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Potomac Playmakers Celebrate Their New Theatre AND 95 Years

HAGERSTOWN, Md. – The Potomac Playmakers are celebrating the Grand Opening of their new theatre, the Potomac Playmakers Performing Arts Center, as they mark the start of their 95th season of performing plays in the Washington County area.

The Grand Opening will be held on December 9, 2021, from 4 – 7 pm at 17303 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

As the fourth oldest active Community Theatre in America, the Potomac Playmakers is now one of only three Community Theatres in Maryland that actually own a performance space. With seating for 120 people, separate dressing and rehearsal rooms, and a proscenium style stage, the Potomac Playmakers Performing Arts Center is going to be a staple of the arts community in Washington County for years to come!

The Hagerstown Women's Club created the Potomac Playmakers in 1926 after a motion by member Mary Lemist Titcomb, a nationally recognized figure made famous for her work with public libraries, and the founder of the Bookmobile concept. Titcomb felt that a formal theatre group would help get the local community involved in the theatrical performances the Women's Club put on throughout the year. Her hunch was correct. For more than nine decades, the Potomac Playmakers have been committed to bringing a broad range of productions to Washington County.

Up until now, the Potomac Playmakers have performed on many stages in the Washington County area, from the Hagerstown Women's Club to the Maryland theatre. The move to their new theatre will make a huge difference in the process of putting on theatrical productions; owning their own space means an opportunity for permanent installation of technical equipment, two dedicated rehearsal spaces, simplified set building, and on-site storage space for costumes, props, and set pieces.

Owning the building has also allowed the Potomac Playmakers to create the Potomac Playmakers Stage Door Productions, a new line of smaller events and productions outside of our mainstage theatrical performances, which were not feasible when renting a performance space.

At the Grand Opening, there will be a staged historical presentation, along with a ribbon cutting, tours, light refreshments, and a raffle for attendees.

Parking will be available in the attached parking lot, with overflow parking in the grass lot next door to the building.

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