## EVEN BRIDES FOR EVEN BROTHERS



## SOUTH VALLEY CIVIC THEATRE

February 22 ~ March 1, 8 & 15 at 8:00 pm February 23 ~ March 2, 9 & 16 at 5:00 pm

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## Scenes & Musical Numbers

## ACTI

ON THE ROAD
Bless your beautiful HideAdam
THE TOWN SQUARE
THE RESTAURANT
Wonderful, Wonderful DayMilly & the Brides
PONTIPEE HOUSE
*One ManMilly
Goin' CourtingMilly & the Brothers
CHURCH YARD
Social DanceMilly, Adam, Brides, Brothers
Suitors and Townspeople
THE ROAD HOME
PONTIPEE HOUSE
*Love Never Goes AwayAdam, Milly & Gideon
PONTIPEE BARN
Sobbin' WomenAdam & the Brothers
ACT II

THE	TOWN
ECH	O DASS

\*The Townsfolk's Lament ......Suitors & Townspeople PONTIPEE YARD

PONTIPEE BARN

\*We've Gotta Make It Throught the Winter ..... Brothers \*You've Gotta Make It Through the Winter ......Milly & the Brides

## PONTIPEE YARD

Spring Dance......Brides & Brothers

## THE TRAPPING CABIN

\*A Woman Ought to Know Her Place (Reprise)......Adam & Gideon

#### PONTIPEE HOUSE

\*Glad That You Were Born ......Milly, Brides & Brothers \*Love Never Goes Away (Reprise) ......Milly & Adam

#### THE WOODS

## **CHURCH YARD**

Wonderful, Wonderful Day (Reprise)......Milly & Adam Wedding Dance......Adam, Milly, the Brides, the Brothers and Townsfolk

## The Players

A AAC A AAA Y CALS
MillyMichelle Russell
Adam PontipeeJason Jessel
The Pontipee Brothers
GideonCarlos Bradley
BenjaminTroy Vera
CalebSteve Perez
DanielMicah Wardell
EphraimDustin Lofland
FrankJared Craig
The Brides
o a
AliceKaren Guliland
DorcasGina D'Amelio
RuthJamie Woolsey
LizaAngela Doss
MarthaJennifer Bradley
SarahAndrea Bertero
The Suitors
JebChristopher Hamel
CarlTBA
LukeSam Donato
MattTBA
JoelTBA
ZekeDavid M. Russell
The Townspeople
Preacher
Mr. BixbyBob McGee
Mrs. BixbyShirley McGee
Mr. PerkinsBart Woolsey
Mrs. PerkinsSheryl Jessel
Mrs. PerkinsSheryl Jessel Dorcas' little sisterJaclyn Woolsey
TownsgirlAshley Levonius
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<sup>\*</sup>New songs by Al Kasha and Joel Hirschhorn

## **Production Staff**

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	Sheila Robertson, Cleo Drozen
Assistant to the Produce	ersShirley McGee
	Sheila Robertson
Musical Director	Neil Levonius
Choreographer	Mr. Phil
Vocal Assistant	Cheryl Jessel
Set Designer	Bob McGee, Sheila Robertson
Costume Coordinator	Sheila Robertson
Lighting Designers	Uarence Chen, Sheryl Lofland
Master Carpenters	Bob McGee, Mr. Wardell
Props	Roberta Bertero
Construction Crew	Bob McGee, Gordon Robertson
	Mr. Wardell
Poster	Sylvia Myrvold
Tickets	Sue Woolsey
Program Layout/Design	Sylvia Myrvold
Program Coordinator	Sylvia Myrvold Shirley McGee
T-shirt Sales & Bio's	Shirley McGee
Ticket Sales	Shirley McGee Sue Woolsey
Set Painting	Cast
LODDY Decoration	Lieo Drozen
Opening Reception	Cleo Drozen
Cast Party	Laurie Perez
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## musical director...

#### **Niel Levonius**

Although this is Neil's debut as Musical Director, he is no rookie when it comes to musicals. He has performed and acted in many plays including Oliver!, Grease, Forum, The King & I, Pajama Game, Music Man (2) and Bye Bye Birdie. Niel has also performed with many Bay Area groups including the South Valley Symphony, Santa Clara Vanguard, DeAnza College Jazz Band, Hollister Community Band, and the Gilroy High School Marching Band. He has been playing the trumpet for 11 years and the bass guitar for 6. Outside of the music world, he is an MIS manager for a circuit board manufacturing company in Santa Clara, a student pilot, and a movie afficionado. He would like to give thanks to his girlfriend, Jennifer, for all of her love and support.

## "SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS"

Book by LAWRENCE KASHA and DAVID LANDAY

Based on the MGM Film and "The Sobbin' Women" by Stephen Vincent Benet

Lyrics JOHNNY MERCER New Songs by AL KASHA & JOEL HIRSCHHORN Music by GENE de PAUL

Produced by Sheila Robertson & Cleo Drozen Directed by Sheila Robertson

Musical Direction by Niel Levonius

Choreographed by Mr. Phil Set Design by Bob McGee & Sheila Robertson

Costumes by Sheila Robertson

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choreographer...

## Mr. Phil

Mr. Philip has been teaching dance in San Jose and Morgan Hill for 12 years. He is part-owner of Dance Unlimited, a dance and theatrical studio in Morgan Hill. He is the principal dance instructor and choreographer for the studio and has produced many state and national award-winning dance teams.

Michelle Russell (Milly) ~
Michelle is excited about playing
Milly in this, her last teen show
with SVCT. She was first seen eight
years ago in Alice and hasn't slowed
down since. She was last seen in As

You Like It with SVCT and Beauty and the Beast here at Gaslighter.
Michelle enjoyed practicing so much of her new found love, dancing, for this show and is hoping to participate with a summer

Oh! and despite the newly popularized belief, Michelle does not prefer to be called Milly. Now remember –

dance team this

year.

mind your manners, don't let anyone rile you, keep that beefsteak on that eye, and don't mess with it, and enjoy the show.

Jason Jessel (Adam) ~ This is my fifth consecutive show with SVCT and my first leading role, and it's harder than it seems. I've had a lot of fun with this show, and I hope you enjoy it.

Gina D'Amelio (Dorcas) ~Gina performed in some local stage productions as a child. As an adult she has spent time behind the stage working on props and backstage supervision for her sister's shows. This is her first time appearing in an SVCT production. She is very excited about being on stage with her sister, Andrea.

Angela Doss (Liza) ~ Angela is currently a senior attending Notre Dame High School. She has actively been in theater for many years doing productions from John Bisceglie to Gaslighter and many more. Her most recent productions was Tour de Frost directed by John Bisceglie. Angela has enjoyed doing Seven Brides for Seven Brothers and wishes the cast good luck.

Jamie Woolsey (*Ruth*) ~ Jamie is 15 and attends ninth grade in



Morgan Hill. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is her fourth play. You may have also seen her most recently in Beauty and the Beast. In the future, Jamie plans on becoming a veterinarian.

Jennifer Bradley (Martha) ~ This is Jennifer's second play with SVCT. She is having a great time acting, singing, and of course, dancing. Jennifer would like to thank her family and friends for all of the love and support during her new found love of theater. P.S. Mr. Phil, you're wonderful!

Andrea Bertero (Sarah) ~ Andrea is 18 years old. She first appeared in SVCT's Oliver at the age of 12. Since that time, she has appeared in other stage productions. She has concentrated on perfecting her vocal skills and has been a student of Robert Butler's Vocal Academy for the past three years. In March, 1996, she won both Grand Champion and First Place awards at the California Performing Arts Competition. She served as the 1995-

96 Santa Clara Area Senior Miss. She also studies dance at Lauri Gray's School of Dance and recently became a student instructor.

She enjoys perfecting her performing skills with Betsy Andrade at her

drama academy. She also auditioned for the Great America stage shows and hopes they will call her for their summer shows.

Troy Vera (Benjamin) ~ Is making his stage debut in Seven Brides. At 24, the extent of his performance experience has been limited to elementary school spelling bees and local karaoke nights. "My

opportunity to be a part of the show is a great new experience," says Troy.

Steve Perez (Caleb) ~This is my sixth play but it is only my first with SVCT. It is pretty good. My other plays include Broadway Bound, Hoey Ranch Hoe Down, Alice in Rock 'N' Roll Land, Hoey Ranch Halloween Hoopla and Tour de Frost. I enjoy the theater a lot.

Micah Wardell (Daniel) ~ This is Micah's eighth play. When he is not involved in a show he likes playing his tuba in the Brownell Junior High band. He also enjoys making videos with his friends and loves being in theater.

Jared Craig (Frank) ~ I have performed in a few plays in the history of SVCT that turned out to be a blast! I have participated in the teen plays for the last two years, previously playing the roles of Charles, the Wrestler and William in the Shakespeare masterpiece, As You Like It. Smeep!

Karen Gililand (Alice) ~ Karen has been in 2 plays. This summers she had her first lead in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at The Gaslighter. She likes acting and hopes to be in many more.

David M. Russell (Zeke) ~ David has been in many plays such as Hans Christian Anderson, Tied to the Tracks, Alice in Rock-n-Roll Land, and more. He is 14 years old and likes to dance, act and sing.

Robert Butler (Preacher) ~ Robert brings a long list of professional experience to the role of the preacher. He has performed in numerous productions from San Jose to Jerusalem, Israel. Among his many credits are West Side Story, The Wiz, Porgy & Bess, Godspell, Runaway, Acts World Premier, Lady Day and Sound of Music. He has worked in television, commercial and radio and is an accomplished jazz

**Dustin Lofland** (Ephraim) ~ Dustin is 14 and goes to **Britton Middle** School. He has been in one other play with SVCT and four plays with Gaslighter as well as many other theater groups. He enjoys the theater and is having fun with this show.

musician.

Christopher Hamel (Jeb) ~ Christopher attends Martin Murphy Junior High School in Morgan Hill. He enjoys art work. This is his first play.

Bob McGee (Mr. Bixby) ~Bob is talked into roles that haven't been cast or someone has to bow out. This is his 4th "talked into" play. Bob is on the Board of Directors for SVCT, and is usually found in sawdust. He could have had a house built by now with as many sets as he has built, not to say all the props he has made for the theater. He enjoys watching people work together.

Sam Donato (Luke) ~ Sam is 13 and attends Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill. He enjoys singing, acting and dancing and has participated in many singing competitions in San Jose and beyond and has won numerous awards. This is his first play and he is looking forward to it and is having a good time

Sheryl Jessel (Mrs. Perkins) ~ Sheryl has been involved in many of SVCT's productions over the last vear and a half. She has found that the group of people that make up SVCT's production staff, casts and crews are wonderful to work with.

cast is no exception. They're a wonderful group of kids. This is a lot of fun! What a way of enjoying life.

Carlos Bradley (Gideon) ~ Carlos is an 8th-grader and a very busy one at that. He enjoys starring in theater productions. This is his second play and he hopes it won't be his last.

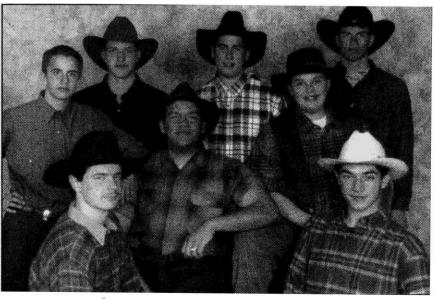
Bart Woolsey (Mr. Perkins) ~ Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is Bart's first time on stage with SVCT. He has been involved off stage moving sets and was known as the one that always had the best coffee. He also was a "techie" (light and sound man) in The Gaslighter Theatre's Beauty and the Beast and SVCT's Little Mermaid. Bart is not sure if he likes this on the stage stuff, but since he has been cast as the father of his own daughter, he thought it wouldn't be too big a

stretch.

Jaclyn Woolsey (Dorcas' little sister) ~ Nine year old Jaclyn attends 3rd grade in Morgan Hill and this is her 4th play. You may have seen her in Beauty and the Beast, Charlotte's Web or The Little Mermaid. She lives to sing and enjoys plays because she is always making new friends. This one is particularly fun since she is the

youngest cast member and gets to act with all the big kids. Ashley Levonius (Townsgirl) ~ Ashley made her theatrical debut as Tiny Tim in SVCT's production of A Shirley McGee (Mrs. Bixby) ~ This Christmas Carol. As an 8-year-old second grader at Luigi Aprea School, she is anxious to be back on the

stage - this time in a dress.



This is her first time as vocal director and it's been quite an experience working with these young adults.

is Shirley's Stage Debut. Usually behind the scenes helping it all come together, she is also on the Board of Directors for SVCT and loves all aspects of the theater. She falls in love with every cast and this

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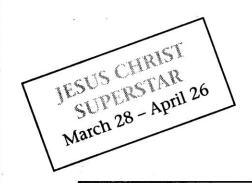
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