



# Out & About



## The Boys Next Door Final Performances This Weekend

The Springfield Community Players production of *The Boys Next Door*, written by Tom Griffin, opened August 17th and 18th with audiences laughing and leaving them standing in their seats applauding.

John MacDonald, Director, noted that he was surprised by their reaction, saying "I knew there was a chance the audience would understand and support the main characters, Norman Bulansky played by Springfield resident Todd Hutchinson, Arnold Wiggins and Barry Klemper played by real life brothers Dmitri and Andy Freeman and Lucien P. Smith played by SCP veteran Tuck Wunderle of Bellows Falls, but to have the reactions we have seen over the past weekend was amazing."

*The Boys Next Door* is a play by Tom Griffin, first produced in the 1988/89 season. Set in the Boston area, it deals with four men with various mental disabilities who live in a group home. It takes place over roughly a two-month period and consists of brief vignettes about the men's lives. The play provides a humorous commentary on the men's lives, taking a surprising turn as Barry's father comes to visit and as Jack accepts a new job. It was adapted into a television film in 1996 by Hallmark Entertainment starring Tony Goldwyn, Courtney Vance, Nathan Lane, Robert Sean Leonard, and Mare Winningham.

*The Boys Next Door* continues to play this weekend with performances on August 24th and 25th with both shows starting at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:00



The Springfield Community players is located at 165 South Street in Springfield. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting the SCP website: <https://springfieldcommunityplayers.org/tickets/> or by calling the Ticket Box Office 866-967-8167 (12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Tickets may also be purchased at the door on a first come first served basis. Ticket prices are \$12 for senior/students and \$15 for general admission.