# South Valley Civic Theatre Resident company of the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse

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Directed by Charity Berg Choreographed by Christine Carrillo Vocal Direction Produced Fridays at 8 pm December 2, 9, 16 Saturdays at 8 pm

November 26. December 3, 10, 17

Sunday Matinees at 2:30 pm

November 27, December 4, 11



#### A message from SVCT's President

When E. B. White published Charlotte's Web in 1952, I don't think he had any idea that his story would become a beloved children's book about the true meaning of friendship and unconditional love. Written after his first published book, "Death of a Pig," Charlotte appears to be inspired as a sort of apology to a real-life sick pig that White failed to save some years earlier. In other words, there is some reason to think he was simply making amends, soothing a guilty conscience. Of course, his story does so much more. In Charlotte, we see a generous and giving soul who sympathizes with the unjust fate awaiting Wilbur and who wants to do something about it, something that will make the world just a little bit better place, without any thought of personal gain. Yes, we could use a few more folks like that. Wilbur honors that friendship and proves a true and loval friend himself by returning the gift of life and caring at the end of our story. Some pig. And let's not forget the "Don't judge a book by its cover" aspect of the story. Charlotte, a spider, is an unlikely hero, teaching us that real beauty and love can be found in the most unexpected times and places. These musings, of course, only scratch the surface of this cherished work

Please join us in January for our teen production, "On the Town." This fun show is already cast and in rehearsal. It's so loaded with talent that you may forget you're watching high school "kids." In fact, I'm likely to catch some flack for using the "k" word. Sorry guys.

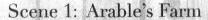
Oh yeah, and do remember we need your support. Always.

Thanks for being here.

Rob Christopher South Valley Civic Theatre President



#### Act I



Breakfast at the Arable's

Fern, Martha, Avery & John

Wilbur

Fern

Scene 2: Zuckerman's Barn

Nice to Meet You

Goose, Gander, Templeton, Lamb, Sheep & other farm animals

Who Says We Can't Be Friends

Charlotte & Wilbur

Summer

Homer, Edith, Wilbur & chorus

Charlotte's Spinning Song

Charlotte, Bat, Owl & Templeton

Some Pig

Homer, Lurvy, Sheep, Charlotte & Lamb

Mama You Don't Understand Me

Fern & Martha

County Fair

Lurvy, animals & chorus



Act II

Scene 1: The County Fair

Reprise: County Fair

Chorus

Don't

Fern & Avery

You're You

Charlotte

Wilbur Reprise

Announcer & Chorus

Scene 2: Zuckerman's Farm

Finale

Chorus

#### The Cast

Avery Arable Benjamin Snook Townsperson & Fairgoer Brianna Pember Animal, Townsperson & Baby Spider Caitlin Hinz Bat, Concessionaire & Loudspeaker Carter Sepulveda Sheep & Announcer Colette Bowen John Arable Dane Weber Edith Zuckerman Danielle Dokter Charlotte Hana McElroy Owl, Reporter & Baby Spider Hannah Gustlin Spiderweb **Holly Loomis** Templeton Jacob Goller Animal, Townsperson & Fairgoer Jordyn Campbell Gander & Judge Lauren Fent Animal, Townsperson & Baby Spider Mandy Montoya Homer Zuckerman Matthew Colbert Photographer & Uncle Pig Maya Eulo Lamb & Judge McKenzie Colbert Lurvy Megan Carrillo Goose & Judge Melinda Colbert Spiderweb & Spectator Melodie Knappe Fern Arable Nicole Chambers Spiderweb Olivia Ingenthron Wilbur Rachel Kogan Townsperson & Fairgoer Rachel Salem Spiderweb & Spectator Rebecca Zane Spiderweb Riley Loomis Martha Arable Sabrina Knappe Townsperson & Fairgoer Sierra Benitez Animal, Townsperson & Fairgoer Sophia Root









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#### Fair Officials

Co-Producer Greg Colbert Co-Producer Suzanne Colbert Director **Charity Berg** Music Team Saskia Vinkhuyzen & Terri Sodergren Rehearsal Pianist Sophia Knappe Musical Score Production Carol Harris Stage Manager Jed Metzger House Managers Amy McElroy & Freda Kogan Master Carpenter and Set Design Rich Kaiser Assistant Carpenter /Spider Webmaster Boris Kogan Costume Design Suzanne Colbert Seamstresses Sarah Mallette, Leslie Chambers, & Laura Salem Scenic Artist Glynis Crabb Lighting Design Peter Mandel Light Operator Lexie Mallette Make Up **Tiffany Goller** Sound Design/Set Up Ray Trimble Sound Operator Boris Kogan Props Lori Foster Program Designer Scott Lynch Cast Photographer

Edmund Kwong
Rich Kaiser, Rob Bezanson, Bud Biafore, William Rumold,
Boris Kogan, the Knappe family, the Colbert family,
the Pember family, the Snook family, the Carrillo family,
the Dokter family, the Chambers family, the Salem family,
& the Zane family

Move-in Crew

Set Construction

Beth Dewey, Haylee Merrill, the Chambers family, the Dokter family, the Colbert family, the Carrillo family, the McElroy family, Boris Kogan, the Knappe family, the Snook family, the Pember family, Deborah Gustlin, Jill Thompson, the Goller family & the Salem family



#### Special Thanks

Martin Baccaglio for making warehouse spaceavailable ~ affordably. Booksmart for their ongoing support of SVCT and for selling our tickets! South Valley Internet for hosting the SVCT web site. Mainstreet Media (The Gilroy Dispatch & The Morgan Hill Times) for giving our shows special consideration in their newspapers.

The producers of Charlotte's Web want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped us put together this amazing production. Thank you to the SVCT Board for giving us this opportunity to grow and explore the world of theater in our first production and to those who gave us advice and counsel along the way. To Charity for being an incredible director. It has been a delight to watch you mold these young actors and direct them on their way to a first class production. Jed, thank you for always being there to assist in what ever manner was necessary. We could always count on you. A special thank you to Carol Harris for recording the entire sound track for us. Your dedication is inspirational. Thank you to Rucker Elementary School of Gilroy and San Benito Stage for letting us borrow key set pieces, props and costumes. Thank you to Rich Kaiser who was our set designer and master carpenter and got us all together to virtually make our barn and Ferris wheel in 24 hours. Thank you to Glynis Crabb for all of her beautiful set painting. But especially, thank you to the parents and cast members who have made us laugh, smile, and be a kid again at Zuckerman's Barn and the County Fair. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the show.

Greg and Suzanne Colbert

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At Stock & Option Solutions, we value family and community. We strive to promote work and life balance and are proud to sponsor the South Valley Civic Theatre's production of Charlotte's Web.

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#### Sierra Benitez ~ Townsperson & Fairgoer



Sierra loves singing and acting, playing the violin and playing tennis with her family. This is her second play with SVCT, as her first was last year's Robin Hood & Friends. Sierra is a seventh grader at Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill. Here favorite things to do include hanging out with friends and shopping. Sierra lives in San Martin with her younger sister, mom and dad, and her dog, Zsofi.

#### Colette Bowen ~ Sheep & Announcer



Colette is twelve years old and is a seventh grader at Britton Middle School. She is a persistent reader and loves to act, sing and dance. Colette enjoys seeing theater productions with her family, but is thrilled to be performing in Charlotte's Web! This is her second show at SVCT and she has done 19 shows in all. Her advice to you - if you really love something, go for it!

#### Jordyn Campbell~ Animal, Townsperson, & Fairgoer

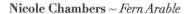


Jordyn is a seventh grader at Britton Middle School. This is her first SVCT production, but she hopes to do more. She loves softball, dancing and drawing. She has one younger sibling and two older siblings. She also has three dogs and one cat. Jordyn would like to say thank you to her family for the support and everyone involved in the play for the laughter and friendships.

#### Megan Carrillo ~ Lurvy



Megan is a fourteen year old eighth grader at Martin Murphy Middle School. This show marks Megan's eighth performance with SVCT and her final children's production. Megan has also performed numerous shows with CMT and Nordstrom Musical Theater. Megan would like to dedicate her performance to her beautiful chicken, Basil, her adorable bunny, Rosie and her very angry cat, Pickle Juice. Megan likes to eat, dance, sing, play video games and be eccentric. In her spare time, Megan is the mini dictator of the Murphy Anime Club. She proudly wears the title of Nerd. Megan dreams of someday riding a unicorn while eating cheese.





Nicole is twelve years old and currently attending Oakwood Middle School. In her free time she enjoys wake boarding, playing sports and acting. She has been in several plays such as Robin Hood & Friends, Annie and Beauty and the Beast. She hopes you enjoy the show!

#### Matthew Colbert ~ Homer Zuckerman



Matthew is a seventh grader at Solarsano Middle School in Gilroy and is making his third appearance with SVCT. You may remember him as "Allan-a-Dale" in last year's show, Robin Hood & Friends, or as "Benny Lee / Marbini" in Bugsy Malone Jr. He has also performed in The Wizard of Oz and Through the Looking Glass when he was at Rucker Elementary. Matthew wants to thank his mom and dad for their support and he hopes you enjoy the show.

#### McKenzie Colbert $\sim Lamb & Judge$



McKenzie is a third grade student at Rucker Elementary in Gilroy. She has performed in SVCT's The King and I and Robin Hood & Friends, and at Rucker in The Case of the Missing R and R. McKenzie has been dancing tap, ballet and jazz for four years at Lauri Gray's School of Dance. McKenzie wants to thank her Mom and Dad for their support. She is very happy to be playing the lamb.

#### Melinda Colbert ~ Goose & Judge



Melinda is eleven years old and a sixth grader at Solarsano Middle School in Gilroy. Melinda has performed in seven plays including SVCT's The Jungle Book Kids and The King and I. She also has been dancing at Lauri Gray's School of Dance for more than eight years. She thanks her parents for supporting her being in the show and hopes you enjoy Charlotte's Web.

#### Danielle Dokter ~ Edith Zuckerman



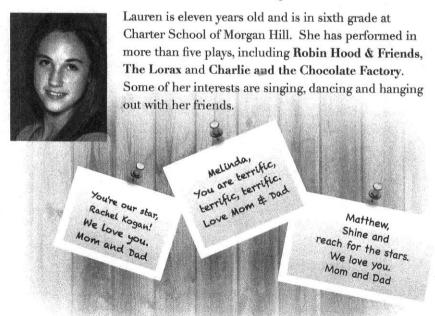
Danielle is a fifth grade student who loves to go to theater and perform as well. She has performed in SVCT's Bugsy Malone as "Baseball Girl Dancer," The King and I as "Princess Malee," and Robin Hood & Friends as a solo-singing minstrel. She has also participated in seven shows with CMT, and has had lead singing roles in "Mad Fridays". Danielle loves to read, rollerblade, make bead jewelry for family and friends and she enjoys being a Girl Scout. She loves to try new things and never is afraid to keep trying until she is good at it. She hopes you enjoy the show!

#### Maya Eulo ~ Photographer & Uncle Pig



Maya is a sixth grader at Charter School of Morgan Hill. This is her first production with SVCT but she has performed in other plays such as Grease, Oliver!, Pirates of Penzance and Mamma Mia. Maya has taken jazz and tap lessons since she was three years old. She loves acting, singing and dancing. Maya is thrilled to be in Charlotte's Web and hopes to be in many more plays with SVCT.

#### Lauren Fent ~ Gander & Judge



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#### Jacob Goller ~ Templeton



Jacob is a twelve-year-old seventh grader who attends Charter School of Morgan Hill. This is his fifth performance, and second with SVCT. You might remember him as "King Richard" in Robin Hood & Friends in October 2010. He is very excited to be playing the role of "Templeton" and hopes that you enjoy the show as much as he did doing it.

#### Hannah Gustlin ~ Owl, Reporter & Baby Spider



Hannah is very excited to be playing the role of the Reporter in her second play with SVCT. She has been in many plays such as Oliver as "Old Sally," Grease as "Little Angel" and Mamma Mia as "Donna". She is in the sixth grade at Paradise Valley School and is eleven years old. Hannah enjoys reading, making up parodies to songs, and acting. She would like to thank her mom for driving her to all of her activities and for being a great mom. Hannah hopes you all enjoy the show.

#### Caitlin Hinz ~ Animal, Townsperson & Baby Spider



Caitlin is a third grader at El Roble Elementary in Gilroy. Her previous credits include Oliver! (STAR) and The Jungle Book (Missoula Children's Theater). She is very excited to be involved in her first SVCT play. Caitlin is enrolled in gymnastics and her hobbies include singing, dancing, reading, drawing and playing with friends. Caitlin would like to thank her family for all their support.



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#### Olivia Ingenthron ~ Spiderweb

Olivia is seven years old and is a second grader at Nordstrom Elementary School. This is the first play she has been in, and she loves that she gets to go on top of the barn because she is a Spiderweb. Her favorite color is blue, and she is excited that her brother Dane is in the play too! Olivia is in hip hop dance, where she also gets to perform on stage. She enjoys playing with her friends at school and hopes you enjoy the show!



#### ${\bf Melodie\ Knappe} \sim Spiderweb \ \& \ Spectator$

This is Melodie's very first musical. She is eight years old and a third grader at El Toro Elementary. She really loves gardening, acting and animals. She is very excited to be in Charlotte's Web and hopes you have a good time watching.



#### Sabrina Knappe ~ Martha Arable

Sabrina is a thirteen-year-old eighth grader at Oakwood School in Morgan Hill. Charlotte's Web is her first musical with SVCT, but she is no stranger to the stage. She has also performed in Starmites, Cinderella, 101 Dalmatians and The Wizard of Oz. Her hobbies include babysitting and other kid related activities and singing! Have a great holiday season and enjoy the show.



#### Rachel Kogan ~ Wilbur

Rachel is eleven years old and in sixth grade at Solarsano Middle School. Her favorite things to do in her spare time are theater and singing. She also loves to read, do gymnastics and go to school. Some of her past plays are Fabulous Frosted Follies, Disco Island Live, Big Band Bash, Alice in Wonderland and 101 Dalmatians. "Nice To Meet You."

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McKenzie, Lovely lamb. We're so proud of you. We're so proud of you Jordyh!! Love, Mom and Dad



#### Holly Loomis $\sim$ Spiderweb

Holly is seven years old and in second grade at Nordstrom Elementary School. She has two sisters, two dogs and a parrot. She loves to dance, sing and act. This will be Holly's very first play that she has ever been in and is very excited about it!



#### Riley Loomis ~ Spiderweb

Riley is nine years old and in fourth grade at Nordstrom Elementary School. This is her very first show at SVCT and is really enjoying it. Riley enjoys reading, math, basketball, cooking and soccer. She collects little trinkets and gems. She has a parrot and a dog. She loves to sing, dance and read a book called "Ruby Holler".



#### Hana McElroy ~ Charlotte

Hana is nine years old and in fourth grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. This is Hana's third SVCT children's show. She enjoys being "Charlotte" and loves acting. She has two dogs, a lizard and one sister. Hana would like to thank her parents and hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Mandy Montoya ~ Animal, Townsperson & Baby Spider

Mandy is nine years old and goes to a Christian Co-op called Aletheia. Her favorite subject is Science. This is her first time doing a play at SVCT, and is currently in a play called Aristocats and enjoys it. Mandy has been dancing at Starliners for three years and enjoys tap and ballet. Her hobbies are singing, riding her bike and doing gymnastics. She likes being a baby spider and hopes you enjoy the show.



#### Brianna Pember ~ Townsperson & Fairgoer



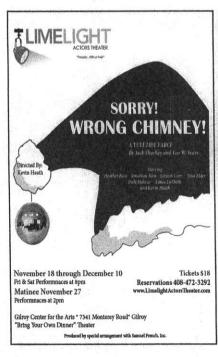
Brianna is eleven years old and in the sixth grade at Nordstrom Elementary School. This is her first show in the SVCT program, but she has performed in Annie ("Star-to-be") and Beauty and the Beast (a wolf and villager) at Nordstrom Elementary. She has also performed in The Nutcracker ballet, The Dollhouse ballet and the Big Band Bash at the Gilroy Children's Musical Theater. Some of her hobbies are singing, art and piano. She is very excited to be performing in Charlotte's Web.

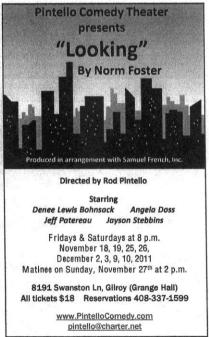
Sophia Root ~ Animal, Townsperson & Fairgoer



Sophia is a fourth grader at P.A. Walsh Elementary School in Morgan Hill. She likes to play the recorder and the piano and also enjoys riding her bike and skateboard. This is her first play, and she would like to thank her Mom and Papa for always being there for her.







#### Rachel Salem~ Townsperson & Fairgoer



Rachel is ten years old and is in fifth grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. Her favorite color is lime-green. Some of her hobbies are baking, tennis and softball. She is really excited to be in her first South Valley play. She is really happy to be performing. Enjoy the show!

#### Carter Sepulveda ~ Bat, Concessionaire & Loudspeaker



Carter is eleven years old and home schooled. This will be his third show with SVCT. Other than theater, he enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends. Carter would like to dedicate this show to his little brother, Johnathan, who has a rare disease called Niemann Pick type C. For more information visit NNPDE.org or JohnathanSpencer.org. He would like to thank his big sister Haylee for practically being his personal assistant and also all the families who gave him rides. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he enjoys performing in it! xoxo.

#### Benjamin Snook ~ Avery Arable



Ben Snook is a seventh grader at Silicon Valley Flex Academy. While he has taken part in school plays, he is very excited about being in his first SVCT production. Ben got a lot of inspiration watching his sister, Jessica, in her high school and college productions. Ben would like to thank his family and the other actors for supporting him in getting ready for this show. He is ready to "break a leg"!



#### Fair Officials

#### $\textbf{Greg Colbert} \sim \textit{Co-Producer}$

Greg recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with his amazing and gifted wife (and co-producer) Suzanne. He was first introduced to SVCT in 2008 when his daughter joined the cast of The Jungle Book. Greg has enjoyed participating in numerous shows, from set construction to his stage debut in The King and I. Greg joined the SVCT Board of Directors this year, and this is his first show as producer. He would like to extend special thanks to Carol Harris, Trudy Parks and Robin Harris for their help in bringing this show to you today.

#### Suzanne Colbert ~ Co-Producer

Suzanne has been supporting South Valley Civic Theater ever since Melinda, her daughter, performed in The Jungle Book four years ago. She has been the veteran organizer for her family's performances in five SVCT productions. This year, she took a leap of love with her husband, Greg, to co-produce Charlotte's Web. She loves working with children and animals. She is especially proud of Melinda (a goose), McKenzie (a lamb) and Matthew (the owner of the Zuckerman Farm). She is celebrating her 20th year practicing Veterinary Medicine, currently doing so at Princevalle Pet Hospital in Gilroy. She volunteers her veterinary services to WERC (the Wildlife Education Rehabilitation Center) in Morgan Hill. She has been a very active participant in GATE and special education and is a founder of EKG (Exceptional Kids Gilroy). She dedicates this show to her parents, Dusty and Jean Rhodes, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during the run. She hopes you find the show to be exceptional, exceptional. Nice to meet you. We'll talk later. Welcome to the Zuckerman Barn!

#### Charity Berg ~ Director

Charity is truly excited to have been offered the opportunity to direct Charlotte's Web with SVCT. She teaches third grade at Starlight Elementary in Watsonville and loves to include theater in her time with the students. Last summer, she wrote and directed a show in Spanish with 75 children! In her "spare time", Miss Berg enjoys acting (you may have seen her in MOMologues, Inherit the Wind, Nørman, Is That You?, The Foreigner, Grapes of Wrath and Seven Deadly Scenes here in California), being outdoors, paddle boarding on the ocean and planning her upcoming wedding! She wishes to thank the entire production and construction team — including all who have lent their energy, time and hands to getting this show off the ground! Thank you for your support!

#### Christine Carrillo $\sim Choreographer$

Christine most recently performed on stage in SVCT's Curtains the Musical and Damn Yankees. However, Christine is taking a break from the theater stage and moving behind the scenes. Charlotte's Web marks Christine's first show as a choreographer with SVCT, though she has choreographed numerous children's shows with other theater groups and cheerleading squads in Hawaii and California. As you are reading this, Christine has moved on to her next project, choreographing SVCT's teen show, On the Town, which opens January 20th. Aside from dancing and prancing both on and off stage, Christine is a mom to two TEENAGE girls and a wife to a very understanding and supportive husband. Special thanks to all the kids who make Charlotte's Web shine. You are all very talented and it has been a pleasure working with you.

## THE TRADITION OF THE GYPSY ROBE

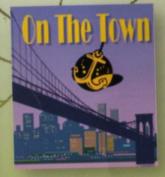
Each SVCT production awards the "Gypsy Robe" to a cast member who has made special contributions of time and energy towards the good of the show. It is presented to the recipient on opening night at which time they don the robe and bless the stage before the opening curtain. It is the recipient's charge to affix to the robe a patch that signifies this show. The Gypsy Robe is then returned closing night to await another show and to perpetuate its tradition.

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## Melodie Knappe



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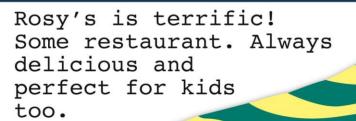
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