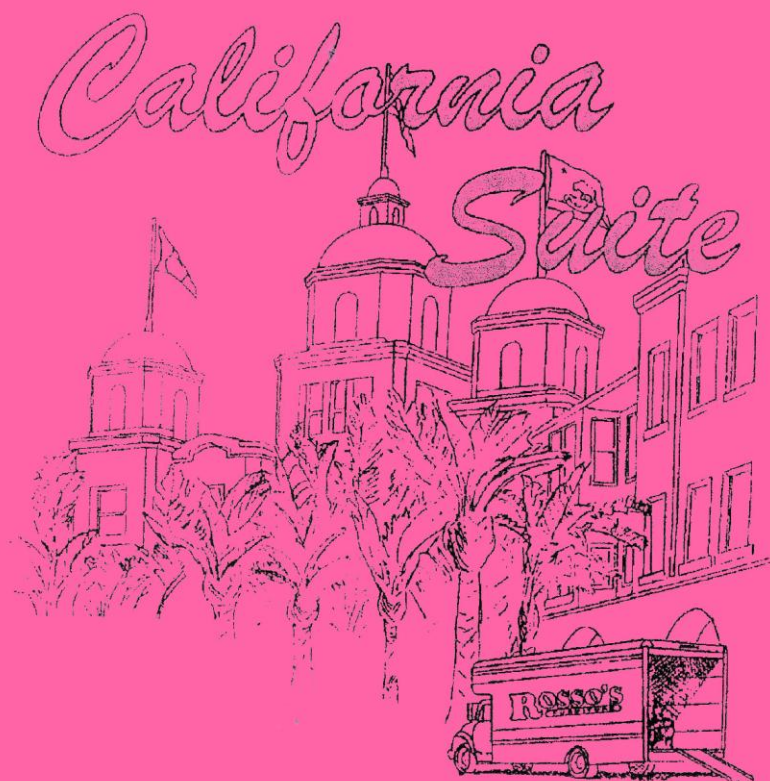


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Directed by Jeremy Lefferts

*Produced by Steve Bauman and Bruce Rideout
in arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.*

California Suite

A COMEDY IN TWO ACTS

Act I

Scene 1: *Visitor from New York*

About one in the afternoon on a sunny, warm day in late fall.

Scene 2: *Visitor from Philadelphia*

Eleven in the morning, mid-December.

Act II

Scene 1: *Visitors from London*

About five in the afternoon, early April.

Scene 2: About two in the morning.

Scene 3: *Visitors from Chicago*

Four in the afternoon, Sunday July Fourth

Set in the posh Beverly Hills Hotel, “CALIFORNIA SUITE” is constructed on the premise that a single suite housing four sets of occupants could be considered a viable setting for four stories. In this group of playlets Neil Simon stresses farce in only two of the pieces, while dealing quite overtly with very serious problems in the other two.

“Visitors from New York” and “Visitors from London” examine frustrating and tragic life situations. Frequently the smart repartee and sophisticated banter which elicit audience laughter, become in reality scalpels which probe and reveal inner emotions. You may feel both sympathy and empathy for these characters.

“Visitors from Philadelphia” and “Visitors from Chicago” are less realistic and closer to an out and out farce. Sight gags and physical movement support the sometimes obvious and predictable jokes. Belly laughs are the norm in these two pieces. You will just be happy it’s their problems you are laughing at and not your own. Thank you for joining us on this roller coaster ride of emotions. Now, after seeing “CALIFORNIA SUITE”, each time you check into a hotel room you’ll wonder. ----- What really is going on next door?

Cast

VISITOR from NEW YORK

Hannah Warren
William Warren

Jan Bernstein
Bill Corneth

VISITOR from PHILADELPHIA

Marvin Michaels
Millie Michaels
Bunny

Rod Pintello
Lynn Morrison
Kirsten Francis, Theresa Sage, Kelly Blake

VISITORS from LONDON

Sidney Nichols
Diana Nichols

Russ Brawn
Diana Jones

VISITORS from CHICAGO

Mort Hollender
Beth Hollender
Stu Franklyn
Gert Franklyn

Steve Spencer
Kelly Blake
Chris Souza
Christine McElroy

Crew

Producers
Director
Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager
Set Design
Set Decorator
Costume Design
Technical Director
Lighting Design
Light Board Operator
Master Carpenter
Set Construction

Steve Bauman & Bruce Rideout
Jeremy Lefferts
Mildred Martindill
Bethan Bath
Shawn Keck
Lisa Perry
Whitney McClelland
Michael Perry
Shawn Keck
Justin Perry
Michael Perry
Steve Spencer, Alikea Spencer, Russ Brawn
Rod Pintello, Jeremy Lefferts, Steve Bauman
Lynn Morrison, Diana Jones, Mike Jones
Jan Bernstein, Christine McElroy
Bruce Rideout, Luke Rideout
Cheryl Jessel
Diana Bauman
Michael Perry
Bruce Rideout
Sallie Locsin

House Manager
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Poster Design
Program Design
Audition Coordinator

Biographies



Jeremy Lefferts - Director

This is Mr. Lefferts' SVCT adult show directorial debut. Past credits include directing SVCT's *Little Mermaid* and Gaslighter's Melodrama *The Phantom Rider*. Mr. Lefferts has also co-directed Gavilan's STAR production of *How to Eat Like a Child*.



Jan Bernstein - "Hannah Warren"

Jan Bernstein has lived in the Bay Area for eleven years. Her resume includes *The Couches of San Jose - 1992 Calendar* and scenic artist for *Lives of the Ant People* with the No-View Theater in San Jose. This is her first role with SVCT.



Bill Corneth - "William Warren"

"Doing *California Suite* is almost a reprise for me. I was in the 1987 SVCT production, but as Stu in the *Visitors from Chicago*. This is my 25th local production. I was in *Working in August*, and prior to that I appeared as Mr. Jordan in *Heaven Can Wait*."



Lynn Morrison - "Millie Michaels"

This is only Lynn's second appearance on stage. In 1994, she played in SVCT's production of Neil Simon's *Rumors*. In real life, she is married with children, serves on the SVCT Board of Directors, is a member of Leadership Morgan Hill and works for the Morgan Hill School District.



Rod Pintello - "Marvin Michaels"

Rod has been seen on South Valley stages for 15 years now, and 10 years ago he was fortunate enough to have performed this play, but this time, instead of playing "Mort" in the final scene, he gets to recreate the role played by Al Bloom in 1987. "I just hope I do him justice, Pinky!"



Diana Jones - "Diana Nichols"

Diana has been in a variety of productions, most recently in the Eastern Sierra with the Southern Inyo Players where she had the roles of M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias*, The Waitress and The Teacher, in *Working*, and Crystal in *Little Shop of Horrors*.



Russ Brawn - "Sidney Nichols"

California Suite makes a pleasant aberration in Russ's current hiatus from things theater. Previously an SVCT Board member of nine years, he has often been backstage (as producer, designer or construction person) and less often on stage.



Kelly Blake - "Beth Hollender"

Kelly has been in many productions with SVCT, including *Oliver*, *Annie*, *Anything Goes*, and most recently *Working*. She has also done shows with Gaslighter Theatre (*Beauty and the Beast* and *The Phantom Rider, the Scourge of the Hills*) and has been an extra in three locally filmed movies.



Steve Spencer - "Mort Hollender"

Steve has lived in the South Valley area since 1979 and works for the Morgan Hill School District as a speech and language specialist. He was hooked on performing in the theater since doing his first play in high school and continued through college.



Christine McElroy - "Gert Franklyn"

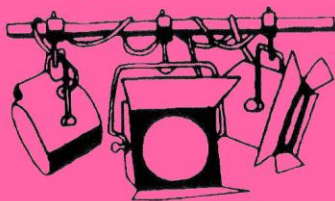
California Suite is Christine's seventh show with SVCT. She is pleased to be working with her dear friends. "To all of my friends and family - thanks for your love and support".



Chris Souza - "Stu Franklyn"

Out of the seventeen shows that Chris has done with SVCT, this is the first non-musical. He was recently seen in this past summer's production of *Working* and has performed in other SVCT productions such as *Annie*, *South Pacific* and *Something's Afoot* just to name a few.

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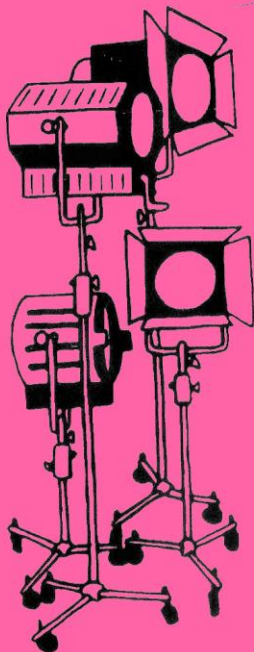
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Performances January 9th to 31st



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President's Message

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 our community theatre to include all the participants and patrons in Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Hollister, San Juan Bautista and our whole South Valley. Each season now includes performances in several cities.

But this production of *California Suite* is unique: Thanks to the generosity of Jaime Rosso, South Valley Civic Theatre, for this production, returns to Tennant Station, the former home of South Valley Playhouse. Jaime has extended his store, staff and personal time to benefit not only our production but the entire community. Our sincerest thanks.

Throughout these past twenty-eight years, 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 out with the myriad of tasks which bring a script to life on our stages.

The South Valley has been very fortunate to have literally hundreds of community members share their talents - both artistic and organizational. Every performance by SVCT is really a "Thank You!" to those individuals and to the enthusiastic audiences who continue to support the very special opportunity to participate in excellent local live theater.

Marion Pintello

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