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WELCOME TO THE SCS PLAYERS 53rd SEASON

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Hello and welcome to our 53rd Season. We are planning a memorable season for our 53rd year providing community theater to the public. The St. Clair Shores Players will continue the tradition of producing a variety of plays, from serious to comedy, realistic life to fantasy, with the intention of entertaining the public and giving them a glimpse of another life for a little while.

Our Spring play "Glorious!" is an "uproariously funny" comedy written by Peter Quilter. Doug Ralston is directing the show.

Besides acting in the play,

there are many other areas where we need help to bring this play to life, backstage, props, etc. If you are interested in being a part of this play behind the scenes please contact Doug Ralston at dougralston@gmail.com for information.

In case you haven't had a chance to check it out The SCS Players have a Facebook and Twitter account. We are gaining more followers following our activities on Twitter.

There are many jobs and tasks that keep the St. Clair Shores Players community theater group running smoothly thru the year, so if you would like to volunteer

to help email us at: scsplayersorg@yahoo.com. One position to consider is to:

- Volunteer to be a member of the play reading committee. If you are interested contact Rachel Robinson at rachelrobinson@quickenloans.com for more information.



If you really want to help the American theater, don't be an actress, dahling. Be an audience.
Tallulah Bankhead

Social Event: Dinner and a Show!

Join us for dinner before the play *GLORIOUS!*

Where: The Red Olive Restaurant
 23977 Harper Avenue, SCS

When: Saturday, April 20th

Time: 5:00 pm

Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable evening. See you there!

From the Director - Doug Ralston

Opening night of the St. Clair Shores Players' Spring production of "Glorious!" is rapidly approaching. The cast, Rachel Robinson (Florence Foster Jenkins), Mark Sulewski (Cosme McMoon, her accompanist), Phil Potter (St. Clair, Florence's boyfriend), Laura Shunk (Dorothy, Florence's slightly dim friend), Karen Ferreri Drum (Maria, the Mexican maid), and Alice Carr (Mrs. Verrinder-Gedge, Florence's nemesis), have been hard at work breathing life into the story of the legendary New York heiress and socialite who wanted to be a great operatic diva despite having one of the worst singing

voices in recorded history.

This comedy opens in the 1940s with Ms. Jenkins auditioning a new pianist in a New York apartment that she shares with an English actor. Add in a Mexican maid who speaks no English (while Florence, herself, speaks no Spanish) along with a ditzy companion and follow their exploits until the crowning moment of a sell-out concert in Carnegie Hall.

We're all very excited as we race toward April 19th our opening night. But there is still time for you to get involved. We are in need of backstage crew as well as a number

of other technical positions. If you have a little time available, why not volunteer?

Make plans to attend one of the performances scheduled for 8 o'clock on April 19th, 20th, 26th, and 27th at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 31601 Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores. We promise you it will be "GLORIOUS!"

If you are interested in volunteering as part of the backstage crew or for one of the technical positions, contact the director Doug Ralston at: dougralston@gmail.com

Renew Your Membership

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2012 - 2013 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 **Rachel Robinson, 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 belong 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 2012 - 2013 membership dues check to:

**Rachel Robinson
22514 Benjamin
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081**

General Membership Meeting

May General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

31601 Harper Avenue, between 13 Mile and Masonic

A Few Words from the President

Hello Everyone,

We are just days away from opening night of our most *GLORIOUS* Spring Production. I can hardly wait to see this one. How about you? Please be sure to invite your friends, family and co-worker out to see this great production. Under confident direction of Doug Ralston this play features one of our most

talented cases including Rachel Robinson, Karen Drum, Phil Potter, Mark Sulewski, Laura Shunk and Alice Carr. *WOW!* That's a powerhouse of acting talent. Now as Tallulah Bankhead once said, "If you really want to help the American theater, don't be an actress, dahling. Be an audience." So do your part to help American theater and come out on April 19, 20, 26 or

27th and be a *GLORIOUS* audience. A great time is virtually guaranteed.

Psst... can you hear that? I think its Florence Foster Jenkins "singing" the Queen of the Night aria from Mozart's The Magic Flute. Now that's one for the history books!

See you all there!

Matthew Sheehy

EXCITING NEWS... SCSP WAS 1 OF 75!

In honor of the 75th anniversary of *OUR TOWN* by Thornton Wilder, Samuel French extended an invitation to theaters groups across the country to send in up to two photos from a production of the show throughout the past 75 years. Many photos were graciously sent in from a wide variety of theater groups from across the country and these photos feature productions dating back to the 1930's.

OUR TOWN is a play that has touched many lives since it first premiered 75 years ago. When Samuel French initially reached out to groups about our "75 Pictures for 75 Years" feature, we did not anticipate the overwhelming and, quite frankly, amazing positive response that we received! The 75 photos that will be featured in this online slideshow represent only a very small fraction of all of the amazing production photos that were received.

These slideshows are just one exciting feature that is part of the yearlong celebration of this momentous year in the play's history. The very first photo was posted on February 4th - the official anniversary date — and, each day, one photo will be posted for 75 business days. By the end we hope to have a tapestry of images that illustrates the longevity and transcendence of the play's history. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *OUR TOWN*!

To see the SCS Player's photo, check out the website www.breaking-character.com. It is photo number 5 of 5 in week 8. The cast pictured in the photo are: Karen Ferreri Drum, Robin Smith, Ken Kusch and Erin Jacobs. The image was made by our very own President, Matthew Sheehy. Congratulations to Matt and to the SCS Players for being included in this very special anniversary presentation!

Did you know.....

- *Glorious!* Was nominated for the 2006 Laurence Olivier Award as Best New Comedy.
- ".....this delightful and blissfully funny new play ... generates a rare glow of warmth and generous laughter ..." Daily Telegraph
- "This lunatically funny comedy ... it'll keep you happy." Sun Times

Help Your Community Theater Group

At our 04/03/2013 Board of Directors meeting Director Doug Ralston indicated that he needed additional assistance with the Spring production of GLORIOUS, so here's your chance to pitch in and help out!

04/14/2013 at 1:00pm—Come to the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church to help set up the stage. We need 5 to 7

helpers (more would be better).

04/19—04/27/2013: We need 2 or 3 back stage helpers to place small props on stage and to move minor pieces of furniture.

04/19—04/27/2013: We need your donation of food goods for the concessions area.

04/19—04/27/2013: We need a few people to work the front of

the house to sell tickets and to ensure the audience does not bring food into the church.

04/27/2013 immediately after the show: Help to tear down the stage and put the various pieces away until next season.

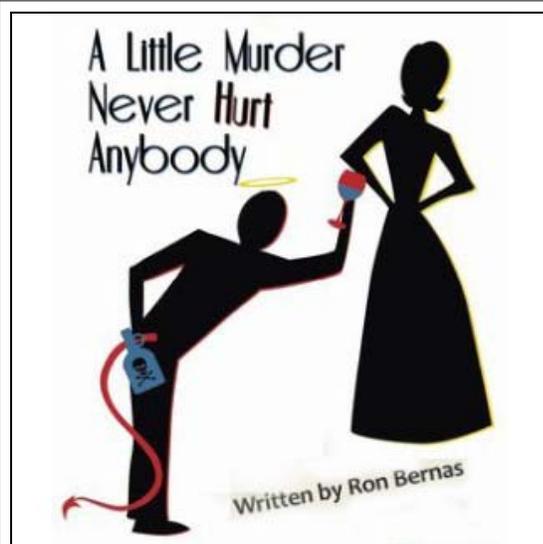
Can you help? Please contact Doug Ralston

(dougralston@gmail.com) or

Matt Sheehy

(scsplayersorg@yahoo.com)

SOCIAL EVENT: A LITTLE MURDER NEVER HURT



As you may recall, our Spring 2012 show was a little number titled **A LITTLE MURDER NEVER HURT ANYBODY**. This was a great fun show with many zany characters and situations. Would you be interested in re-living some of the fun from that show? If so, you are in luck! The **Rosedale Community Players** are staging this show for their Spring 2013 Production. The show date is **Friday, May 10th** and tickets are just **\$14.00** (\$13.00 for Students and Seniors). The performance is at Peace Lutheran Church (**17029 W 13 Mile Rd, Southfield, MI 48076**). Doors open at 7:30pm and the curtain goes up at 8:00pm.

Interested in going? If so, please email scsplayersorg@yahoo.com. We'll put together a group and enjoy a social night out.

Don't forget... elections for Officers are coming soon... YOU (yes, you!) can serve the SCS Players best by taking a seat on the Board of Directors. Many great positions are available, including:

President	Secretary	Newsletter	Publicity	Executive Producer	Membership Chair
Vice President	Treasurer	Social Chair	Ticket Chair	House Chair	Script Reading

This is YOUR newsletter! Please send your comments, questions and story ideas to scsplayersorg@yahoo.com



St. Clair Shores Players - Spring 2013 Production

Glorious!

By Peter Quilter

A comedy directed by Doug Ralston

The joyful Florence Foster Jenkins had a passion for singing, but a voice of disastrous proportions which left audiences crying with laughter. Spinning from her bizarre recording sessions, unbelievable recitals and an ultimate triumph at New York's Carnegie Hall - this is a true, heart-warming story about a group of eccentric friends who lived their dreams.

Date	Place	Time
04/19/2013	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church	Doors open at 7:30pm Curtain at 8:00pm
04/20/2013	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church	Doors open at 7:30pm Curtain at 8:00pm
04/26/2013	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church	Doors open at 7:30pm Curtain at 8:00pm
04/27/2013	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church	Doors open at 7:30pm Curtain at 8:00pm

CAST

Rachel Robinson – FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS

Mark Salewski – COSME MCMOON

Phil Potter – ST CLAIR

Laura Shunk – DOROTHY

Karen Ferreri Drum – MARIA

Alice Carr – MRS. VERRINDER-GEDGE

Doug Ralston – DIRECTOR

Ticket Prices:

Adult	\$10.00
Children	\$9.00
Students with ID	\$9.00
Seniors (60+)	\$9.00
Group (10+ prepaid tickets)	\$8.50



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church- 31601 Harper Avenue - St Clair Shores, MI 48082-1403

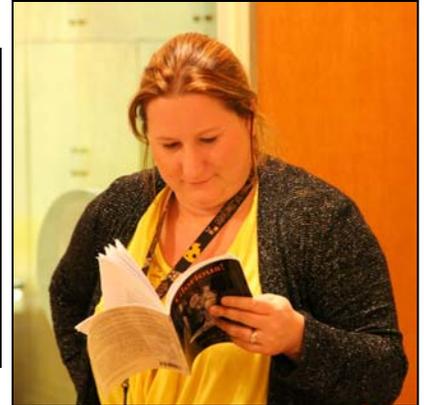
Contact Doug Ralston at dougralston@gmail.com for additional information on Glorious!



Photo Play

Rehearsal—GLORIOUS!

Thursday, February 28, 2013



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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!

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| April 2013 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Social Event to be
Announced |
| 04/19/13 | Performance: <i>Glorious!</i> |
| 04/20/13 | Good Shepherd United
Methodist Church
Doors open at 7:30 pm
Curtain at 8:00 pm |
| 04/26/13 | Performance: <i>Glorious!</i> |
| 04/27/13 | Doors open at 7:30 pm
Curtain at 8:00 pm |
| 05/08/13 | Board of Directors
Meeting - Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church
7:30 - 9:00 pm |
| 05/14/13 | General Membership
Meeting - Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church
7:30 - 9:00 pm |
| 06/04/13 | Board of Directors
Meeting - Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church
7:30 - 9:00 pm |
| 06/09/13 | End of Season Picnic
Spindler Park
3:00 pm - ???????? |



April 19, 20, 26 & 27th