

SEASON 67 | 2024-2025

SEASON 67 AT COUNTY PLAYERS!

MORE STORIES. MORE CHARACTERS. MORE MOMENTS THAT MATTER.

There's nothing quite like the thrill of live theatre. The marvelous shows of Season 67 will transport you to new realms, evoke profound emotions, and spark conversation. They collectively capture the intricacies of the human experience, weaving together tales of mystery, love, loss, and most of all, resilience. They offer incisive reflections of what it means to be an outsider, the consequences of keeping secrets, and ultimately, the power of human connection.

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As we come together to celebrate County Players' 67th 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!







2023 Best Community Theatre BEST OF HUDSON VALLEY READERS' PICKS

YOUR CHOICE FOR LIVE THEATRE IN 2024-2025 **SEASON 67 AT A GLANCE** 2024-2025 **EVENTS & PERFORMANCES GREAT SUBSCRIBERS BENEFITS!** SPECIAL MAIN CP2 MINI EVENT STAGE FESTIVAL **GUARANTEED SEATING** Lock in your favorite seats. 2024 **ANNUAL MEETING &** JUN **AUDITION VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT** 9 **BEST PRICING** DATES Best ticket prices. Ms. HOLMES & **JUL** 5-20 **APR** 14 & 15, 2024 | 7pm **FLEXIBILITY** MA. WATSON - APT. 2B Free ticket exchange. **SEP** 6-21 INCORRUPTIBLE **JUN** 16 & 17, 2024 | 7pm **RESERVE YOUR FAVORITE SEATS** FALL **EDUCATION WORKSHOPS** FOR SEASON 67 2024 **ONLINE:** Eleanor ОСТ AUG 18, 2024 | 1pm COUNTYPLAYERS.ORG 4-6 UNDERNEATH THE LINTEI AUG 18, 2024 | 3pm PHONE: 845-298-1491 **NOV** 8-23 **PERFECT** Arrangement AUG 11 & 12, 2024 | 7pm **OUESTIONS:** INFO@COUNTYPLAYERS.ORG BABEL **OCT** 13, 2024 | 1pm DEC 6-8 **OCT** 13, 2024 | 3pm **MVLSOURIE SUIVE FEB** 7-22 into the BREECHES 2025 **NOV** 10 & 11, 2024 | 7pm A 3 Witch **MAR** 7-9 **JAN** 19, 2025 | 1pm JAN 19, 2025 | 3pm THE BURDENS SPRING 2025 **EDUCATION WORKSHOPS** APR **THEATRE TOUR** 2025 "To delight, educate, challenge the community, and to nurture creative expression through theatre and **BIG FISH** performing arts of the highest quality." MAY JAN 12 & 13, 2025 | 7pm 2-18 COUNTY PLAYERS' MISSION THE MUSICAL countyplayers.org | 5



CP2 READERS THEATRE SERIES THREE MINI-FESTIVAL WEEKENDS

FOR THE ADVENTUROUS THEATREGOER:

- EACH WEEKEND PRESENTS TWO CHALLENGING PLAYS IN A UNIQUE FORMAT
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Readers Theatre is "theatre of the mind."

No costumes. No props. No sets.

Just great stories. Well told.

WHAT'S ON? A NEW SEASON AT COUNTY PLAYERS.

- A FIVE-SHOW MAIN STAGE SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGE FEATURING:
- ONE INSPIRATIONAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUSICAL
- → FOUR UNFORGETTABLE FULLY-STAGED COMEDIES AND MYSTERIES

A BOLD READERS THEATRE SERIES PACKAGE FEATURING:

All with our commitment to artistic excellence.



HOLMES & BORNELLE SCONT BERG Kate Hamil APT. 2B 11932

Cheerfully desecrating the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. MADCAP MODERN MYSTERY

JULY 2024 Fri & Sat 8pm | July 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 Sun Matinee 2pm | July 14 Sat Matinee 2pm | July 20

Main Stage

MS. HOLMES & MS. WATSON – APT. 2B By KATE HAMILL

Adapted from the stories of **SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE** Directed by **PARKER REED**

Think you know your Sherlock Holmes? Kate Hamill's fast-moving, madcap, modern reboot is a fast-paced romp that re-examines the classic adventure stories you love with a bold new female lens. Join the world's greatest iconic crimefighting duo as they investigate nefarious scandals and interrogate sexy villains. So much fun, it's criminal!

Ms. Holmes & Ms. Watson - Apt 2B is presented through special arrangement with TRW Plays. trwplays.com

"Hamill's adaptations of the classics are endlessly ingenious ... whatever she decides to do, it will be worth seeing." THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

"Bloody good ... by lights down, the heart has beat wildly with hope of romance, the gut has jiggled from guffaw and giggles, and the mind has flexed with solving puzzles and decoding riddles." BLACK BEE BUZZ

PRICING | Adult: \$26, Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID), and Children under 12: \$24 SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

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INCORRUPTIBLE By Michael Hollinger

DARK COMEDY Main Stage

SEPTEMBER 2024 Fri & Sat 8pm | Sept 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 Sun Matinee 2pm | Sept 15 Sat Matinee 2pm | Sept 21

INCORRUPTIBLE By MICHAEL HOLLINGER Directed by KIT COLBOURN

Welcome to Priseaux, France, c. 1250 A.D.

The river flooded *again*. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground. Nobody's heard of the wheelbarrow yet. And St. Foy, the patron of the local monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in thirteen years. In other words, the Dark Ages still look dark. All eyes turn to the Pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. That is, until a rival church claims to possess the relics of St. Foy—and *their* bones are working miracles. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts.

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

"A farcical romp, scintillating and irreverent." PHILADELPHIA WEEKLY

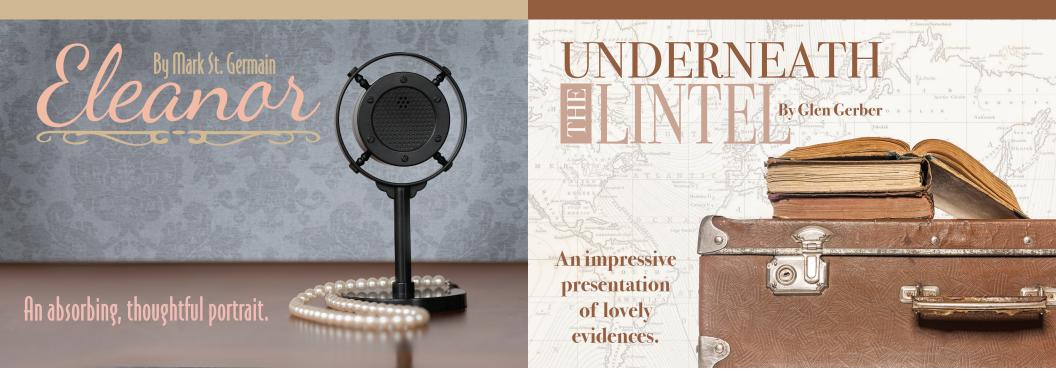
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A dark comedy about the dark ages.

P2 Mini Festival

ONE-PERSON MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURE CP2 Mini Festival



OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2024

Fri 8pm & Sat 2pm

ELEANOR

By MARK ST. GERMAIN Directed by JEFFREY BATTERSBY

This one-woman show brings to life Eleanor Roosevelt, the most influential First Lady the world has ever seen. From her "Ugly Duckling" upbringing to her unorthodox marriage to Franklin, *Eleanor* puts her controversial life, loves and passions on the stage.

Eleanor is presented through special arrangement with **TRW Plays**. *trwplays.com*

OCTOBER 5 & 6, **2024** Sat 8pm & Sun 2pm

UNDERNEATH THE LINTEL

By **GLEN GERBER** Directed by **CHRISTINE CRAWFIS**

When a reclusive librarian discovers a 113-year overdue book in the night slot, curiosity compels him to pursue the borrower. His search for answers leads to a worldwide, whirlwind journey, where he discovers instead the great mysteries of humanity.

Underneath The Lintel is produced by special arrangement with Broadway Play Publishing Inc. broadwayplaypublishing.com

"... one of a handful of great plays written in the last five years ... an astonishingly beautiful piece of writing ..." SEATTLE WEEKLY

CURTAIN | EVENINGS: Fri & Sat 8pm | MATINEES: Sat & Sun 2pm PRICING | \$15/Reading | \$25/Both Readings on the same weekend SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

"Eleanor is the best sort of history, at once edifying and entertaining..." ALBANY TIMES UNION



NOVEMBER 2024 Fri & Sat 8pm | Nov 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 Sun Matinee 2pm | Nov 17 Sat Matinee 2pm | Nov 23

PERFECT ARRANGEMENT By TOPHER PAYNE

Directed by SYDNIE GROSBERG RONGA

It's 1950, and new colors are being added to the Red Scare. Two U.S. State Department employees, Bob and Norma, have been tasked with identifying sexual deviants within their ranks. There's just one problem: both Bob and Norma are involved in a carefully constructed cover-up.

Inspired by the true story of the earliest stirrings of the gay rights movement, *Perfect Arrangement* merges madcap sitcom-style laughs with provocative drama as two U.S. State Department employees struggle to maintain their cover – and their sanity – in mid-century America.

Perfect Arrangement is presented by arrangement with **Concord Theatricals**, on behalf of **Samuel French**, **Inc.** *concord theatricals.com*

"[A] clever canapé of a comedy... Mr. Payne is a deft and witty writer." THE NEW YORK TIMES

"As hiding gets harder, pitch-perfect comedy ensues with slamming doors, strange disguises, preposterous excuses [....] In our own era of surveillance and paranoia, their midcentury problems don't feel so far away." THE NEW YORKER

PRICING | Adult: \$26, Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID), and Children under 12: \$24 SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

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A comic tale of closeted lives.

Arrangement

By Topher Payne

DARK COMEDY | CP2 Mini Festival



DECEMBER 6 & **7**, **2024** Fri 8pm & Sat 2pm

BABEL By JACQUELINE GOLDFINGER Directed by MICHAEL J. FROHNHOEFER

Set in the near future, two couples are having trouble getting pregnant and the lengths they go to in order to have a baby raises the specter of eugenics, explores the societal value of a baby, and asks us what we are willing to risk for love.

Babel is presented through special arrangement with TRW Plays. trwplays.com

DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2024 Sat 8pm & Sun 2pm

MARJORIE PRIME By JORDAN HARRISON Directed by CYNTHIA TOPPS

"Jordan Harrison's elegant, thoughtful and quietly unsettling drama... keeps developing in your head, like a photographic negative, long after you have seen it...At some point, you realize that it's been landing skillfully targeted punch after punch, right where it hurts." THE NEW YORK TIMES

It's the age of artificial intelligence, and 85-year-old Marjorie — a jumble of, fading memories — has a handsome new companion who's programmed to feed the story of her life back to her. What would we remember, and what would we forget, if given the chance? In this richly spare play, Jordan Harrison explores the mysteries of human identity.

Marjorie Prime is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. concord theatricals.com

"Quirky characters, quippy dialogue, and the startling collision between the goofy and the deadly serious."

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER



CURTAIN | EVENINGS: Fri & Sat 8pm | MATINEES: Sat & Sun 2pm PRICING | \$15/Reading | \$25/Both Readings on the same weekend SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

FEBRUARY 2025 Fri & Sat 8pm | **Feb** 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 Sun Matinee 2pm | Feb 16 Sat Matinee 2pm | Feb 22

INTO THE BREECHES By GEORGE BRANT Directed by CHRISTINE CRAWFIS

That time-honored adage, "The Show Must Go On," takes on new meaning in this endearing and moving comedy set at a small theater in Wappingers Falls, NY in 1942. With the actors and director off at war, a group of passionate women face the daunting challenge of preserving the theatre's reputation for mounting outstanding Shakespearean productions. Crammed with laughs and an abundance of visual humor, their fierce determination and unbridled enthusiasm will have audiences cheering as they prove that art and community triumph, even in times of peril.

Into The Breeches is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. concordtheatricals.com

"...a gem of a play, one of the sweetest nights at the theatre you're likely to see..." **PROVIDENCE JOURNAL**

"Into The Breeches is a love letter to the boundarybreaking magic of theater..." SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

"The show will make you laugh out loud, clap enthusiastically, and shed a tear or two - no small feat. This show is a must see and a great break from the winter doldrums."

EDGE MEDIA NETWORK

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Delicious celebration of love, art, and community.

By George Brant

into the

Once more unto the breach,

dear friends, once more!

A FABLE FOR OUR TIMES

CP2 Mini Festival

DARK, FAMILY COMEDY CP2 Mini Festival



THE BURDENS

By Matt Schatz



A contemporary play with multi-generational themes and a wicked sense of humor.

MARCH 7 & 8. 2025 Fri 8pm & Sat 2pm

WITCH By JEN SILVERMAN Directed by KIT COLBOURN

A charming devil arrives in a guiet village to bargain for the souls of its residents. Elizabeth should be his easiest target, having been labeled a "witch," but her soul is not so easily bought. Unexpected passions flare, alliances are formed, and the village is forever changed. An inventive retelling of a Jacobean drama, this sharp, subversive fable debates how much our souls are worth when hope is hard to come by.

Witch is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. concord theatricals.com

"If you've seen the bumper sticker 'wellbehaved women don't make history,' you'll have a sense of what Silverman is shrewdly exploring: If your unsold soul is so disrespected by your community, then why not give some handsome devil a try? CHICAGO TRIBUNE



MARCH 8 & 9. 2025 Sat 8pm & Sun 2pm

THE BURDENS By MATT SCHATZ Directed by MATT ANDREWS

"The play grabs you from the start and keeps you involved and surprised until a finale that is both surprising and welcome." SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

Adult siblings Mordy and Jane have a problem. Their centenarian grandfather is an emotional and financial burden on the family, and he just won't die. Scheming almost entirely via text messages, the siblings hatch an outrageous plan to relieve themselves of their family's burdens and their own.

The Burdens is presented through special arrangement with TRW Plays. trwplays.com

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MAY 2025 Fri & Sat 8pm | May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 Sun Matinee 2pm | May 11, 18 Sat Matinee 2pm | May 17

BIG FISH

Book by **JOHN AUGUST** Music and Lyrics by **ANDREW LIPPA** Based on the novel by **DANIEL WALLACE** Columbia Motion Picture written by **JOHN AUGUST** Directed by **MICHAEL J. FROHNHOEFER**

A fantastical musical adventure inspired by a father's incredible stories. Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, *Big Fish* tells the story of Edward Bloom, a charming traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest, and then some. Overflowing with heart and humor, *Big Fish* is the extraordinary story that reminds us why we love going to the theatre.

Big Fish is presented through special arrangement with TRW Plays. trwplays.com

A buoyant feel-good show for the whole family.

PRICING | Adult: \$30, Senior 60+, Military, Students (*with ID*), and Children under 12: \$28 SAVE WITH A SUBSCRIPTION!

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CURTAIN

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Online & Phone:

Early Bird discount pricing will be applied to all orders received February – April 30, 2024. Regular pricing applies to all online and phone orders *received on and after* May 1, 2024.

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Renewal Deadline: April 30, 2024.

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-athome* and *mobile* options).

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(An additional \$1 per order postage/handling fee will be added to all "Mail to Me" ticket requests.)

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SEASON 67 PRICING GUIDE

SUBSCRIPTION	INDIVIDUAL
PRICING	PRICING
MAIN STAGE SUBSCRIPTION 5 MAIN STAGE SHOWS	INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICING Ticketing opens 6–8 weeks prior to Opening Night of each show.
EARLY BIRD	MAIN STAGE
FEB 1 – APR 30, 2024	Plays:
Adult: \$95	Adult: \$26
Senior 60+, Military,	Senior 60+, Military,
Students (<i>with ID</i>), and	Students (<i>with ID</i>), and
Children under 12: \$85	Children under 12: \$24
REGULAR	Musicals:
MAY 1 – JUL 30, 2024	Adult: \$30
Adult: \$100	Senior 60+, Military,
Senior 60+, Military,	Students (<i>with ID</i>), and
Students (<i>with ID</i>), and	Children under 12: \$28
Children under 12: \$90	CP2 SERIES
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ING -8 weeks prior of each show.

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and require at least 24 hours'

notice. County Players reserves

the right to move your seats,

if necessary, to conform with

all current safety and capacity

requirements. County Players

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availability of performance rights

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*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. Visit a map of available parking at countyplayers.org/parking.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Offering Educational Workshops for students of all experience levels: acting, directing, dialects, sound, lighting, costume, and make-up design led by County Players theatre professionals where students learn method, techniques, and skills.

Join our Annual Theatre Tour every April. Explore personal creativity and confidence or serious theatrical training, discover your artistic home at County Players.

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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