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## **New after-school drama program at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum**

Beginning January 11 and running Tuesdays and Thursdays for seven weeks, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's new after-school drama program, *Lighthouse Players*, invites 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in a theatrical adaptation of Gilbert Byron's Chesapeake classic, *The Lord's Oysters*.

Each participant will have a chance to work on set design, costumes, and acting. Participants' families will be invited to watch scenes from the production on February 24 at the Museum's Bay History building, with all students participating.

Offered in partnership with the St. Michaels Community Center, the *Lighthouse Players* will meet at the Dorchester House of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels from 3 to 5pm each Tuesday and Thursday for seven weeks beginning January 11. Class is limited to ten students at a cost of \$60 per student.

Born in Chestertown, Maryland in 1903, Gilbert Byron was a writer and a waterman's son who taught school for many years in Maryland and Delaware. His books and poems, including *The Lord's Oysters*, *Done Crabbin'*, and *These Chesapeake Men*, make up what is likely the largest collection of written works on the Chesapeake Bay area authored by one person.

For program information, contact the Museum's Assistant Director of Education Kate Livie at [klivie@cbmm.org](mailto:klivie@cbmm.org) or 410-745-4947. To register for the program, contact St. Michaels Community Center's Youth Coordinator Pam Phillips at [pgp@atlanticbb.net](mailto:pgp@atlanticbb.net) or 410-745-5102.

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