

November 2014

Our 58th Year

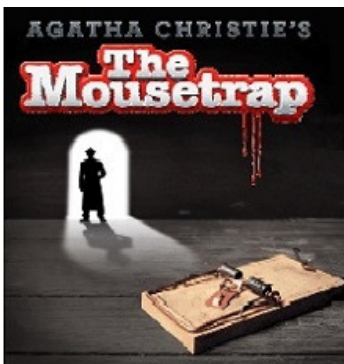
STAGE•WRITE

**The
Williamsburg
Players**
Community theatre
at its best

THE MOUSETRAP

NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 22, 2014

Written by Agatha Christie



A group of strangers, stranded during a snowstorm, one of whom is a murderer.

The suspects include the newly-married couple, Mollie and Giles Ralston, the new owners of The Monkswell Manor Guest House. The others are a spinster with a curious

background, an architect better-equipped to be a chef, a retired Army Major, a strange man who claims his car has overturned in a snow drift, and a magistrate who makes life miserable for everyone trapped because of the snowstorm. Into this gathering, a policeman suddenly turns up traveling on skis. He no sooner arrives when one of the guests is murdered! The policeman probes the background of all the survivors and rattles a lot of skeletons.

It's another intriguing Agatha Christie mystery to be solved before the curtain closes.

The actors include many stage veterans and some making their debut. The veterans include Becky Krantz appearing as Mollie Ralston. She recently appeared as the baker's wife in *Into the Woods*. Jeremy Singleton appears as Giles Ralston, having just completed his roles as Bill Jukes and an Indian in this summer's *Peter Pan*. Trey Heath returns to the stage as Christopher Wren and is notable for his previous appearances on our stage in many musicals. Tony Gabriele, who needs no introduction to our town as he is known by his byline in our regional newspaper, gives Mr. Paravicini life as the man who survives the overturned car

in a snowdrift. Terry Nienhuis plays Major Metcalf. He previously appeared on our stage in *The Odd Couple* and *I Never Sang for My Father*. And finally, Sgt. Trotter is portrayed by Jordan Wentland who joined us in the ensemble of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In addition, though you don't see him, you may recognize the voice of our radio announcer, Jim Waldron.

Newcomer Julie King, who moved to Williamsburg last June, appears as Mrs. Boyle. Brianna Conway appears as Miss Casewell, the spinster with a curious background. Brianna's curious background consists of working backstage and this marks her first time on stage since first grade!

Lastly, but certainly not least, we list the credit for this production to its director, Les Waldron. Les has added her many theatrical talents to our theatre for 20 years - on stage and backstage, most recently appearing as Daisy in *Driving Miss Daisy*.

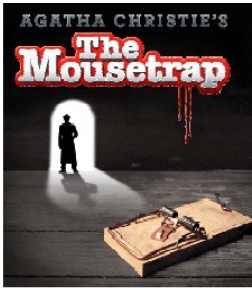
In conclusion, we urge you to see this production, but, for heaven's sake, **DON'T REVEAL WHODUNNIT !!!!!**

Written by Lynn Schumann

TICKET & SHOW INFORMATION

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 pm with Saturday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets, \$20.00 for adults, and \$12.00 for children and students, can be purchased online at www.williamsburgplayers.org or by calling the box office at (757) 229-0431 and leaving your name and phone number. A box office volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.

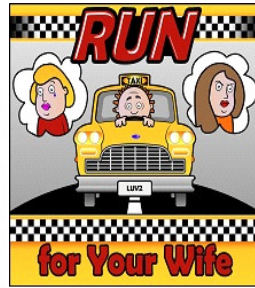
REMAINING SHOWS OF THE 2014 - 2015 SEASON



**NOV. 6-22
2014**

Written by
Agatha Christie

*Presented by special
arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.*



**JAN. 15-31
2015**

Written by
Ray Cooney

*Presented by special
arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.*



**MAR. 12-28
2015**

Adapted for the stage by
Patrick Barlow

From an original concept
by Simon Corble & Nobby
Dimon

*Presented by special
arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.*

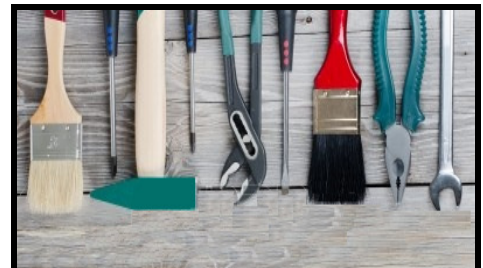


**MAY 28 –
JUNE 13
2015**

Book by Jo Swerling and
Abe Burrows. Music and
Lyrics by Frank Loesser.

Based on The Idyll
of Sarah Brown
and characters by
Damon Runyon

*Presented by special
arrangement with Music
Theatre International*



Thank You

*to the following individuals who
helped strike the CATS set, and
helped to build the set of our next
production, The Mousetrap!*

Guy Borderlon, Bethany Brooke,
Bob Campbell, Dave Cunningham,
Craig McCloud, Corey Mason,
Peter Natale, Steve Olson, Jack
Schaeffer and Jeremy Singleton



**SUNDAY & MONDAY
NOVEMBER 9TH & 10TH
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

For questions or additional information, contact the
director, Carole Meyer at cmeyer@widomaker.com



DEC. 13 8:00 PM & DEC. 14 2:00 PM

Hampton Roads' finest performers appear in this Christmas
Season Cabaret. Along with holiday classics, you will be
taken on a journey of Academy Award-winning songs
made famous by the likes of Judy Garland, Carole King,
Stephen Schwartz, and Stephen Sondheim, featuring hits
from Frozen, Wicked, South Pacific, and Les Miserables.



BOB MILNE

*Ragtime and Boogie-Woogie
Piano at its Best!*

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS & AMERICA CONCERT

SUNDAY NOV. 9TH 2:00 PM

\$25.00

BOX OFFICE

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AND GET TO SEE THE SHOWS FOR FREE!**

**We will train you to sell tickets from home
and work the Box Office at the theater.
In return, you can receive COMP tickets
to the great season of shows coming to
our theater. Interested? Call Debbie
Noonan at 220-3208 & say COUNT ME IN!**

For Your Comfort

Many of our patrons find the temperature level of the theater affects them differently - what one person finds to be too cool another person finds to be too warm.



We all experience the theater temperature differently. We have the theater set at 74 degrees.

If you find this to be too cool, please bring a sweater or light jacket.

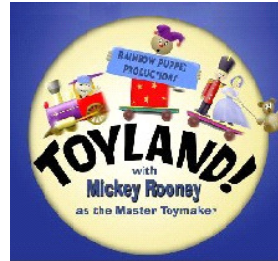
We are continually working to make your theater experience more enjoyable!

4 SHOW 2014 - 2015 SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Purchasing a 4 Show Season Subscription is the best way to guarantee having the best seats possible for the remaining main stage productions. The 4 Show Subscription price is only \$60.00 - a 25% savings over our single ticket price. Buy three and get the fourth free when compared to buying each show individually at the regular price! Call the box office (757) 229-0431 and someone will return your call as soon as possible to process your request.

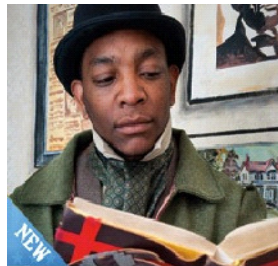
Remaining 2014-2015 Children's Theatre

Ages Grades Pre K - 5



Toyland
Nov. 22, 2014

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*



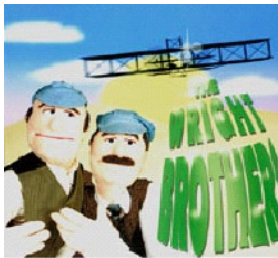
**William's Adventure
in Black History**
Jan. 31, 2015

*Presented by
Brightstar Touring Theatre*



Happily Ever After
Mar. 28, 2015

*Presented by
Brightstar Touring Theatre*



The Wright Brothers
May 30, 2015

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*

All Shows \$7.00
Saturdays 11:00 am

A Message from the President



D. Hugh Siggins

When we began the season selection process, we decided that we wanted to begin the season with a blockbuster musical and turned to Peter Natale to direct *CATS*, a show which was on Broadway for over 18 years, but had never been done in the Hampton Roads region by a community theatre. Based on the results of our 12 - performance run, we had to add an additional show on the final Sunday, and in the end, over 3,500 patrons saw the show, several more than once, and revenues set an all time record for our theater. The Sunday show also set a record in that the attendance for that final showing was 305 which means every seat in the theater was sold. A big thank you to the director, cast and crew, and orchestra under the direction of Mike McCoy, for putting on a spectacular performance every night and day. Many of the comments heard were that the choreography, under the capable direction of Shawn Blasingame, was outstanding. Thanks to everyone associated with *CATS*. Our season has begun in the best possible way!

We now follow with a murder-mystery, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. If cats won't get them, the mousetrap will. *The Mousetrap* has been in rehearsal since September 21st under the capable direction of Les Waldron. The opening performance is Thursday, November 6th, and runs until the 22nd. To give you an example of Agatha Christie's success, this show opened in London in 1952 and is still in production, 62 straight years! Ms. Christie did two interesting things in her will; she gave the rights to her grandson and requested every theatergoer after they have seen the show to not reveal the murderer to anyone. We have paid for the rights and we ask our patrons to not reveal the ending.

During our run of *The Mousetrap*, we will have a children's theatre production of *Toyland* by Rainbow Puppets on Saturday November 22nd at 11:00 am. This show is geared to children pre-k to 5th grade. Tickets are \$7.00 and the show runs about 45 minutes. Children may ask questions and have pictures taken when it is over. Come, bring you children and grandchildren to see this one time performance in our theater.

Rani Wachter, one of our newer Board Members, is in charge of volunteers, and is looking for volunteers in all aspects of the theater. Would you like to be able to perform on our stage? Look on our website to find out when a future performance will be auditioning, usually a Sunday and Monday evening. Maybe you don't have acting aspirations but you want to be part of the crew for a show. Let the director know this is something you would enjoy. If this doesn't appeal to you, learn how to work in the Box Office. There you answer the phone and take orders for tickets and enter the information on the Players ticketing website. We are always looking for people to help with concessions and usher for each of our shows. There are many more things that you can do as a volunteer, so be sure to look on our website, www.williamsburgplayers.org under volunteers. Be sure to fill out the form. Someone will contact you to see how your needs fit in to our needs.

For the third year in a row, the world's greatest boogie-woogie and ragtime pianist, the world renowned Bob Milne, will again present his *Tribute to Veterans and America* concert on Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 pm. There is only one performance followed by a meet and greet dessert reception after the performance. Tickets are \$25.00 for this fund-raising event, so be sure to get your tickets early so as not to miss out!

Our holiday treat this year, *A Christmas Cabaret*, takes you on a journey of Academy Award winning songs made famous by the likes of Judy Garland, Carole King, Stephen Schwartz, and Stephen Sondheim, featuring hits from *Frozen*, *Wicked*, *South Pacific*, and *Les Miserables*. The city lights of the Big Apple will be shining bright Saturday, December 13th at 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 pm. Just \$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and children lets you enjoy arts, entertainment and the holiday spirit.

Thank you for everything you do to support the Players. I hope to see you at all of our upcoming events - *The Mousetrap*, *Toyland*, *Bob Milne* and *A Christmas Carbarret*.

And when seeing *The Mousetrap*, remember what Agatha Christie said about the ending: *Don't give it away!*