

# S.C.S. Players' Newsletter

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## THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PLAYERS 58th SEASON

### Special points of interest:

- *Green Party*
- *From the President*
- *Membership Renewal*
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### Quick News Items:

- Detailed audition information can be found in this issue.
- The SCS Players made a presentation to the board of Trinity Church on 2/6/18 regarding installing a light board.
- The **Red Party** was cancelled due to snow and will be rescheduled as the **Green Party** on **March 18th**.

### Theater and Drama



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## You Are Invited to the SCS Players Green Party



**Where: Golden Chopsticks**  
**24301 Jefferson Ave**  
**Between 9 and 10 Mile**  
**St. Clair Shores**

**When: Sunday, March 18th at 5:00 pm**  
**Come and join us. Family and friends are welcome. An eVite will be sent to the members.**  
**We hope to see you all there!**

## *From the President Desk by Matthew Sheehy*

With our recent move out of the Good Shepherd complete we now begin to move into our new home at Trinity. One of the biggest parts of this move will be getting our lights back up and pointed at our stage. This wasn't a task we could just move forward with on our own, we would need to get approval from the fine folks at Trinity. With that in mind, Sharon Kusch arranged a date and time (Tuesday, February 6th) when we could meet with the Trustees and present our plan for hanging the light bar and lights. Pat Sheehy, the chief architect / engineer of the light bar project, made a 30 minute presentation to the

Trustees. The presentation was overall well received by the Trustees, but they did have more questions. Specifically, their concern was about the aesthetics of a light bar—would it be ugly, would it detract from the space. Several proposals were made on how to solve the “aesthetics issue” (for example, build a box around the light, and take the lights and bar down after each show and cover the lights with a drapery when not in use). This discussion continued for nearly an hour with all the Trustees who had come over from Good Shepherd saying, “The light bar isn't ugly and after a week or two you don't even see it anymore.” With no definitive resolution to the aesthetics question, the meeting ended and

we awaited the decision from Trinity.

On February 11th Sharon Kusch informed me that the Trustees had accepted our design as presented and that we could move forward with our plans to hang the bar and lights for our Spring 2018 of THE MOUSETRAP. This was tremendous news and a great relief. With the design approved, we will begin to purchase the necessary parts in the coming weeks and schedule an assembly date soon.

## **Renew Your Membership**

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2017 - 2018 season. Single memberships are only \$20.00 and families are \$30.00. Make your checks payable to “**SCS Players**” and mail it in care of Karen Drum, Membership Committee Chairperson. You can also pay your dues at any General Membership Meeting.

Here are a few things to remember about memberships: Single members are for anyone 18 years of age and up. Family

Memberships include you, your spouse (husband or wife) and your children. Family memberships DO NOT include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and/or boyfriends/ girlfriends. Rollover membership are only available to NEW members (those who have never belonged to the group in the past) who join after the Winter show has ended. Rollover memberships are not available to current or returning SCS Players.

**Mail your 2017 - 2018**

### **membership dues check to:**

Karen Drum  
St. Clair Shores Players  
P.O. Box 141  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

**PLEASE PAY YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP DUES  
FOR THE 2017 -  
2018 SEASON AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

### **Please Note:**

If you receive a part in the Spring 2018 Production, you are required to pay your SCSP membership dues no later than April 20, 2018. *Thank you!*

## Theatre Review by Carol Sheehy



Actor and comedian, W.C. Fields once said "Never work with children or animals. They are scene stealers and completely

unpredictable."

**Finding Neverland** has both four young boys and an adorable dog who never missed his mark. For those who are unfamiliar with **Finding Neverland**, it is the story of how the book **Peter Pan** came to be written. With lively music and magical set changes, it was a joy to see both for young children and the young

at heart. I would highly recommend this musical for one and all, and it is currently at the Fisher Theater until February 18.



### SCSP Spring 2018 Production

## THE MOUSETRAP

By Agatha Christie

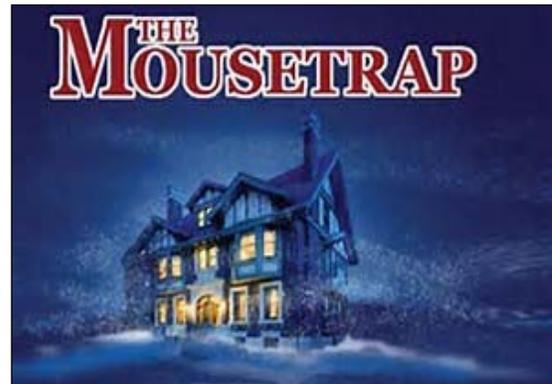
Directed by Patrick Sheehy

### Synopsis:

The Mousetrap is a murder mystery play by Agatha Christie. The Mousetrap opened in London's West End in 1952, and has been running continuously since then. It has by far the longest initial run of any play in history, with its 25,000th performance taking place on 18 November 2012. The play is known for its twist ending, which the audience are traditionally asked not to reveal after leaving the theatre.

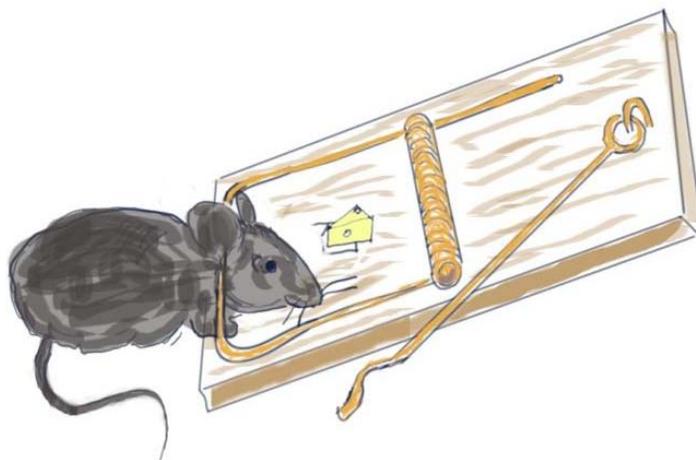
**Audition Dates:** March 7th and 8th, 7-9 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church  
18303 Common Rd, Roseville MI 48066

**Performance Dates:** June 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 2018



# Mouse Trap

A play  
Agatha Christie



## From the Director's Chair by Pat Sheehy

Stop, stop, stop! You had me at Agatha!

The world's greatest mystery writer, a play that has been running since 1952 in London, and yes, I, Patrick Sheehy, get to direct the St. Clair Shores Players Spring 2018 production of **The Mousetrap**. What could be better? Maybe a little MURDER?

It would be great to have a highly motivated troop of actors to cast in the various roles, (5 male and 3 female).

### The Cast of Characters...

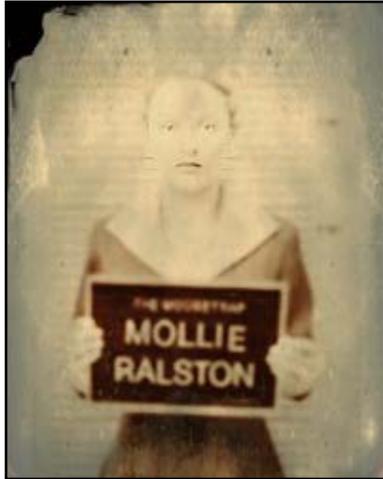
- MOLLIE RALSTON... A young wife and Inn keeper.
- GILES RALSTON ... Mollie's husband and Inn keeper.
- CHRISTOPHER WREN... Guest at the Inn.
- MRS. BOYLE... Curmudgeon and guest at the Inn.
- MAJOR METCALF... Retired army and guest at the Inn.
- MISS CASWELL... Nice lady and guest at the Inn.
- MR. PARAVICINI ... The unexpected guest.
- DETECTIVE SERGEANT TROTTER... The Cop on the case.

*For more information regarding auditions... please see pages 5 & 6...*

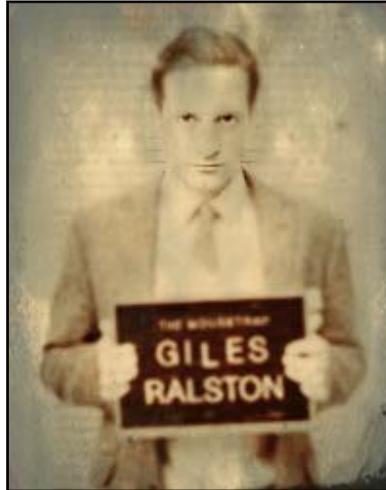
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**THE MOUSETRAP** by Agatha Christie will be directed by long time SCSP member Pat Sheehy. Character descriptions are as follows:

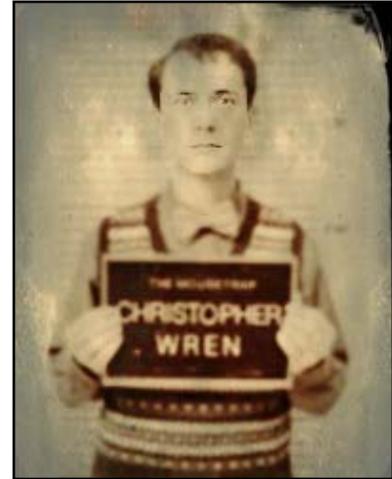
### CAST OF CHARACTERS



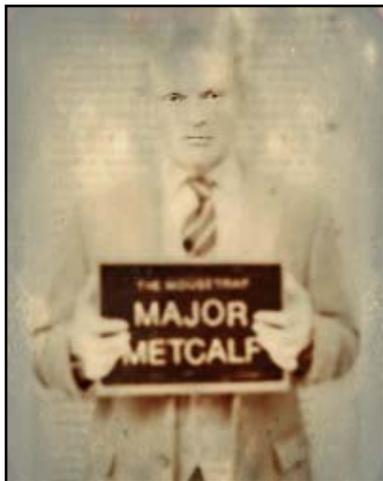
**Mollie Ralston:** a woman in her twenties. Married to Giles and owner of Monkswell .



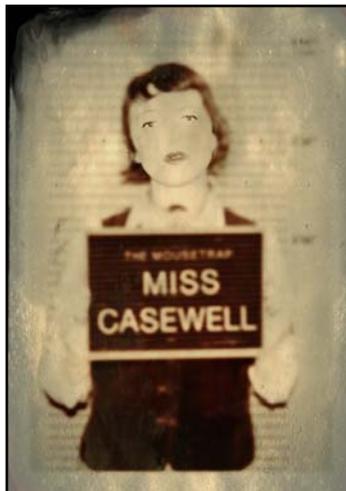
**Giles Ralston:** A man in his twenties. Married to Mollie and the co-host of Monkswell



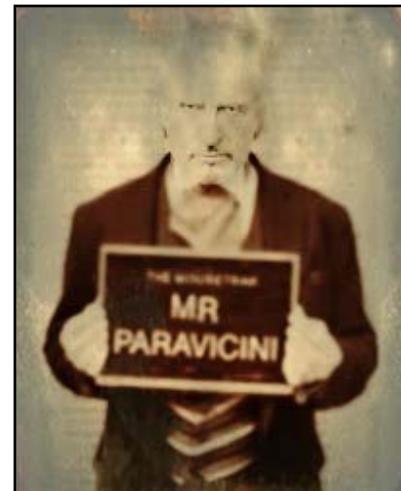
**Christopher Wren:** A flighty, neurotic young man, with an appreciation for fine furniture. A guest at Monkswell Manor.



**Major Metcalf:** A middle-aged, square-shouldered military man in manner and bearing. A guest at Monkswell



**Miss Casewell:** A bit masculine in her demeanor, and remains mysteriously aloof from the other guests. A guest at Monkswell Manor.



**Mr. Paravicini:** A foreign, dark, older man with a small flamboyant moustache. He is an unexpected guest at Monkswell Manor

## CAST OF CHARACTERS (continued)



**Mrs. Boyle** : A large, imposing woman in a bad temper. A guest at Monkswell Manor.



**Detective Sergeant Trotter**: A cheerful, common-place young police officer. A late arriving guest at Monkswell Manor.

If you are interested, or someone you know is thinking about auditioning and have questions, you can contact Matt Sheehy at [mattsheehy@yahoo.com](mailto:mattsheehy@yahoo.com).

**Auditions will be at:**

**Trinity United Methodist Church  
18303 Common Rd, Roseville, MI 48066**

**Dates: March 7th and 8th  
Time: 7-10 PM**

*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

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### The St. Clair Shores Players

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### Mission Statement

The St. Clair Shores Players is a non-profit community theater group serving the city of St. Clair Shores and the surrounding environs. The SCS Players seek to provide a quality live theater experience to the community and also to provide an outlet for local talent in the production of these plays.

Membership to this group is open to anyone interested in furthering the purpose of the group (you do not need to be a citizen of the city of St. Clair Shores).

The SCS Players have, since the group formed in 1959, always held open casting calls for its productions. If you've got talent and the desire to be in a play or helping in some other capacity we are interested in having you as a member of our group.

## Upcoming Events—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

03/07/18 **Open Auditions**

03/08/18 **All are welcome!**

03/13/18 Board of Directors

Meeting @ Carol  
Sheehy's, 7:30pm

03/18/18 SCS Players **Green  
Party**, eVite to follow

04/03/18 Board of Directors

Meeting @ Carol  
Sheehy's, 7:30pm

05/01/18 Board of Directors

Meeting @ Carol  
Sheehy's, 7:30pm

06/08/18 Performance

06/09/18 Performance

06/15/18 Performance

06/16/18 Performance

07/31/18 Board of Directors

Meeting @ Carol  
Sheehy's, 7:30pm

08/05/18 End of the Season  
Picnic @ Spindler  
Park, Stephens Road,  
Eastpointe

