



# S.C.S. Players Newsletter

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## THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PLAYERS 59th SEASON

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### Quick News Items...

- **Calling all future directors!** The SCSP is looking for individuals to direct shows for our Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 season. If you are interested, please email Matt Sheehy at [scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scsplayersorg@yahoo.com).
- **Start your summer reading early!** We are also looking for group members to suggest or read scripts for future shows. You can email

[scsplayersorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scsplayersorg@yahoo.com) if you are interested in this as well.

- **Backstage Help Wanted!** If you would like to participate in the Spring 2019 production of *The Butler Did It!*, we are still looking for assistance with props, stagehands, lights, and sound.
- **Help Build the Set!** For another volunteer opportunity, please come out and assist

with set building on Saturday, May 25th beginning at 1pm. We will continue until the work is complete, so please feel free to arrive later! Or, we welcome volunteers to help with tickets and concessions on the show dates. We truly appreciate your assistance!

- We hope to see you at the show! Keep an eye out for an invitation to our end of the season picnic this summer.

## THE BUTLER DID IT!

You are cordially invited to attend our Spring 2019 production of Todd Wallinger's *The Butler Did It!*

**When: Doors at 7:30pm, Show at 8pm. Friday, May 31st-Saturday, June 1st & Friday, June 7th-Saturday, June 8th.**

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

## *From the President's Desk by Matthew Sheehy*

Hello All,

I recently read this winning entry by Jane W. for an essay contest on "Why Community Theater Matters" and I liked it so much I wanted to share it with all of you.

Some artists and arts patrons consider community theatre the red-headed stepchild of the theatre world. I'm looking pointedly at you, theatre snobs, and I ask you the following questions:

*Without community theatre, where will the next generation of actors, playwrights, directors, stage managers, designers, dramaturgs, and critics (yes, even the critics) turn to develop their skills?*

Without the next generation of

actors, playwrights, directors, stage managers, designers, dramaturgs, and critics, who will expose the next generation of audiences to new ideas?

Without new ideas, how will theatre survive in the future?

Community theatre is the foundation upon which those new ideas are built. No brand of theatre is perfect, but community theatre is just as essential to the survival of the art form as its professional counterpart... no matter what the theatre snobs say.

Community Theater  
is the  
Foundation

There you have it, my friends: in one simple sentence, the reason why community theater matters. No

matter how small the show (or the budget!) we are in some way laying the groundwork for the next generation of theater kids who will go on to be actors, directors, stagehands, writers and even theatergoers. So make sure you volunteer to help out, get involved and always give your very best efforts. Bring you skills, talents and abilities to bear and dazzle for generations to come!

With all that being said, please remember we need directors, actors and set construction people to help now (remember May 25th is set construction) and in the future (directors are needed for our 60th season in 2019—2020). Won't you step up and take this leading role in your community theater group? If you don't do it, who will?

***Thanks and see you at the theater!***

## **Renew Your Membership**

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2018 - 2019 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 2018 - 2019 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 2018 - 2019 SEASON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

## From the Director's Chair by Scott Smith



**Scott Smith**—*Director*

Hello all!

Time really flies. Here we are, halfway through the rehearsal schedule for our production of *THE BUTLER DID IT!* Everything has been blocked and we are running through the show over and over until it is show time.

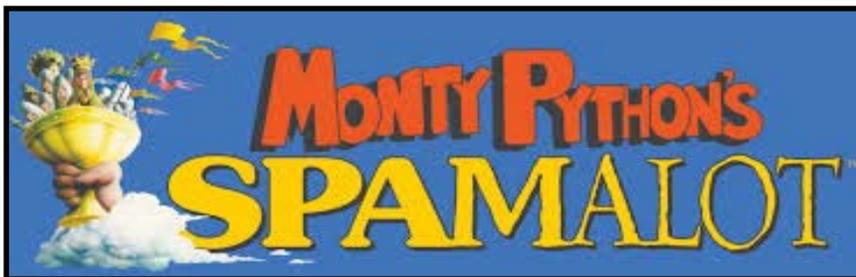
I'm very proud of our cast and how they are progressing. I have no doubt that this is going to be a terrific run and I hope that everyone is making plans to attend. We have less than a month to go!

We will be doing stage setup and set building just before opening. Please see the announcement earlier in this issue for the date and time for that. Please make it a point to come and help. The more people we have involved, the quicker the work will pass.

That's pretty much it. I look forward to seeing you at the show!

**-Scott Smith**

## Theatre Review: Monty Python's Spamalot by Shelley Grzymkowski



On March 31, I went to Macomb Center for the Performing Arts to see "Monty Python's Spamalot", a Tony award winner for Best Musical. I had not seen this play before but thought I would like it since it is based on the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail".

From the beginning, when King Arthur and Patsy arrive on stage to the clomping of coconuts, there are laughs galore. One must appreciate British humor that goes from "Bring out your Dead" (Wait, I'm not dead!) to the killer Rabbit - you will be laughing out loud.

The cast played their characters well, and the singing and dancing was really done well. The staging and lighting fit all numbers and added to the enjoyment of the production. There are a few little naughty parts so I don't think it's appropriate for children, in my opinion.

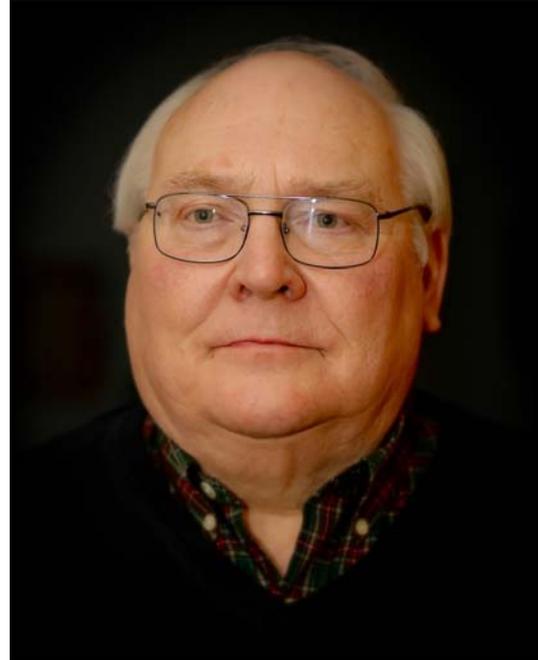
I would encourage anyone who enjoys Monty Python or British humor in general to go see this musical. You won't regret it!

# Meet the New Members!



## David Giles

After taking a short break from theatre, Dave is extremely excited and grateful to be back on stage with the SCS Players. Dave would like to thank his family, friends and co-workers for their amazing support (and for listening to him practice his British accent). Dave was last seen on the St. Clair Shores Players stage 15 years ago in our production of *Aspirin & Elephants*. We are very pleased to have Dave back for our Spring 2019 show.



## Adrian Balinksi

Adrian is a newcomer to the St. Clair Shores Players, but he is not a newcomer to community theater. He is a veteran of over 30 performances at Warren Civic Theatre, Grosse Pointe Theatre, Clintondale, the Macomb Centre and Pontiac IV. He is looking forward to this performance of *The Butler Did It!* as it represents one of the most difficult of all performances—Comedy. Getting it right is truly taxing and the entire cast has been working hard at perfecting their timing. Please enjoy the show and we look forward to meeting you after the performance.



The St. Clair Shores Players Present...



A Murder Mystery by Todd Wallinger

Produced By Special Arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service Inc.

When it comes to solving a murder mystery, the guilty party is often the one you least suspect! When the play opens, we find that Jenkins, a very proper Butler, & Sarah Jane, a fiery Cockney maid, have been tasked with preparing the Covington home for a visit from the world-famous Edwina Corry, bestselling mystery author & longtime friend of Lady Miranda & her husband, Col. Covington. Guests continue to arrive at Covington, including Lady Covington's feisty old mother, the Covington's high-flying daughter Kat, the garrulous local vicar who doesn't know when to stop talking & finally the Covington's neighbor, the rascally & endlessly eavesdropping Trevor. Things are soon thrown into whirlwind of confusion when one of the guests is found brutally stabbed to death in the kitchen. Upon her arrival, Edwina Corry eagerly launches an investigation into the grisly murder. Unfortunately, the more she investigates the faster the evidence beings to pile up & very soon it looks as though THE BUTLER DID IT! Please join us for this fast paced & humorous murder mystery and see where the clues really lead in the end.

Directed By: Scott Smith

**SHOW DATES**  
**Fri. May 31, 2019**  
**Sat. June 1, 2019**  
**Fri. June 7, 2019**  
**Sat. June 8, 2019**

Phil Potter as Jenkins  
 Adrian Balinski as Colonel Nigel Covington  
 Mario Razo as Father Timothy  
 Jenny Miller as Kat Covington  
 Karen Drum as Edwina Corry  
 Kate Gray as Sarah Jane  
 Shelley Grzymkowski as Lady Miranda Covington  
 Dave Giles as Trevor Barstow  
 Dee Monroe as Gram

Ticket Prices  
 Adults: \$10  
 Seniors: (60+) \$9  
 Students \$9  
 See website for special pricing for groups of 10 or more.

All shows performed at: Trinity United Methodist Church 18303 Common Rd, Roseville

The curtain time for all shows is 8:00 PM. Doors open for seating at 7:30 PM.

All seating is general admission & tickets are sold at the door.

Please note we take CASH ONLY at the door.

Visit our website for more information at [www.scsplayers.org](http://www.scsplayers.org)

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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!

5/11/19 Board Mtg, 12:00pm  
5/25/19 Set Construction  
5/31/19 Performance:  
6/1/19 The Butler Did It!  
6/7/19 Performance:  
6/8/19 The Butler Did It!  
7/30/19 Board Mtg, 7:30PM  
8/4/19 60th Season Picnic

