAVE 20%
GROUPS OF 25+**

CONTACT | 845-298-1491 | GROUPSALES@COUNTYPLAYERS.ORG

*A GROUP is 12 or more people attending the SAME performance,
purchasing ADULT tickets in a SINGLE purchase by the SAME person.*



WAPPINGERS FALLS

Located in the heart of the Hudson Valley, Wappingers Falls is a hidden gem. Families, businesses, and restaurants give this village an exciting vibe. Enjoy the walkable streets and picturesque falls while visiting County Players.

PARKING

County Players does not have its own parking lot. On-street parking is available in addition to several public parking lots. Plan to arrive and park early. **There is a map of available parking at countyplayers.org.**

VOLUNTEER

County Players relies on the generosity of thousands of loyal volunteers. **Volunteering is the perfect opportunity to experience our magic.** Every volunteer contributes personally to the County Players community.

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LIVE THEATRE IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!



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