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## ★ OCTOBER 16-31

*Side Man* is a memory play told by a narrator who relates the story of his parents' relationship over four decades from the 1950s to the 1980s. It focuses on the lives of side men - musicians who made their living playing gigs with headliners on tours and in recording sessions - at a time when rock and roll was edging out jazz and big band music. *Side Man* won a Tony Award and was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize. *Side Man* contains strong language and mature themes.

## ★ NOVEMBER 20-DECEMBER 13

*Morning's at Seven* is a charming comedy set in the early 20th century and is the second in our series of classic American plays. Originally produced in 1938, it is a story of family relationships among four sisters, three husbands, and one son and his fiancée of 12 years. These are devoted and warm relationships complicated by unspoken longings, fears, and suspicions. The play has been revived twice on Broadway and won the 1980 Tony Award for best revival.

## 🛨 JANUARY 8–23

**Venus in Fur** is a sexy and cerebral comedy about the encounter between a New York writer holding auditions for his new play and a vulgar, disorganized actress late for her appointment. The play is based on an 1870 novel about sex and domination, and the audition becomes a game where power shifts repeatedly between the male and female characters. *Venus in Fur* was a Tony Award nominee for best play in 2010. The sexual themes and strong language in *Venus in Fur* are appropriate for mature audiences.

## **FEBRUARY 19–MARCH 12**

**Boeing Boeing**, winner of the 2008 Tony Award for best revival, is a translation of a delightful French farce about an American who juggles his affairs with three fiancées. The play is set in 1960 before the movement to secure equal rights for women dramatically changed relationships between men and women. Complications arise when the three beautiful stewardesses, each unaware of the others, arrive at Bernard's apartment at the same time.

## 🛨 APRIL 8-MAY 8

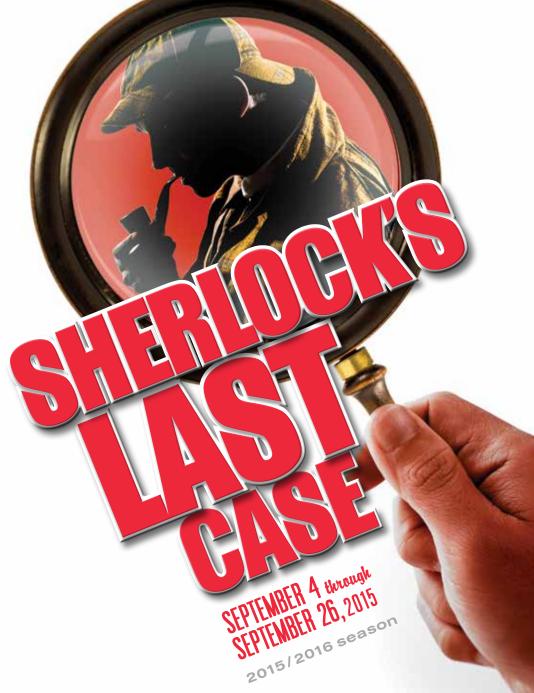
**The Secret Garden** is an enchanting and haunting musical set in 1906 about an orphaned girl who comes from India to England to live in the unhappy household of her uncle. Slowly, she begins to put her troubles behind her and helps create a loving and caring family from the estranged occupants of her uncle's house. With its extraordinarily beautiful music, this version of a classic children's book won three Tony Awards in 1991 and was nominated for three others.

## ★ JUNE 3-25

**Good People** is a gritty drama told with warmth and humor about working class people who live in South Boston. It is filled with characters who, while struggling to make ends meet, nevertheless resonate with integrity, tenderness, and humor. *Good People* was a Tony Award nominee for best play in 2011.









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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is summer a chance for you to take time off? In theory, that's what we do here at The Colonial Players. We don't mount any full-scale productions, instead sending a friendly wave to our brethren sweatin' it out in their Compromise Street garden space. But in reality. things are as busy here in summer as the rest of the year. We did a lot of housecleaning at our annex, and here on East Street, we removed risers under the front row of seats in the A section, eliminating a safety hazard. You won't notice the new AC that cools our lobby..., but you would have had we let it strain much longer! Coming soon near the bottom of the lobby staircase is a custom display case to house the sterling silver Ruby Griffith Award. Hearty congratulations to the entire production team of The Liar, which brought home the grand prize!

In June, our gift of \$3500 to Annapolis's Creating Communities helped sponsor their Arts Mentorship Academy, which brought music, movement, and mirth to some 50 local kids. In July we hosted Mark Costello, winner of CP's Promising Playwright Contest, for a workshop weekend bringing to life his witty and touching script, *Kid Turboni Brings the Rain.* Amidst all that, our directors have cast and started rehearsing all three of the shows that CP will bring to the stage prior to the holidays this year.

Now you know what we did last summer. Welcome back as we usher in Season 67 at East Street with the very talented, tenured, and hard-working director, cast, and staff of *Sherlock's Last Case*. They, in turn, will usher you to Baker Street, where the game is afoot!

#### - DARICE CLEWELL



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Professor James Moriarty, a criminal mastermind described by Sherlock Holmes as "the Napoleon of crime," was mentioned in only a few of Conan Doyle's mysteries, but his name is indelibly linked with that of Doyle's master detective. Moriarty controlled and protected London's underworld as would a spider guarding its web. Holmes shut down Moriarty's network of crime in a story set in 1891. He and Watson traveled to Europe in an attempt to evade retribution, but Moriarty tracked Holmes to Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland, where they violently struggled and plunged to their deaths. After three years, Holmes returned to Baker Street to reveal that he had survived the fall and had chosen to allow Dr. John Watson, and the world, to believe he had perished.

- Theresa Riffle

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# DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I love detective fiction, especially with a good plot twist. Taking on a show that is both an example and a send-up of one of the greatest literary detectives of all time seemed like an intriguing challenge last March... But for much of the summer, the biggest mystery to me was how I got talked into directing a show with production challenges galore at a time of year when (plot twist!) pretty much everyone took off for vacation and my promised "all summer in the theater" got whittled down by three special projects and one emergency repair.

What is not a mystery is how we managed to put on a show despite all. Nothing frustrates me more than to hear the well-meant "encouragement": "Oh it will come together - it always does." Shows do not just "come together." Shows happen because a handful of crazy, dedicated volunteers work like mad

## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR



A fan of police and legal procedurals, BETH TERRANOVA was intrigued with the idea of using her directorial skills to solve Sherlock's Last Case in her 37th venture with Colonial

Players. For CP, Beth previously directed 1776, She Loves Me!, One Act Festival favorites Star Crossed and Fin and Euba, and the highly acclaimed courtroom drama Hauptmann, for which she received the 2008 Washington Area Theater Community Honors (WATCH) award for outstanding director. Other favorite directing jobs include The Diary of Anne Frank (Dignity Players), Thoroughly Modern Millie (Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre), A House Full of Fish (Playwrights' Workshop, Cocoa Beach, FL), and Take Five (Phoenix Youth Theater, Melbourne, FL). Beth has numerous other credits at CP. She most recently produced the iconic military legal drama, A Few Good Men, which earned a WATCH nomination for best play. In addition

at what they signed on to do, then pick up the slack and close the gaps to make it all happen. Sherlock and I owe thanks to a bunch of these volunteers: to my hard-working cast who put up with...a lot; to a great staff and design team Barbara, Brady, Carrie, Connie, Danny, Eric, John, and Theresa; also to Bernhard, Mary and Tom G who showed up kinda out of nowhere just when I really needed the help; and to all those other folks you'll see listed as "Production Staff" who helped us get the show from page to stage. And special thanks to Scott, who went above and beyond to hold things - and me! together.

Sherlock family: I raise my glass of Chateauneufdu-Pape 1798 to you all!

- BETH TERRANOVA

to producer, stage manager, and set designer credits, she is often sought as a costume designer and earned WATCH nominations for her costume designs for Cinderella Waltz and Going to St. Ives. On stage, Beth was most recently seen at CP as Aunt March in Little Women and as Ellen in Two Rooms, which earned her a WATCH nomination for featured actress. Beth also serves on a number of CP committees and currently produces CP's "News and Cues" newsletter. In all, Beth has pursued her interest in theater on stage, backstage, and behind the scenes for over 40 years in four states and two countries. By day, Beth is a program analyst for the Navy's Enterprise Business Solutions Program, where her left brain gets a workout. To balance that, she is thankful for the right brain exercises that theater provides. Then, of course, there is a show like Sherlock's Last Case, which affords ample opportunity for both sides of the brain. After this, Beth's brain is taking a welldeserved rest!

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# THE CAST



## NICK BESCHEN

(Dr. Watson) Nick has worked with Colonial Players since 1990, and he says: "With each show I get to meet new people and work with old

friends. I worked with Jim Gallagher 17 years ago in *Cabaret* and Morey Norkin 25 years ago in *Catch Me If You Can*. That's what is so wonderful about theater, it's like family, only better!" This will be Nick's third production with Beth Terranova, and he sends a HUGE thank you to Beth and Scott for their tremendous support and encouragement!!! When not on stage, Nick runs a home improvement business in Annapolis. Nick would like to thank his beloved Leigh for all her love and support, and he sincerely hopes you enjoy the show!!



## JIM GALLAGHER

(Sherlock Holmes) Jim has been acting at Colonial Players since 1989. His first performance was as Dr. Treves in The Elephant Man, and his most

recent performance was as Howie in Rabbit Hole in 2008. Other CP productions include Hogan's Goat (2000), The Zoo Story (1999 Regional Award Winner), Cabaret (1998), Prelude to a Kiss (1993), The Boys Next Door (1992), Anne of the Thousand Days (1991), and All My Sons (1990). Other acting credits include Death Trap, Betrayal, Oleanna, and The Foursome at the Bay Theatre Company; Art, Doubt, Blue/ Orange, Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of *Oscar Wilde*, and *The Laramie Project* at Dignity Players; Pericles, A Streetcar Named Desire, Copenhagen, and The Cripple of Inishmaan for Theatre Hopkins; and Twelfth Night at The Shakespeare Theatre. Jim also directed Colonial Player's productions of Frozen (2010), Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris (1999), Lost in Yonkers (1996), and Rebel Armies Deep Into Chad (1993). He will be directing Venus in Fur for CP in January 2016. Jim trained at The Shakespeare Theatre and Studio Theatre in D.C.,

and The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) in London. He is thrilled to be performing in a light-hearted play that the entire family can see!

#### ERIN LEIGH HILL (Liza Moriarty)

Erin is happy to be back on the Colonial stage in *Sherlock's Last Case*. She was last seen as Lt. Commander Jo Galloway in A

Few Good Men. Erin has enjoyed performing on the CP stage for the past five years. Previous credits include Alais (Lion in Winter), Babs (Mrs. California), and Mrs. Daldry (In the Next Room). She also starred in and was nominated for a WATCH award for her performance as Sara in Earth and Sky. Erin extends a heartfelt thanks to a great cast and crew, especially her good friend and mentor, Beth Terranova. Erin's favorite role to date is simply "mommy" to her beautiful little girl, Teagan. Everything she does is and always will be to make her smile.

## AIDEN JACOBS

(Holmes Look-Alike) Aiden, a recent transplant from "the mother country," is excited to be making his Annapolis debut with Colonial Players and thanks

his girlfriend, Irene, for urging him to audition.

(Damion Moriarty)

## CASEY LEE



A military brat, Casey has had the opportunity to perform on stages in three countries. Currently a staff member at the National

Cryptologic Museum at Fort George G. Meade, MD, Casey could not resist the opportunity to match wits with (arguably) the greatest crime solver of all time! Casey enjoys the theater classes and productions at Montgomery College, where he is a part time student. Favorite roles include Federigo in *Servant of Two Masters* and Inspector Doppler in *Sleuth*.



# THE STAFF (continued)

short plays, producer for *These Shining Lives*, and director of *Taking Steps*. Barbara retired as chairman of Performing Arts at Anne Arundel Community College, where she directed a large variety of plays and musicals over a 35year career. Additionally, she has served as an adjudicator for the American College Theatre Festival for many years, as a board member of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, and for several years as a theater panelist for the Maryland State Arts Council. Currently she is again reviewing theater companies for the Maryland State Arts Council and enjoys working part time as a standard patient/role player for local medical schools.

## THERESA RIFFLE

(Sound Designer) After serving as sound designer for Coyote on a Fence (WATCH Award winner) and as assistant director and sound designer

for A Few Good Men, Theresa is excited to be working with this fabulous production staff, cast, crew, and dear friends. As an actor, she was last seen on the CP stage as Sara Mueller in Watch on the Rhine. You also may have seen her at CP as Anna Hauptmann in Hauptmann, Evelyn in Kindertransport, or Phoebe in Romantic *Comedy*. Theresa is the Secretary on the CP Board of Directors and the co-chair of the CP Archives Project Team. She would like to thank Beth for asking her to be part of this fantastic production, and, as always, she sends a big thank you to Jem and Josh for their boundless love and support.



#### **CONSTANCE ROBINSON**

(Properties Designer) In past years, Connie has volunteered as marketing assistant and graphic designer for Colonial Players in addition to

manning the phone at the box office. She is a new volunteer for the current Marketing Committee. Connie was properties designer for *Collected Stories* at Dignity Players. At Colonial Players, she enjoyed collecting props for *In The Next Room, Or The Vibrator Play* (for which she received a WATCH nomination), *Annie, Rocket Man, A Christmas Carol,* and *Watch on the Rhine.* She also was set decorator and properties designer for *Dead Man's Cell Phone.* Connie thanks her husband, John, for his prop modifications and support. She also thanks her son, Michael, for transporting the very heavy vintage barber chair from Leesburg, VA for this show.

Sherlock Holmes owned a Stradivarius violin and was an accomplished violinist and a music aficionado. His musical tastes were eclectic, just as you might expect from the Great Detective. Musical references were strewn throughout the Conan Doyle stories. Through Dr. Watson's accounts, Holmes expressed his appreciation of the music of Chopin, Sarasate, Paganini, and Wagner. Holmes had studied the motets of Lassus and had composed a monograph on the subject, which was considered the final authority on the topic. Dr. John Watson enjoyed the music of Offenbach as well as the popular music of the period. He would often ask Holmes to play some of his favorites. If you listen carefully throughout this production, you will hear representative works of these composers, as well as some musical nods to current detective procedurals and Sherlock Holmes adaptations.

- Theresa Riffle



ALEX BRADY (Lighting Designer) Alex has been designing lighting in Annapolis and Baltimore since 2002. Over the last 15 years, he has worked with such diverse

companies as Everyman Theatre, Colonial Players, Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre, the AACC Dance Company, and many high schools and colleges. His recent lighting design credits include The Liar and These Shining Lives at Colonial Players, Oliver! at St. Mary's High School, Lord of the Flies at Severn School, and Spring Migration 2015 with the AACC Dance Company. Alex is a proud alumnus of the Graduate Institute of St. John's College and also teaches for the Humanities Department at Anne Arundel Community College. In his spare time, he enjoys studying and fighting with several medieval and colonial weapons systems, including the longsword, the sword and buckler, and the dueling saber.



# CARRIE BRADY

(Costume Designer) Carrie is working with Colonial Players for the first time. Previously, she has costumed for Spirited Productions and the

Moonlight Troupers, covering shows such as *The Appeal, Twelfth Night,* and *Ragtime*. From time to time, Carrie enjoys helping out at her alma mater, St. Mary's High School Drama Club, with set construction and costumes. She would like to thank everyone who has helped out so much with this show.



## DANNY BROOKS (Stage Manager)

Danny usually appears on stage, but he is no stranger to stage managing. He has acted and stage managed at CP for

Beth and is happy to be working with her again. Thanks to her, the cast and crew, and everyone else who has worked to make this show a success.



#### MARY BUTCHER

(Floor Designer/Floor and Scenic Painting)

Mary comes to us from Charlottesville, VA, where she spent five years working with

nonprofit volunteer theaters designing, building, and painting sets. She has an undergraduate degree in Architecture and a Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia. She's looking forward to becoming part of the Colonial Players family!

#### BETTYANN LEESBERG-LANE (Dialect Coach)

BettyAnn serves as dialect coach for many professional theaters in the Baltimore/DC area. She last worked with The Colonial

Players on *The Unexpected Guest*. She will be dialect coaching for Studio Theatre's production of *Chimerica* going up soon. BettyAnn was dialect coach for HBO's *The Wire* as well as Howard Stern. In her coaching business, Talking Well Consulting, LLC, BettyAnn works kinesiologically with internationals to clarify their speech but keep their ethnicity. BettyAnn retired as Associate Chair of the Drama Department of Catholic University of America. She is one of the earliest members and former president of the Voice and Speech Trainers Association, an international organization for speech professionals.

## BARBARA MARDER

(Producer) Barbara has been associated with Colonial Players for more than 25 years. She has served on

the board as Education/ Special Projects Director, as a play director, and on a variety of committees, including Play Selection and Promising Playwrights Play Selection. Last

season, she served as producer for *The Liar*, winner of the 2015 Ruby Griffith Award for best all-around production. Other projects in recent years have involved play consultant for several



in 2010 as Marley's Ghost in A Christmas Carol. He most recently (2012) appeared as Yvan in the Bowie Community Theater production of Art. Prior to that, Morey made frequent on-stage appearances in Annapolis from the late '70s to the mid-90s at Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre and Annapolis Theater Project as well as Colonial Players. Favorite roles/shows have included The Foreigner (Ellard), The Odd Couple (Felix), Oliver! (Fagin), Can-Can (Boris), Wenceslaus Square (Vince), The Ghost Writer (Shakespeare), The Dining Room (ensemble), Anything Goes (Sir Evelyn), and Catch Me If You Can (Inspector Levine). Morey previously served as vice president of Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre. Morev is a technical writer and works as a proposal manager for AT&T. He enjoys his semi-retirement from the stage spending time with his wife, Yukiko, and their cat, Hotaru.

**MOREY NORKIN** 

(Inspector Lestrade)

Morey is excited to return to

Colonial Players' stage. Morey's

last performance here was

## ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT\_\_\_\_\_

**CHARLES MAROWITZ** was an American playwright, theater director, and critic who was best known for his theatrical endeavors in England. In London, he was artistic director of the Open Space Theatre, where *Sherlock's Last Case* was born. Marowitz had been mulling an idea for a new play about Sherlock Holmes when a cancellation left a hole in the

## ABOUT OUR NEXT PLAY\_\_\_\_\_

Our October production, *Side Man*, was a big winner of top prizes for American playwriting in 1999, winning the Tony Award for Best Play and both the Outer Critics Circle and Drama Desk awards for Outstanding New Play. It was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize for drama. Warren Leight's play focuses on Gene Glimmer, a talented jazz trumpeter, and a group of friends who eke out a living floating from gig to gig while dreaming of hitting the big time. Narrated



THE CAST (continued)

## LISA KB RATH (Mrs. Hudson)

Lisa enjoys languages, so she is delighted to add a Scottish brogue to her bag of tricks. She earned a BFA degree in Theatre

Performance from Denison University and has performed for Maryland Hall Story Theatre, Take One Video, and voiceover series work for Lippincott and McGraw-Hill. Past performances at Colonial Players include The Curious Savage and Improvisation or The Shepherd's Chameleon. With Dignity Players, Lisa performed in the premiere of Bloodlines. Her company, At Your Service Annapolis, provides concierge services to help individuals, visitors, and companies. Lisa's fine art photography has been accepted into juried competitions and galleries and is currently on display in Arterie Fine Art Gallery (Naperville, IL) and The Honey Hive (Edgewater, MD). Her photography sites are LisaRath.com and Facebook: Lisa Rath Photography. Special thanks to her personal cheerleading team: her husband, Roger Rath, and her children, Taylor, Emma. Connor. and Havley Gilbert.

Open Space Theatre's 1974 season. He set to work writing and, in just 14 days, completed a 90-minute script in time for an opening on July 24. He expanded it to a full-length play when approached by a Broadway producer about bringing it to the U.S. It opened on Broadway on Aug. 20, 1987 after a tryout in Washington at the Kennedy Center.

by Glimmer's son, scenes alternate between the family's dowdy New York City apartment and the smoky jazz clubs of an earlier era in an evocative and explosive examination of Gene's tumultuous marriage to his alcoholic wife and his relationships with his musician friends. *Side Man* runs from Oct. 16-31 with performances Thursday through Sunday. *Side Man* contains strong language and mature themes.

## 67th Season

THE COLONIAL PLAYERS, INC.



## Written by CHARLES MAROWITZ

Directed by
BETH TERRANOVA

## TIME September, 1897

PLACE Victorian London, England

## ACT I

Scene 1: The Baker Street Flat Scene 2: The Baker Street Flat Scene 3: The Baker Street Flat Scene 4: A Cellar

ACT II Scene 1: The Baker Street Flat Scene 2: A Cellar Scene 3: The Baker Street Flat

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# THE CAST

## (in order of appearance)

Dr. Watson	Nick Beschen
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