

*The Cosmos Theatre presents a Staged Reading of*  
**MR. MORRIS! MR. MORRIS!**

Written and Directed by  
**Anthony E. Gallo**



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2018**  
**NOON**  
**POWELL ROOM**  
**COSMOS CLUB**

## **CAST**

<b>Robert Morris</b>	<b>Stanley Cloud</b>
<b>Young Robert Morris</b>	<b>Brian Doyle</b>
<b>Robert Morris Senior</b>	<b>George Spencer</b>
<b>Gouverneur Morris</b>	<b>Mark Young</b>
<b>Thomas Willig</b>	<b>Brian Doyle</b>
<b>Haym Salomon</b>	<b>Rodney Ross</b>
<b>George Washington</b>	<b>Rick Waugaman</b>
<b>Mary White Morris</b>	<b>Starr Kopper</b>
<b>Benjamin Franklin</b>	<b>Miles Benson</b>
<b>Alexander Hamilton</b>	<b>Brian Doyle</b>
<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>George Spencer</b>
<b>Pierre L'Enfant</b>	<b>Miles Benson</b>
<b>Eliza</b>	<b>Jaedene Levy</b>
<b>Polly Morris</b>	<b>Bunty Ketcham</b>
<b>Eddy</b>	<b>Brian Doyle</b>
<b>Rachel Salomon</b>	<b>Lenore Salzman</b>
<b>Arthur Lee</b>	<b>Brian Doyle</b>
<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Gloria Rall</b>
<b>Sound Designer</b>	<b>Beatrix Whitehall</b>
<b>Stage Manager</b>	<b>Tarpley Long</b>
<b>Assistant Stage Manager</b>	<b>Brian Doyle</b>

## **ACT 1**

**SCENE 1 OXFORD, MARYLAND 1747**  
**SCENE 2 TWO YEARS LATER**  
**SCENE 3 THE DANCE ASSEMBLY TWENTY YEARS LATER**  
**SCENE 4 THE NEXT DAY**  
**SCENE 5 FRANKLIN'S OFFICE**  
**SCENE 6 CONTINENTAL CONGRESS**  
**SCENE 7 MORRIS' OFFICE**

SCENE 8 TWO MONTHS LATER SUPERINTENDENT  
SCENE 9 MORRIS' OFFICE  
SCENE 10 OUTSIDE CITY HALL

ONE TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION: DESSERT, FRUIT,  
COFFEE AND TEA SERVED

ACT 2

SCENE 1 MORRIS DINING ROOM

SCENE 2 MORRIS OFFICE

SCENE 3 TWO YEARS LATER MORRIS OFFICE

SCENE 4 FRONT OF THE MORRIS HOME

SCENE 5 PRUNE STREET PRISON

SCENE 6 TWO YEARS LATER

SCENE 7 MORRIS HOME 1804

SCENE 8 A YEAR LATER THE MORRIS RESIDENCE

Chicago Statue



Robert Morris George Washington Haym Salomon

**The playwright would sincerely appreciate your suggestions and comments. You may contact him at 202 544 6973 or [agallo2368@verizon.net](mailto:agallo2368@verizon.net)**

Alexander Hamilton revered him. Benjamin Franklin prized this fellow-Philadelphian. None appreciated him more than both President and General George Washington. Thomas Jefferson thought he was a fox. But in 1781 they all agreed that only Robert Morris could become the Superintendent of Finance and save the new nation from financial destruction. And he did. General

**Washington won the War, but never ceased in his praise of Morris' indispensable financial and economic acumen in confronting Great Britain, the world's greatest economic power.**

**But the mention of his name today elicits a "Who?" response. Surely, he is the most underappreciated founding Father. And his critics argue that Robert Morris did not finance the Revolutionary War. The Revolutionary War financed Robert Morris.**

**This two-act dramatization probes the life of Robert Morris, surely America's most under-appreciated Founding Father, who rose to become the richest man in all of the Americas, found ways of financing the Revolutionary War, laid the groundwork for the economic establishment of the new republic, and died in bankruptcy. He signed the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution. As Superintendent of Finance, he financed the American Revolution. Morris was, next to General George Washington, the most powerful man in America.**

**Young Mr. Morris showed he was an entrepreneur when as a young boy, he purchased flour in Philadelphia and exported it to England at triple the price. He died in poverty at age 74 after speculating on 16 million acres of American land to be sold to French settlers who never did arrive. He built the largest and most expensive home in North America (Morris Folly), along with investing in hundreds of other industries through leverage. He spent six years in debtor's prison and was the only prisoner in American history ever to be visited by a sitting President, the ever-grateful George Washington.**

