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# The Crystal Courant

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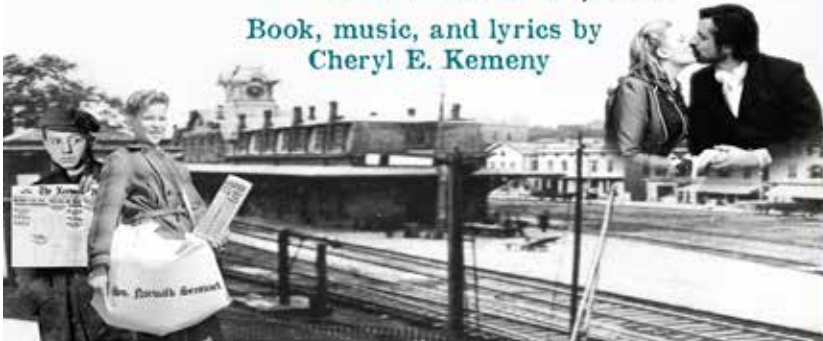
## AUDITIONS FOR COMMUNITY THEATRE PRODUCTION OF "WHISTLEVILLE" NEARLY A WEEK AWAY!



### Whistleville

South Norwalk, 1907

Book, music, and lyrics by  
Cheryl E. Kemeny



Learn more at [www.crystaltheatre.org](http://www.crystaltheatre.org)!

Directed by Cheryl Kemeny  
Choreographed by Char Fromentin  
Produced by Laszlo Balazs

Open Auditions for adults and  
children:  
May 23rd and 24th at 7pm

Rehearsals weeknight evenings  
starting May 30th

Performances:  
Friday, August 4th, 2023 at 8pm  
Saturday, August 5th, 2023 at 2pm &  
8pm  
Sunday, August 6th, 2023 at 3pm

Auditions are next Tuesday, May 23rd, and Wednesday, May 24th, at 7pm. All roles open with detailed information online under "COMMUNITY THEATRE", where interested performers can find audition sides & characters, an optional online sign-up, and a blurb about Cheryl Kemeny's "Whistleville". "Whistleville" is the third installment in the "Ellis Island" historical saga, set in South Norwalk in 1907 and featuring the cultural hostilities between Italian and Hungarian immigrants and the rising tensions between South Norwalk, Norwalk, and their respective singing clubs.

## SUMMER IS COMING...ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CAMP?

New this year: our website features trailers for each of our summer camps, curated by technical director and co-founder Mariner Pezza. Hear the catchy tunes, see the colorful costumes, and revel in listening to the many talented performers who have walked through the doors at Crystal Theatre. "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" morning class is now full and "Alice in Wonderland" has 1 spot left, as of 5/14 when writing this.



Before we proceed any further, one final "THANK YOU" is in order after our enormously successful 35th anniversary benefit on April 22nd. It was incredible to see so many alumni, friends, family, and dignitaries all in the same evening celebrating our 35 year legacy. Special thanks go to Samantha Tuozzolo and Ben Simpson for putting together the after party and tickets to 6 different Broadway shows to raffle off; to Cheryl Kemeny, Char Fromentin, Alexandra Kemeny, Mariner Pezza, and Laszlo Balazs for their incredible work on our production of "A Spinning Tale"; to BJ Ryan's EAST, BanC House, Don Carmelo's Mexican Grill & Tequila Bar, The Blind Rhino South Norwalk, Angela Mia Italian Bakery, Ponza Italian Kitchen, Jordan's Restaurants, Creative Cookie, Dave and Charlie's Hometown Deli, Ninety9Bottles; to Alex Mollica and Sally Szabo-Lombardo for presenting this year's Matt Chiappetta and George Lombardo scholarships, to Mayor Harry Rilling and Senator Bob Duff for speaking and supporting our event, and to the many incredible volunteers who helped make the night a success!

"Ellis Island", featuring a talented cast of 40-some elementary school and middle school-aged performers, goes up this weekend on May 20th and 21st! Tickets are available at [www.crystaltheatre.org](http://www.crystaltheatre.org) under "TICKETS" or on the home page, and we're warning patrons of the parking situation on Saturday night: the city of Norwalk will be repaving the upper lot at the Ben Franklin Community Center, so parking might be a little tight. Consider parking in the lower lot or down in South Norwalk and walking up. We'll open the doors a little earlier than usual to allow for a slower trickle-in of audience members.

In keeping with our turn-of-the-century spring season aesthetic, June will bring the 15-minute festival reading of "Mother Jones & the Children's Crusade". The complete cast includes Nancy Meyer (Mother Jones), Ria Ipa (Jenny Markem), Chris Faccenda (Jack Dorsey), James Ring-Howell (Alexander Gottlieb/Marshall), Gillian Eckert (Sally Owens), Heidi Xethalis (Betty Sue), Samantha Frattallone (Miner's Wife), and Priscilla and Alexia Xethalis as the two miner's daughters. Information can be found on our website and the CreateTheatre website; we'll present the show twice - once on Saturday, June 3rd, and once on Sunday, June 4th on Theatre Row in New York City. A "special edition" Crystal Courant will be sent out as we get closer to June with more information on how to attend the reading.

Speaking of the turn-of-the-century, our 2023-2024 community theatre season opens with a production of the musical revue "Tintypes", directed by Matthew Surapine, on September 29th and 30th at the Norwalk Inn (presented cabaret-style). After "Tintypes" is a production of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time", directed by Mat Young and running from October 20th-29th at our theatre. Auditions for the latter will be held on July 16th & 17th, with sign-ups available online.

Last, but certainly not least, we'd like to wish a very happy Mother's Day to the many mothers who keep Crystal Theatre thriving, whether they're performing on our stage or supporting the performers in their family.

Best,

Cheryl, Alexandra, Laszlo, and Mariner

Crystal Theatre presents the Moss Hart  
award-winning musical

# ELLIS ISLAND

Book, music, and lyrics by  
Cheryl E. Kemeny

Saturday, May 20th, 2023 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, May 21st, 2023 at 3pm

\$20 Adults

\$10 Students

\$10 Seniors



66 Bayview Avenue, Norwalk CT 06854



# Sign up for summer camp at Crystal Theatre today!

## Crystal Theatre presents **BROADWAY BLAST!**

Week of June 26th, 2023  
Tuition: \$375 | Grades 5-12  
9am-4pm | Show on June 30th

## Perseus, the Dragon-slayer

book, music and lyrics by  
Cheryl E. Kenney



5th-12th graders  
Tuition: \$375  
Week of July 10th, 2023 | 9am-4pm  
Early Drop-Off and Late Pick-Up Available

Taught by Cheryl Kenney, Laszlo Balazs, and Sally Lombardo  
Performances July 14th and 15th at 6:30pm

Crystal Theatre is located at 66 Bayview Ave. in South Norwalk, CT.



## Crystal Theatre presents **NIGHTMARE AT DREAMCAMP** A musical by Joan McFarland



Week of July 17th, 2023  
Camp runs from 9am-4pm  
Tuition: \$375 | Grades 2-5  
Show: July 22nd at 12 or 4pm  
66 Bayview Ave., Norwalk CT

## GOOSE ALLEY GANG

BOOK, MUSIC, AND LYRICS BY JOAN MCFARLAND



REMINISCE ABOUT THE "GOOD  
OLD DAYS" IN A WEEK OF FUN!

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS  
TUITION: \$375  
WEEK OF JULY 24<sup>th</sup> | 9-4PM



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66 BAYVIEW AVENUE  
SO. NORWALK CT, 06854



## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Week of August 14th, 2023 | 9am-4pm  
Tuition: \$375 | Grades 2nd-5th  
Show: August 19th at 12 or 4pm  
66 Bayview Avenue, Norwalk CT



## THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF

WEEK OF AUGUST 21ST, 2023

4YRS-1ST GRADE  
TUITION: \$295  
9-11:30AM  
OR  
12-2:30PM



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66 BAYVIEW AVENUE, NORWALK CT 06854

# Check our website later this week for fall 2023 class registration! Here's a preview of what's to come:

Crystal Theatre proudly presents

## The cosmic nightingale

book by Marjorie J. Pezza  
music and lyrics by Cheryl E. Kenney

Saturdays from 1-4pm  
5th-12th graders | Tuition: \$375  
Starts: September 9, 2023  
Shows: November 18 & 19, 2023

directed by Cheryl Kenney and Laszlo Balazs  
original choreography by Char Freeman  
choreographed by Gillian Ebert

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## A Vagabond's Christmas

a world premiere musical  
by Sally Szabo-Lombardo

Mondays or Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm  
2nd-5th graders | Tuition: \$150  
Starts: Week of September 11, 2023  
Show: Saturday, December 9, 2023

directed and choreographed by Sally Szabo-Lombardo  
musically directed by Laszlo Balazs

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## THE MITTEN

a world premiere musical  
by Sally Szabo-Lombardo

Mondays or Tuesdays from 4:15-5:15pm  
Pre-K-1st graders | Tuition: \$200  
Starts: Week of September 11, 2023  
Show: Saturday, November 4, 2023

directed and choreographed by Sally Szabo-Lombardo  
musically directed by Laszlo Balazs

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## HOLIDAY CABARET

Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm | 2nd-12th graders  
Tuition: \$325 | Starts: September 7, 2023

taught by Cheryl Kenney, Alexandra Keiberg,  
and Laszlo Balazs

Various performances include:

- Veteran's Day 2023 @ Norwalk City Hall
- Tree-lighting 2023 @ Norwalk City Hall
- Ensemble in Crystal Community Theatre's "Amahl and the Night Visitors"
- Cabaret-style culminating performance at Crystal Theatre on December 15th and more!

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# Announcing our 2023-2024 community theatre season! Full season subscriptions are newly available online!

Crystal Community Theatre proudly presents



**TINTYPES**

Conceived by Mary Kyte with Mel Marvel and Gary Pearle  
Musical & vocal arrangements by Mel Marvin  
(orchestration & vocal arrangements by John McKinsey)


Directed by Matthew Surapine  
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**September 29-30, 2023**  
at The Norwalk Inn

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtinet.com

Crystal Community Theatre proudly presents

THE **CURIOUS INCIDENT**  
OF THE **DOG** IN THE NIGHT-TIME



Based on the novel by Mark Haddon  
Adapted by Simon Stephens

Directed by Mat Young  
Stage Managed by Briana LaMare

**October 20-29, 2023**  
at Crystal Theatre

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Crystal Community Theatre proudly presents

Giancarlo Menotti's  
**Amahl and the Night Visitors**



Directed by Daniel Hague  
Assistant Directed by Alex Kemeny  
Musically Supervised by Laszlo Balazs

**December 2-3, 2023**  
at Crystal Theatre

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Crystal Community Theatre proudly presents

**The Snow Queen**  
by Cheryl E. Kemeny



**February 16-25, 2024**

Directed by Char Fromentin & Laszlo Balazs

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THORNTON WILDER'S  
*Our Town*



**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

**JUNE 29 & 30, 2024**

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Crystal Community Theatre proudly presents

**GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE**

a comedy in three acts  
by Moss Hart and George Kaufman  
directed by Richard Mancini



**April 18-28, 2024**

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Crystal Community Theatre proudly presents a staged reading

**WEST BOUND**  
a new musical by Irina Aronson



Directed by Cheryl Kemeny

**Friday, March 18th, 2024 at 8pm**  
66 Bayview Avenue, Norwalk CT | www.crystaltheatre.org

Crystal Community Theatre proudly presents

Cheryl E. Kemeny's rock opera,  
**CLEOPATRA**  
A LIFE UNPARALLELED

**NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TOUR**  
**SUMMER 2024**

More information available late 2023.

Crystal Community Theatre 2023-2024 SEASON

THE **CURIOUS INCIDENT** OF THE **DOG** IN THE NIGHT-TIME  
GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE  
**The Snow Queen**  
*Our Town*  
**CLEOPATRA** A LIFE UNPARALLELED  
**WEST BOUND**  
**TINTYPES**  
*Amahl and the Night Visitors*

More information available soon at www.crystaltheatre.org.



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