

South Valley Civic Theatre
presents
Noël Coward's

SILITHE SPIRITS

directed by
Ruth E. Mullins

produced by
L. Russ Brawn

APRIL
13, 14
20, 21
27, 28
CURTAIN
8:00 PM

GILROY HIGH SCHOOL THEATER
Tenth and Princeville

\$10⁰⁰ Adults
\$ 6⁰⁰ Seniors and Students

For tickets call 842-SHOW
Group rates available

produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

SVCT Welcomes You!!!

It is with great pride that South Valley Civic Theatre welcomes you to the concluding production of its 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 becoming 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 is an encore presentation of a favorite show from the rich history of South Valley Civic Theatre and Gilroy Community Theatre. We can all be proud of these past twenty years, and we are right to anticipate at least another twenty great years.

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Blithe Spirit

Cast of Characters

(In order of Appearance)

Edith (a Maid)	Cindy Howell
Ruth	Marion Pintello
Charles	Bill Corneth
Doctor Bradman	Andrew Tidwell
Mrs. Bradman	Lynn Lawrence
Madame Arcati	Carol Harris
Elvira	Rosalind Farotte

Synopsis of Scenes

ACT 1

Scene 1	Before dinner on a summer evening.
Scene 2	After dinner.

ACT II

Scene 1	The next morning.
Scene 2	Late the following afternoon
Scene 3	Early evening. A few days later.

ACT III

Scene 1	After dinner. A few days later.
Scene 2	Several hours later.

The South Valley Symphony



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PRODUCTION STAFF

DIRECTOR	Ruth E. Mullins
PRODUCER	Russ Brawn
REHEARSAL SECRETARY and ASST. to the PRODUCER	Joyce Pagan
SET DESIGN	Ruth E. Mullins
	Grace and Russ Brawn
COSTUME DESIGN	Ruth E. Mullins
	Sylvia Myrvold
GRAPHIC ARTIST	Sylvia Myrvold
SOUND DESIGN & RECORDING	Will Mullins
STAGE MANAGER	Rod Pintello
STAGE CREW	Don Hayes, Robin Stocks
LIGHTING DESIGN and TECHNICAL CREW	Shawn Keck, Vince Ternasky
PROPERTY COORDINATION	Ruth E. Mullins
	Sylvia Myrvold
PROPERTIES MISTRESS	Judy Jennison
MASTER CRAFTSMEN	Will Mullins, Hal Lawrence, and John Pagan
SET CONSTRUCTION	Cast, Crew, Board and Friends of SVCT
BOX OFFICE	Gayle Montalvo
HOUSE MANAGEMENT	Anne Hepner, Betsy Andrade
PUBLICITY	Robin Stocks
PROGRAMS	Maria Clower
FACILITIES	Jim Maya
PRODUCTION CONSULTANT	Paul Myrvold

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Gilroy Unified School District, Susan Hoebich, Rosso's Furniture, Western Stage, Grace Brawn, Janet Espinosa, Gilroy Presbyterian Church, Karen Kleiber of Lindsey & Friends Antique Mall, Nursery Clearance Center, Phil Robb, Ann Zuhr, Diane Wallace, Russ Hendrickson, Robb Mullins

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Students: Sonia Rodrigues, Christine Amos, Simon Pintello, Elizabeth Hepner, Andrew T. Hepner, Matt Hepner, Whitney Pintello, Glen P. Rose, Jennifer Ross, Jaime Ross, Juliana Ross, Jodi Ross

About the Director

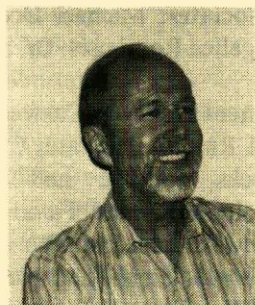


Ruth E. Mullins makes her directorial debut this production. A familiar face (and voice) to South Valley audiences, Ruth E. brings an accomplished performer's perspective to the role of Director. She has appeared locally as Marion in *The Music Man*, Miss Hannigan in *Annie!*, Nellie in *South Pacific*, and Dolly in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Most recently, she appeared as Baroness Schraeder in *The Sound of Music*. Ruth E. lives in Gilroy

with husband Will, and son Robb.

About the Cast

Bill Corneth (Charles): This is Bill's fifth production with SVCT. He has appeared in *Annie*, *The Lion in Winter*, *California Suite*, and *Chapter Two*. He has also appeared in ten plays at Center Stage, the most recent being *Broken Up* which closed in January. In addition to the above, Bill has worked backstage countless times as either stage manager, or on the stage crew. He is also a member of the SVCT Board of Directors.



Carol Harris (Madame Arcati): No stranger to local audiences, Carol has appeared in productions at Center Stage and City lights and in SVCT's productions of *Annie*, *The Music Man*, *Company*, *Cole*, and *Side By Side*. When not acting, Carol has been known to direct, choreograph, costume, design sets, paint scenery, play the piano and direct orchestras. She has won the SVCT award for the most talent as well as

awards for acting, set design, and music direction. She is a music teacher in San Jose, and directs the AAUW and St. Catherine's choirs in Morgan Hill. Like Madame Arcati she is rather zany and loves to ride her bicycle.



Rosalind Farotte (Elvira): Rosalind received a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Santa Clara University and a M.A. in Theatre Arts from San Jose State. She has performed with SVCT and Center Stage for the past eighteen years. She has appeared in many productions with both groups and has received the Best Actress

award for her roles as Suzie in *Wait Until Dark* and Babe in *Crimes of the Heart*. She also, on occasion, takes on the role of producer and did so this past summer with *The Sound of Music*. Rosalind serves on the SVCT board, as well. She and her husband, Gordy, have two children Andy 11 and Elizabeth 8.

Marion Pintello (Ruth Condomine): Marion's theater experience includes acting, producing, directing, stage managing, and serving on SVCT's board of directors for nine years. In her "other life" she is an accountant for Parkland Properties. Besides theater and numbers, she is interested in the development and appreciation of local arts and culture, politics, bridge and laughing with friends and family.

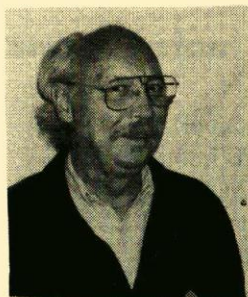


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Andrew Tidwell (Dr. Bradman): A newcomer to SVCT, Andrew has been active in theater for quite some time. Through various acting and directing activities his interest in serious theater has grown over time. Most memorable involvements have been leading parts in *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, *Mother Was a Freshman*, and various adaptations of *A Christmas Carol*. Through various theater roles, he has earned a lifetime

membership in the National Thespian Society.

Lynn Lawrence (Mrs. Bradman): This is Lynn's first stage play since high school. She has, however, been busy for the past 23 years playing many roles in real life. Being the mother of five children, ages 20 through 7, has kept her busy as cook, housekeeper, chauffeur, tutor, and all of the many other things that mothers do. Her other interests in life include working for a silk flower company and creating home decor for a local boutique shop. She also loves to attend cultural events with her husband Hal. Their favorites, of course, being the ones in which their children are performing.



Cindy Howell (Edith): Cindy is a 19 year-old sophomore in college. She is currently majoring in biology and minoring in Theatre Arts. She plans to become a high school teacher. Cindy enjoys dancing, hanging out with friends, and traveling. She is very excited to be in this show, and hopes everyone has a fantastic time.

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Blithe Spirit Ten Years Ago



In 1980, Gilroy Community Theater (now SVCT) presented *Blithe Spirit* in this very theater. The promotional poster above from that production features original artwork by Gilroy's Chuck Myer. The director for that show was GCT mainstay George (Jorge da) Costa. Mr. Costa also designed the set, for which lighting was designed and provided by GUSD's own Jim Maya.

The cast for GCT's 1980 production was

Edith	Karen Thorsen
Ruth	Sharon Heddon
Charles	Joe Kirk
Doctor Bradman	Cal Schlesinger
Mrs. Bradman	Sandra Rappazzini
Madame Arcati	Betsy Andrade
Elvira	Carol Maya

Members of the production team included the following: Lynette Williams, Louise Smith, Ed Perkins, Charles Barrena, Jannine Carrera, Mike Pacciorini, Marie Perkins, Georgette Ghielimette, Charles Krahenbuhl, Marje Probert, and Kai Lai.

Coming Attractions during our Upcoming 1990-91 Season!

MAME

Based on the Patrick Dennis novel "Auntie Mame," this brassy, breezy musical roars us back to the twenties. As the spirit of Mame bubbles throughout the evening you'll be convinced that "life is a banquet."

ALICE

Presented by SVCT's Young Performers, the eccentric characters from Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" find themselves in the most outlandish predicaments. Presented in conjunction with Gilroy Unified School District, this upbeat fantasy will charm the whole family.

SOMETHING'S AFOOT

This zany, entertaining musical takes a satirical poke at Agatha Christie mysteries and musical styles of the past. Our dinner theater "who dunnit?" promises good-natured nonsense.

THE PAJAMA GAME

Presented by SVCT's Teen Performers, the eternal battle between management and labor, man and woman, gets a tuneful set-up in this popular musical. Our local teens will sing, dance, and delight you in a fun-filled show presented in conjunction with Gilroy Unified School District.

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY

As a wealthy Philadelphia beauty plans her wedding, the antics of her family will surprise and amuse you. We promise an entertaining evening with a happy ending.

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