

# SOUTHBURY MAKERS SPOTLIGHT



## Cynthia Servetas & Jim Tornatore, Newbury Musical Theatre Company

At Newbury Musical Theatre Company, bringing the joy of stage performance to the community is a family affair. Husband and wife duo Jim Tornatore and Cynthia Servetas relocated from New York to Southbury in 2006 and, inspired by the old Southbury Playhouse, they began looking at ways to use their 25+ years of theater experience to bring affordable community theater back to Southbury. "We named our company Newbury because we came from NEW York and moved to SouthBURY," said Servetas.

Tornatore and Servetas met at the Manhattan School of Music where they were vocal performance majors. Musical talent runs deep in their family, with their children joining the family business. "Our daughter, Stephanie Tornatore, directs our Junior Division during the school year and is Musical Director of both the Junior and MainStage Divisions in the summers. Our son, Nicholas Tornatore, has been our Stage Manager and has also been seen onstage over the years when we've needed to fill a role! My role is Producer and Jim is the Executive Director who oversees everything," said Servetas. "Of course we expanded our staff as we grew and now we have a wonderful board of directors in addition to a staff that includes costumers, lighting directors, sound engineers, and set designers and builders."


Newbury Musical Theatre Company offers large scale stage performances, often put on at Pomperaug High School. These productions include full costumes, professional sound and lighting, and are often accompanied by an orchestra. Past performances have included everything from traditional shows like *The Music Man*, *The Sound of Music* and *Oklahoma* to more contemporary productions like *Legally Blonde* and *Shrek*. The Junior Division has performed *Little Mermaid*, *Madagascar*, *Frozen*, *Jr.* and *Aladdin, Jr.* to name a few.

Coming to the stage in summer of 2023, the MainStage division will be performing *Fiddler on the Roof*, with rehearsals beginning in June and the performances set for July 29th, 30th and 31st. The Junior division will be performing *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*

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