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SVCT WELCOMES YOU !!!

It is with great pride that South Valley Civic Theatre welcomes you to the 1989-90 theatre season. The South Valley has been very fortunate over the past twenty years to have literally hundreds of community members share their talents — both artistic and organizational. Thanks to those individuals and to the continuing support of enthusiastic audiences we are celebrating twenty years of local live theatre in our area! Ever since Gilroy Community Theatre raised the curtain on Come Blow Your Horn in 1969 we have all been part of a valuable tradition. That event was just the beginning. In 1985 it was decided to change the name to South Valley Civic Theatre to expand the home base of community theatre to include all the participants and patrons in Gilroy, Hollister, Morgan Hill, San Martin, San Juan Bautista, and our whole South Valley. Each season now includes performances in several cities.

Throughout these past twenty years, whether called GCT or SVCT, the foundation for success has been "community". Individuals join in a production, on stage or behind-the-scenes, and they join a community of theatre lovers. Many have stayed for years, on the board of directors, as actors, building sets, working on stage crew, playing in the orchestra, and helping with the myriad tasks which bring a script to life on our stages. Many have appeared only once or twice, then become sustaining members of the audiences and of the organization.

This Twentieth Anniversary Season celebrates the efforts and support of all those people who are actually the heart of community theatre. Each of the shows during this season will be an encore presentation of a favorite show from the rich history of South Valley Civic Theatre and Gilroy Community Theatre. The "fifth show" this season will be the Celebration Ball planned for January to recognize the talented, industrious, and enduring supporters of local live theatre. We can all be proud of these past twenty years, and we are right to anticipate at least another twenty great years!

SVCT Board of Directors: Russ Brawn (President), Rod Pintello (Treasurer), Joyce Pagan (Secretary), Chris Souza (Vice President), Gayle Montalvo (Vice President), Janet Espinosa (past president), Grace Brawn, Rosalind Farotte, Jim Grace, Carol Harris, Holly Heath, Anne Hepner, Steve Johnson, Hal Lawrence, Sheldon Lloyd, Sandy Lorber, Cheryl Neilson, Marion Pintello, Robin Stocks, and Brenda Warfield.

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Producer: Rosalind Farotte

Director: Don Porter

Musical Director: Carol Harris Choreographer: Toni Saletta Rehearsal Pianist: Fay Pettner Assistant Director: Nancy Harris Stage Manager: Marion Pintello

Stage Crew: Russ Brawn, Bill Corneth, Janet Espinosa, Jeff Gaffney, Matt Hepner, Bruce Ingraham, Judy Jennison, Marion Pintello,

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White

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Flute

Rose McJunkin

Diana Isenberg-Warren

Oboe

Stacey Peoples

Clarinet

Dan Palasek

Larry Manzo

Bassoon

Bob Eltgroth

Horn

Susan Miyata

Howard Knowles Dennis Malloy

Trumpet

David Harris

Trombone

Steve Allen

Rus Sanchez

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Act I

Scene 1: Nonnberg Abbey

Preludium — "Dixit Dominus", "Morning Hymn", "Alleluia"

Sister Sophia, Sister Bertha, Sister Margaretta, Nuns, Novices, Postulants, Tudor Rose

Scene 2. A mountainside near the abbey

"The Sound of Music"

Maria

Scene 3: The office of the Mother Abbess, the next morning

"Maria"

Sister Bertha, Sister Sophia, Sister Margaretta, Mother Abbess

Scene 4: A corridor in the Trapp villa, that afternoon

Scene 5: The living room of the Trapp villa

"Do-Re-Mi"

Maria, Gretl, Marta, Brigitta, Louisa, Leisl, Kurt, Friedrich

Scene 6: Outside the Trapp villa, that evening

"Sixteen Going on Seventeen"

Leisl, Rolf

Scene 7: Maria's bedroom, later that evening

"The Lonely Goatherd"

Maria, Gretl, Marta, Brigitta, Louisa, Leisl, Kurt, Friedrich

Scene 8: A hallway in the Trapp villa

"The Lonely Goatherd" reprise

Gretl, Brigitta, Louisa, and Marta

Scene 9: The terrace of the Trapp villa, six weeks later

"How Can Love Survive?"

Elsa, Max, Captain

The Sound of Music"

Captain, the von Trapp children

Scene 10: A hallway in the Trapp villa, one week later

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Scene II: The living room of the Trapp villa, the same evening

"So Long, Farewell"

the von Trapp children

Scene 12: A corridor in the Abbey

Scene 13: The office of the Mother Abbess, three days later

"Climb Ev'ry Mountain"

Mother Abbess

INTERMISSION

Entr'acte

ACT II

Scene 1: The terrace, the same day

"No way to Stop It"

Elsa, Max, Captain

"An Ordinary Couple"

Maria, Captain

Scene 2: A corridor in the abbey, two weeks later

Scene 3: Office of the Mother Abbess, immediately following

Scene 4: Nonnberg Cathedral

"Maria"

"Alleluia"

the Nuns and Tudor Rose

Scene 5: The living room, one month later

"Sixteen Going on Seventeen" reprise

Leisl, Maria

Scene 6: The concert Hall, three days later

"Do-Re-Mi"

"Edelweiss"

"So Long, Farewell" reprise

the von Trapp family

Scene 7: The garden of Nonnberg Abbey, that night

"Climb Ev'ry Mountain"

Mother Abbess, Nuns, Novices, Postulants

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts. Smoking, eating, drinking or flash photography are prohibited in the theater.

Tudor Rose

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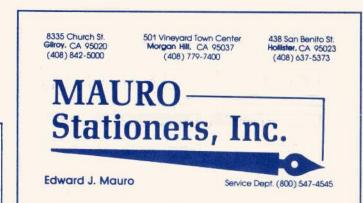
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SAN JOSE (408) 227-3144 HOLLISTER (408) 637-1246 of becoming a teacher of music. When the opportunity in outside sales with a printing paper distributor was presented, he accepted it and now represents the Unisource Corporation in the San Jose area. He resides in San Martin with his wife Patt and son David. He is a member of the South ValleySymphony and has been in several orchestras during SVCT productions. The Sound of Music is David's fourth production since he started acting less than a year ago. One of his previous roles was that of El Gallo in last season's SVCT production of The Fantasticks.

Gretchen Vandenberg (The Mother Abbess): Gretchen Vandenberg began her nusical careor at the age of three by singing for the Kiwanis Club in Hannibal, Missouri. Majoring in "extracurricular activities" through elementary and high school, Gretchen majored in voice in college, performing in opera workshops, oratorios, and recitals. After a year in Vienna, she graduated with a Masters in voice and began a teaching career that has spanned twenty-five years. Her theater activities have included children's concerts and musicals which she has written, lirected, and produced. The mother of two teen-agers, she spends her happiest imes as a music specialist for Gilroy Unified School District and a professor at San ose State University. Spare time is spent camping, finishing her dissertation for a loctorate in education, and enjoying friends.

Heidi Smurthwaite (Leisl): Heidi is an active seventeen-year-old and will be a senior at Gilroy High School in the fall. She was recognized as the Outstanding Eighth Grade Music Student for her ability as a flutist. She has sung for the past two years n the GHS Chamber Ensemble, which recently toured Japan. She has studied ballet for five years, receiving High Honors in the Fifth Grade Level Royal Academy of Dancing Examination. A

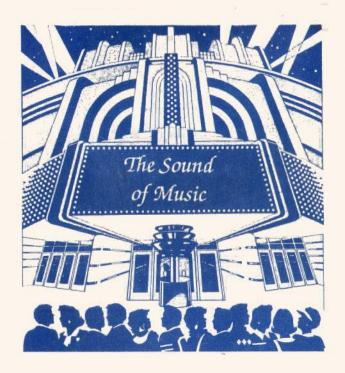
SHS honor student, Heidi is interested in French, literature, creative writing, and history. She is the fifth of ten children and plays piano in her music-oriented family. She plans to major in music at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and dreams of raising a musical family like the von Trapps!

Christopher Brace (Rolf Gruber):

Christopher Brace hails from Waupaca, Wisconsin, but has made his home here in California for the past two years. He is twenty-one years old and is a sophomore at Gavilan Junior College. He started his stage career at the age of eight as Patrick in his hometown production of Mame and as Winthrop in The Music Man. Christopher was also actively involved in various stage productions while studing at the Jniversity of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Presently a third year student at Gavilan College, he is studying business finance and plans to transfer to Sacramento State in he spring. He hopes to continue his theatre career on the side and is looking forward o his California stage debut as Rolf.

Ruth E. Mullins (Elsa Schraeder): Ruth E.'s love for the stage began twenty-eight rears ago when she played "an old lady who sat on a porcupine" in her grade school play. Her list of credits include work in radio commercials, industrial films, and as a recording and live vocalist for stage bands. Local theatregoers will remember Ruth as Marian in The Music Man, Nellie Forbush in South Pacific, Mrs. Malloy in Hello, Dolly, and (her personal favorite) Miss Hannigan in Annie. Ruth E. plans to study and perform grand opera in the future.

Tom Hepner (Max Detweiler): Tom has been involved in South County theater productions since 1984 when he was cast as "Bob McCaffrey" (who?) in South Pacific, a play in which he had performed seventeen years earlier, in high school. This will be Tom's ninth acting role for GCT/SVCT.(He has been active in several other productions as a member of the production staff or crew). Tom has appeared in six Center Stage shows and has a not-too-secret dream of doing something professionally. Until then, he enjoys working as a computer programmer for a firm in San Jose.



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ABOUT THE DIRECTOR ...

Don Porter has been acting and directing in the Monterey Bay area for the past twenty years. He holds a B.A. degree in theatre from the University of California at Santa Cruz and currently teaches acting, improvisation and mime at Monterey Peninsula College and Cabrillo Community College. He made his national performance debut on The Merv Griffin Show and also worked as a featured performer at The Comedy Store in Los Angeles with such notable stars as Robin Williams, Freddie Prinz, and Jimmie Walker. Don is the former Artistic Director of The Barnyard Theatre of Carmel and Brown and Company of San Luis Obispo. Don directed last season's SVCT summer show, Camelot.

ABOUT THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR ...

Carol Harris has been active in theater since she won the lead in her high school's first musical. Since moving from New York six years ago she has been involved with shows at SVCT, City Lights, and Center Stage. She has been an actress, director, music director, accompanist, costumer, set painter, designer, choreographer, and more! The Sound of Music is her fifteenth SVCT production. Carol has been honored with SVCT awards for acting, music direction, set design, and outstanding talent. She is a music teacher in San Jose and the choir director at St. Catherine's Church in Morgan Hill.

ABOUT THE CHOREOGRAPHER...

Toni Saletta is thrilled to be working with Don Porter and Carol Harris again in The Sound of Music. SVCT award winner for Best Choreography for Camelot, she has also choreographed The Boy Friend and Babes In Arms for SVCT. Toni has been dancing since she was eight years old and has directed and choreographed a variety of dance styles for the De Anza Dancers and the Ariel School of Dance. She has even belly danced professionally! This is Toni's fourth and final show for SVCT. She will be moving to Oregon with her husband Andy to start their own computer services business. Of course she will find a dance company or theatre group to burn off all of her extra energy!

ABOUT THE PLAYERS...

Betsy Andrade (Maria Rainer): This is Betsy's second appearance in Gilroy as Maria, as she played the role in 1978 when SVCT was known as Gilroy Community Theater. She has been involved in community theater in Gilroy and San Jose for the past twelve years. Her roles include Madame Arcate in Blithe Spirit, Jennie Malone in Chapter Two and Florence Unger in The Odd Couple. Betsy has also directed Same Time Next Year and Bye Bye Birdie. She is presently pursuing a career in films and commercials in San Francisco. She has appeared in national and local commercials and has done several industrial films in the past two years!

David White (Captain Georg von Trapp): Often David is asked about the silver and turquoise jewelry he wears by people who are curious to know where and how he developed such an appreciation. Usually he responds by saying, "It is in my blood, as I was born in Tucson, Arizona." After moving to San Jose and attending schools there, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in music from San Jose State University. David plays the violin, viola, and piano, but, after graduation, re-evaluated his goal

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