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## *MADogram* August 2018

### MAD Fall Show: “Beauty and the Beast”

Rehearsals and preparations are underway for our fall musical, *Beauty and the Beast*! Check out <https://madtheater.org/BeastPix/> to meet the cast, crew, and orchestra. Performances will be October 26 – November 11. Stay tuned for information about ticket sales!

If you are interested in helping with a backstage role – such as stage managing, tech crew, costumes crew, or build crew – contact our producer, Christine Smit, [eponymous@christinesmit.com](mailto:eponymous@christinesmit.com).

Orchestra rehearsals will be starting soon, and you can contact our music director, Chris Wells, with any orchestra questions – [christine.wells@verizon.net](mailto:christine.wells@verizon.net).



## MAD Seeking Director/Show Packages for a Winter–Spring Show!

MAD is looking for candidates to direct a full-length comedy, drama or small cast musical in the late winter (end of February) to the early spring (Mid–April) 2019 time frame. The exact dates will be determined by the preference of the successful candidate and the availability of the rec center, but should be approximately 8 performances over 3 weekends. The selection will be based on the director and the show(s) submitted. Each candidate may submit up to 5 shows.

If you or someone you know is interested in directing, please contact Eliot Malumuth ([eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov](mailto:eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov), 301–286–5776) on or before September 30, 2018.

## New MAD Shed!

Dear MAD members, supporters, and friends: We need your help this fall. MAD has graciously been given permission by GSFC to install a new storage shed to replace space we lost last summer. We now need to build it! And we'll need the resources to do that. Please visit our website at [www.madtheater.org](http://www.madtheater.org) for more information.

Sincerely, Your MAD Board Members.

## MAD Board Meeting

The next MAD Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, at 5:30 PM in **Building 28, Room W134 (note change of location)**. All club members are welcome to attend. We're holding our board meetings in 2018 regularly on the third Thursday of the month.

## MAD About Town

**Rosalie Daelemans** will be playing the role of Cassie Cooper in Colonial Players' production of "Rumors." The show runs Thursdays through Sundays from September 7 through September 29. For more information, click on [theColonialPlayers.org](http://theColonialPlayers.org).

**David Murray Solomon** expects to make acting appearances on both stage and screen, simultaneously, or nearly simultaneously, this fall. He is already immensely enjoying rehearsals for his MAD fall show roles as Hat Seller and Enchanted Object in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." And the movie "All Square," in which he plays a featured role—a gambler named "Snips," with a (one word) speaking line—is expected to open in movie theaters in major cities in the fall. This drama/comedy feature film is about a former minor league baseball player who is now a bookie having tough times and struggling to take care of his father, and how a tempestuous reunion with a woman he had a fling with in high school leads to a him offering baseball training to her 12 year old son who pitches in little league baseball, which then leads to him making piles of money booking bets on, and occasionally fixing, little league games. This gets him in trouble with the little league commissioner who is also

running for mayor, and of course ultimately backfires, but ends up making a better man out of him. This movie has now won best film awards at three film festivals: at the South by Southwest, Newport Beach [California], and Monmouth [New Jersey] Film Festivals. (And as a featured actor in the movie, David claims 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of one percent of the credit for these awards). If you look up the movie on IMDb.com, you can see the two additional awards that the movie has won (Best Screenwriter and Best Actor), and also a great on-set photo of David with star Michael Kelly (known for playing Doug Stamper in "House Of Cards") taken on the baseball diamond (in Battle Grove Park in Dundalk, MD) during the filming of "All Square" last summer. Stay tuned here and on David Murray Solomon's Facebook pages for more updates as they become known.

**Catherine Asaro's** latest single, Ancient Ages, will be released on August 31, 2018. A preview will be temporarily available at the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6m9UuzEbP8>. For the time being, until the official release of the song, this is a "hidden link" only visible if you have the address above.

## MAD Update

From **Bill and Priscilla Struthers**: "Bill and I will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary September 13<sup>th</sup>. The event occurred in 1968 (saves using your fingers...). WE REALIZE ITS HARD TO BELIEVE (for us, too)."

From **Victoria Gorska-Rabuck**: "I am back at MAD and must express my great appreciation to all members of MAD for incredible friendship during my prolonged travels. My struggle in Europe to help my elderly parents in their final life journeys has ended. This humble service was unpredictable and inevitable, but gave me many new lessons of acting and living in the new stage-like conditions in the EU. Now saying goodbye to my both parents here in Maryland, I became more mature for bringing new assets to my singing and acting on the MAD stage, and also be helpful to my husband, Dr. David Rabuck, after his serious surgeries done earlier this year. Thank you everyone for allowing me be back in the "Fantastic MAD" and in "Beauty and the Beast"! The first show was a great success for everyone! Now, seeing all well-organized preparations for the new show, makes me very privileged to be again a small part of another MAD success!"