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WELCOME TO THE SCS PLAYERS 56th SEASON

Special points of interest:

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Hello and welcome to our 56th Season. This season we are going to bring to the stage “*TBA*” in the Fall and “*The Mysterious Affair At Styles*” for our Spring production. 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.

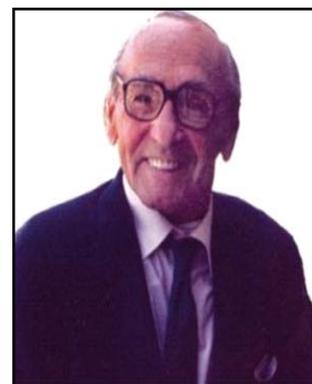
The St. Clair Shores Players have a Facebook and Twitter account. We are gaining more followers wanting updates on play productions.

If you know someone who

would like to become a member of the St. Clair Shores Players contact Matthew Sheehy at mattsheehy@yahoo.com. You can also go to our website to view past plays, and learn about our theater group at WWW.SCSPLAYERS.ORG

There are a variety of ways you can help to bring a play to the stage. Besides acting, there's the props person who is in charge of the gathering and placing the props for the play on stage, operating the lighting board, getting the music for the play together, and if you're interested in reading plays to be produced you could

become a part of the play reading committee.



Acting is behaving truthfully under imaginary circumstances.
~ Sanford Meisner

General Membership Meeting

Hello All,

We've had a rough start to our 2015—2016 Season, but after two Board of Directors meeting in the month of September, I think we've got it under control. Therefore, I'd like to invite the entire membership to a General Membership meeting on **Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30pm** at the church to hear the entire story and to ask questions of the board.

- General Membership Meeting
- Tuesday, October 13, 2015
- 7:30pm at the Church

From the Director - Mario Razo

Unable to secure a music director, Mario was not able to commit to directing Godspell for our Fall 2015 production.

Please note that we are working hard to replace this play with another script which Mario has also volunteered to direct.

Matthew Sheehy—President

Renew Your Membership

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2015 - 2016 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 Mario Razo, 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

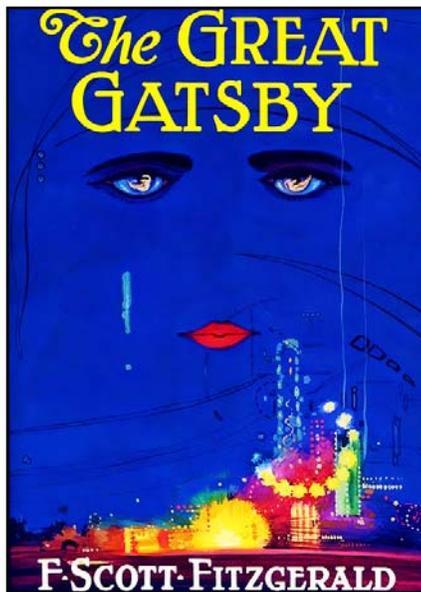
not available to current or returning SCS Players.

Mail your 2015 - 2016 membership dues check to:

Mario Razo
St. Clair Shores Players
P. O. Box 141
St. Clair Shores,
MI 48080-0141

MEMBERSHIPS
DUES FOR THE
2015 - 2016
SEASON SHOULD
BE PAID IN FULL
BY NOVEMBER 1,
2015

October Social Event



F. SCOTT FITZGERALD'S **THE GREAT GATSBY** ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY SIMON LEVY

A TALE OF OBSESSION, GREED, AND DANGER DURING THE THRILL, GLAMOUR, AND DECADENCE OF THE JAZZ AGE.

Presented at the Hillberry Theater
Wayne State University

Saturday, October 31st 2:00 pm (*matinee*)
Advance tickets \$32.00 Adult or \$26.00 Senior (62 or older)

Please contact Matt Sheehy by October 23rd to reserve advance tickets.

Come and join us for a afternoon of great theater.

A Few Words from the President

Hello Everyone,

Well, it's October 2015 and at this point you're probably wondering what in the world is going on with the SCS Players. You are probably thinking, "I didn't get a September newsletter, there was no email telling me about auditions and finally there was no email invite to a September General meeting." I am right there with you... the "start" of our 2015 - 2016 Season has been very weak to say the least. Please let me recap what's been going on before I talk about the path forward. As you will recall at the end of the last season we had committed to doing GODSPELL for the Fall show and STEEL MAGNOLIAS for the spring show. Over the summer GODSPELL director Mario Razo was not able to secure the services of a Music Director. Without a Music Director, he was not able to hold auditions or move forward with this production. Scratch GODSPELL for fall 2015. Now what about STEEL MAGNOLIAS? Well, at the 09/15/2015 Board of Directors meeting Vice President Mario Razo informed the Board that the Grosse Pointe Players were also staging STEEL MAGNOLIAS in the spring of 2016. Ugh! Scratch STEEL MAGNOLIAS!

So as you can see a series of circumstance came together and in one fell swoop killed out entire 2015—2016 season.

So, what's the path forward? I decided that the Board would meet in

two weeks and come up with a solution for the current season (2015—2016) and the next season (2016—2017) because I did not want to be in this position again. The plan had three parts: Short Term, Mid-Term and Long Term. Short term we needed to decide if we could stage a Fall show for 2015 and if Mario could guarantee the group that he would be available to attempt to direct GODSPELL in Fall 2016. As of the writing of this email, we are still reading scripts for a Fall 2015 show which Mario has volunteered to direct and which would be performed in early December 2015. Mario has also guarantee the group that barring illness or moving out of state he is committed to directing GODSPELL or another play (to be named later) in the Fall of 2016. Good! So we've got Short Term covered.

What about Mid-Term? Well, two parts there again. First, Pat Sheehy has volunteered to direct THE MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT STYLES a play based on the Agatha Christie novel. It's a good script with great pacing. Cast size can vary from 5 to 10 people with doubling. He's already moving forward with a lot of innovative ideas. The second part of the Mid-Term plan is to secure a Music Director for GODSPELL. To

help with that effort the pastor of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church who has connections at Wayne State University is very confident that he can help us to get a Music Director through the university. We are pursuing this path and hope to have a Music Director locked down before the end of the 2015—2016 Season.

Ok... so what about Long Term? Well, if we lock down a Music Director, we go forward with GODSPELL. No Music Director and we scratch this production (three strikes and you're out!) and go with an alternate script which we will lock down between now and April of 2016. And for really long term... I'm talking Spring 2017... we do STEEL MAGNOLIAS. Currently, I am slotted to direct this production.

So that's the 2-year plan...

- **Fall 2015**—TBA soon! To be directed by Mario Razo
- **Spring 2016**—THE MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT STYLES directed by Patrick Sheehy
- **Fall 2016**—GODSPELL (or another script to announced by April 2016) directed by Mario Razo
- **Spring 2017**—STEEL MAGNOLIAS to be directed by Matthew Sheehy

We are having a General Membership meeting on Tuesday, October 13th (and possibly auditions for the TBA script) I would really like for the entire membership to come out and show their support for this group and for this 2-year plan. Please bring your questions and concerns! *Thanks!*

Matthew Sheehy—President

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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!

10/13/2015—General Membership Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

10/31/2015—Social Event — The Great Gatsby at the Hilberry Theater at 2:00pm

11/10./2015—Board of Directors Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

12/01./2015—Board of Directors Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

12/04/2015—Performace—To Be Announced

12/05/2015—Performace—To Be Announced

12/11/2015—Performace—To Be Announced

12/12/2015—Performace—To Be Announced

12/20/2105—Social Event— Details to follow

01/05/2016—Board of Directors Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

01/27/2016—Auditions for The Mysterious Affair at Styles-7:00 to 9:00pm at the Church

01/28/2016—Auditions for The Mysterious Affair at Styles-7:00 to 9:00pm at the Church

02/02/2016—Board of Directors Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

02/13/2016—Social Event— Details to follow

03/01/2015—Board of Directors Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

04/05/2016—Board of Directors Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

05/03/2015—Board of Directors Meeting—7:30pm at the Church

