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# narnia

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as Aslan

Directed by CAROL HARRIS

Produced by MELINDA HOLLIS and ANGIE SAUER

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Your support has helped us to continue to grow and bring the excitement of quality live theatre to our community season after season. We are right to anticipate many more great years ahead!

# NARNIA

## The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe

by

C.S. Lewis



In the strange kingdom of Narnia there is a continuous struggle between good and evil.

As the four children enter the kingdom we are exposed to the greed and selfishness of Edmund.

He must go through a painful learning experience, but with Aslan's guidance he learns the values of loyalty, courage and

faith. The ancient prophecy of the four thrones is fulfilled and the world is made right again. We hope that all children will remember the lessons learned in *Narnia*.

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	Carol Harris
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### Producers' Notes

We want to thank the cast, crew, parents and all who have helped and guided us through our first production. It has been a difficult but rewarding experience. We thank you for coming and hope you enjoy the show.

Melinda Hollis  
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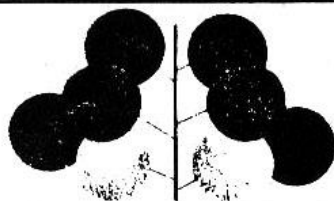
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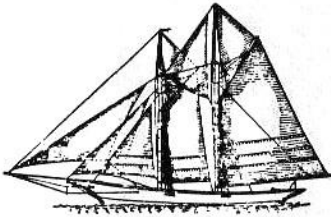
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## STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

CAROL HARRIS (**Director**) is well known to local audiences as an actress, director, musician and artist. During last year's season she directed the award-winning productions of SVCT's Something's Afoot and The Pajama Game. She has appeared recently in Jerry's Girls and Nunsense at Center Stage and in SVCT's production of Mame. A teacher in the Evergreen School District, Carol resides in Gilroy with her husband Dave.

NAOMI ALLEN (**Accompanist**) is the accompanist for the Gilroy High School Concert Choir and also accompanies many of the elementary school choirs in Gilroy. She has been a piano teacher for over 25 years. She is also the organist for her church. This is her first experience accompanying an SVCT production.

BETSY ANDRADE (**Director's Assistant**) has been involved with SVCT since 1978. She has performed in musicals, dramas, comedies as well as musical reviews. Betsy also wore the director's cap when she directed the young performers in Bye, Bye Birdie and the adults in the dinner show Same Time Next Year. For the past five years Betsy has been pursuing a career in film and TV work. She has appeared in several commercials and industrial films, and had a role in an NBC movie of the week last spring. Next spring Betsy will be directing the teens of SVCT in Grease.

**SHAWN KECK (Technical Director)** is 18 years old and has been involved with SVCT for the past four years. This semester he is attending Gavilan College and is majoring in Technical Theater. Shawn is currently the technical manager for the new South Valley Playhouse. Recently he was stage manager for SVCT's production of Oliver! and was this year's recipient of the Rosalie Andrews' Technical Award. Shawn is also stage manager for Gavilan College's production of The Phantom Highway and will be assistant stage manager for San Jose Civic Light Opera's upcoming production of Mame.

**JONATHAN GOULDING (Stage Manager)** is a 15 year old sophomore at Gilroy High School. He has been on light and stage crews for SVCT's Pajama Game, Philadelphia Story, and Oliver! He is also active in football, wrestling and swimming. After graduation he plans to continue his studies at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). He plans to pursue a career as an electrical engineer.

**DON O'NEIL (Lighting Director)** has been with SVCT since 1987. He has participated in nearly every show since he began and has served on the board for the last 2 seasons. Professionally, Don is an instrumentation engineer with Calspan Corp. at the NASA Ames Research Center. He is currently pursuing his BS in computer engineering at Foothill College and will be transferring to Santa Clara University in the fall of 1992.

## CAST LIST

White Stag	Tiana Brady
Peter	Evan Prieskop
Susan	Elissa Stebbins
Lucy	Brooke Hoffman
Edmund	Jason Dougherty
Professor/Aslan	Gary Caswell
Mrs. McCready & White Witch	Ruth E. Mullins
Tumnus	Samuel T. Sauer
Dwarf	Elizabeth Farotte
Mr. Beaver	Jason Huang
Mrs. Beaver	Crystal Bettencourt
Beaver Kids	Anthony Andrade
	Maureen McGinty
	Holly Bettencourt
	Sofia Costa
Fenris Ulf	Regina Filice
Father Christmas	Yani Bundros
Reindeer	Aaron Hittle
	Hillary Jensen
	Crystan Leas
	Gabriela Olivares
	Erica Saucedo
	Ellen Wood

### **Narnians:**

Statues	cat	Elise Little
	nymph	Whitney Pray
	dog	Tiffany Richards
	unicorn	Michelle Russell
	lamb	Elizabeth Sweeney
Bull		Dustin Hollis
Leopard		Hilary Little
Eagle Glimfeather		Stephen Hoshida



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Hag #2  
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Grayson Hittle  
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Wolf Cub

Andoni Bundros

# NARNIA

## The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES and Musical Contents

#### ACT I

- Overture: White Stag
- Scene 1: **Marbleton Manor**  
*Doors and Windows* Professor & Children
- Scene 2: **Narnian forest**  
*Turkish Delight* White Witch,  
Edmund, Dwarf
- Scene 3: **Tumnus' Cave**  
*Narnia (You Can't Imagine)* Tumnus
- Scene 4: **Narnia**  
*All of These* Children & Beavers
- Hot and Bothered* White Witch, Dwarf,  
Fenris, Edmund,  
Reindeer
- At Last It's Christmas* Father Christmas,  
Mr. & Mrs. Beaver,  
Children, Narnians
- Not a Bit A' Spring Can Do*  
Mr. & Mrs. Beaver
- Cair Paravel* Aslan, Peter,  
Susan, Lucy

## ACT 2

### Scene 1: **The Narnia Countryside**

The road that leads to the Stone Table

*Murder Today* Dwarf, White Witch,  
Fenris, Cruelies

*From the Inside Out* Aslan, Edmund

*Deep Magic* White Witch, Aslan,  
Cruelies, Narnians

### Scene 2: **Stone Table**

*Mother of Darkness* Cruelies

*A Field of Flowers* Susan, Lucy, Narnians

### Scene 3: **Courtyard of the White Witch**

*Catch Me If You Can* Aslan, Statues,  
Tumnus, Narnians

### Scene 4: **Cair Paravel**

*To Make the World Right Again*  
Aslan, Narnians,  
Tumnus, Children,  
Beaver kids

### Scene 5: **Marbleton Manor**

*Narnia (You Can't Imagine)*  
Professor, children

## CAST BIOGRAPHIES

**RUTH E. MULLINS (Mrs. Macready/White Witch)** has been involved with South Valley Theatre since the early 1980s. Audiences may remember her as Miss Hannigan (Annie), Nellie (South Pacific), Miss Marian (The Music Man), Mame (Mame). She has performed as a studio session vocalist, TV and radio actress, big band vocalist, church choir member, and SJSU Alumni Chorale member. Ruth E. wishes SVCT the best of luck in their new playhouse and thanks the kids for letting her come out and "play" with them!

**GARY CASWELL JR (Professor/Aslan)** made his stage debut 4 years ago in My Sister Eileen at Live Oak High. Since then, he has been very busy with the theater. Narnia is his 18th show. He was most recently seen in SVCT's Oliver! as the evil Bill Sikes. Other favorite roles have been Big Jule (Guys and Dolls), the Narrator (The Rocky Horror Show), Mr. Upson (Mame) and Lt. Shrank (West Side Story). Gary also appeared in SVCT's Camelot and The Sound of Music, as well as shows with Center Stage and Gavilan College also. Gary is very excited about this first show at our new playhouse, and wishes to thank Carol Harris, Ruth E. Mullins and all the talented young performers.

**TIANA BRADY (White Stag)** has appeared in two other SVCT plays, Alice and Oliver! She has been in one SJCLO play, The Wizard of Oz. She likes to sing, dance and act. In the future she hopes to go to college and study acting. She would like to become a professional actress someday. Tiana has been taking classical ballet for 8 years, classical piano for 5 1/2 years and takes tap and jazz. Tiana has been in San Jose Dance Theater's Nutcracker as a soldier and as a cookie at the Center for Performing Arts in San Jose. She attended COPA, a theatre workshop, and studies voice, acting, dancing and modeling. She attended STAR and got the lead role as Atalanta in the play, Atalanta.

**JASON DOUGHERTY (Edmund)** is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at South Valley Junior High. He has been in several stage and school productions and has appeared in a made-for-TV movie. He also plays both the trumpet and the piano. He has been in scouting for 4 years and hopes to achieve Eagle Scout in the next few years. He enjoys skiing, baseball and reading in his spare time.

**BROOKE E. HOFFMAN (Lucy)** made her SVCT debut as one of "Fagin's Boys" in this summer's Oliver!

Previously, she performed in three productions of the San Jose Dance Theatre's Nutcracker. Brooke is a member of the School Honor Choir in Gilroy and has studied classical ballet for nine years. Brooke's favorite place is Yosemite and she enjoys swimming and bike riding in her spare time. In the future, Brooks hopes to attend UCLA and major in theatre.

**ELISSA BETH STEBBINS (Susan)** is 10 years old and the youngest of 7 children. She is influenced by her family's talents in art, music, and drama and their flair for comedy which they freely share. Elissa's role as Susan Pevensie is her first lead in an SVCT production. She has also been in Mame with 4 other family members, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. She has performed many times, singing, dancing or playing piano at church, school and recitals. Elissa loves to collect shells, play with her 4-month-old nephew Adam, compose songs on the piano, write, and draw. She hopes to incorporate these interests into her future career.

**EVAN PRIESKOP (Peter)** has performed in both northern and southern California. With the Los Angeles Starmakers Company, Evan portrayed Ben in Tom Sawyer and the Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz. Evan sang in the advanced encore choir in Pasadena and currently sings with the Wayfarers, a San Jose-based madrigal group. An admittedly indifferent student in most school subjects, Evan nonetheless has a passion for science, fantasy games and the dulcimer. For entertainment (as if the dulcimer weren't enough) Evan also enjoys riding his bike, playing Nintendo and dreaming about (maybe-someday-oh-he-sure-hopes-if-only-he-can) being a professional actor.

**SAMUEL T. SAUER (Tumnus)** is 12 years old and attends South Valley Jr. High. He is interested in music, art, and woodworking. Theatre is a favorite with Sam. He has spent many hours involved not only in acting and singing, but in set construction and backstage work. He enjoyed his roles in Tom Sawyer, Amahl and the Night Visitors, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Mame, Oliver!, and is thrilled to have been chosen to portray Tumnus. In college Sam plans to study graphic art and animation and hopes to become an animator at the Disney Studios.

**ELIZABETH FAROTTE (Dwarf)** was last seen as the dormouse in SVCT's production of Alice. She also appeared in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Tom Sawyer, and The Music Man. She will be performing for the third year in San Jose Dance Theatre's production of The Nutcracker and appeared in their recent spring production of Alice Through the Looking Glass. Elizabeth has taken theater workshops with San Jose Children's Musical Theatre and the STAR program at Gavilan. She has studied ballet for five years and enjoys acting and dancing and "trying new things."

**REGINA FILICE (Fenris Ulf)** is 11 years old and a sixth grader at St. Mary's School. Her first theatrical performance was SVCT's Alice. Her other activities include playing softball in Gilroy's Little League, playing the piano and reading. Her love of animals has her thinking of a career in veterinary medicine when she grows up.



**JASON HUANG (Mr. Beaver)** is 11 years old and has been in 3 previous South Valley Civic Theatre plays: Li'l Abner, Tom Sawyer, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Jason loves the theatre and was influenced by his sister, Helen. Jason likes to play Nintendo, watch TV and loves collecting baseball cards. He loves sports and his favorite sports are baseball, softball, bowling and tennis. Jason is in the 7th grade at South Valley Junior High and wants to make the wrestling team. Jason's dream is to be on a major league baseball team.

**CRYSTAL BETTENCOURT (Mrs. Beaver)** has performed in several other SVCT productions. She attends Brownell School in Gilroy and is 12 years old. She has 2 sisters and 1 brother; her sister, Holly, plays her beaver kid in Narnia. She likes to play piano, read "Fear Street" books and make things. Her favorite pastime is playing and visiting with friends and listening to music. She plans to attend UCLA and become an actress.

**YANI BUNDROS (Father Christmas)** is 12 years old and attends South Valley Junior High. He was born in British Columbia, Canada. His hobbies are astronomy, singing, and acting. Yani was interested in astronomy when he was in first grade. He plans to become an astronaut when he grows older. Narnia is Yani's third play. He hopes to be in many more.

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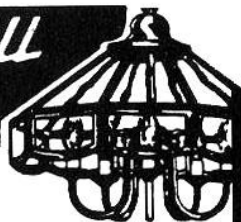
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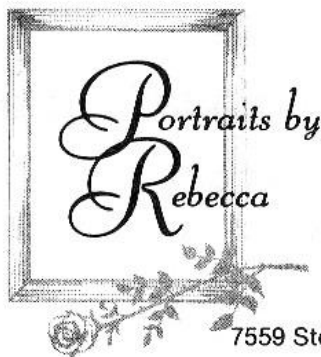
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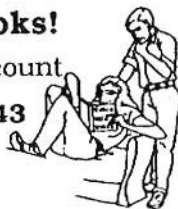
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DANCE ENTHUSIASTS include Erica Saucedo, Emilie Robb, Sofia Costa, and Whitney Pray.

SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS include swimmers Hillary Jensen and Amanda Stephens, gymnast Gabriela Olivares, and bicyclist Keith Spencer. Grayson Hittle, Stephen Hoshida, and Marcus Prieskop collect sports cards.

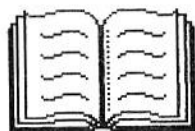
Most cast members have INTERESTING HOBBIES. Among them are Bryan Walton who builds models, Andrea Bertero who is active in student government at South Valley, and Maureen McGinty who likes to draw. Crystan and Camille Leas take acting lessons.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE call for Christina Richards to be an actress, David Dexter to be a pediatrician and Anthony Andrade to be a Navy pilot. Two future archaeologists are Rolf Siverson and Ellen Michelson.

DEBUTING ACTORS AND ACTRESSES are Andrew Richards, Cori Pfeffer, Jennifer Lazarus, Tiffany Richards, Christie Tognetti, Andoni Bundros, and Danielle Loveless.

SEASONED ACTORS AND ACTRESSES are Julie Pagan (28 shows), Ellen Wood (8), Aaron Hittle (7), Kathryn Zuhr (6), Beth Zuhr (5), Michelle Russell (5), Elizabeth Sweeney (5), Dustin Hollis (4), Andy Allen (4) and Amy Yarger (4).

All cast members, crew members, and production staff members share a common love for the theatre arts and an enthusiasm about belonging to the SVCT family!



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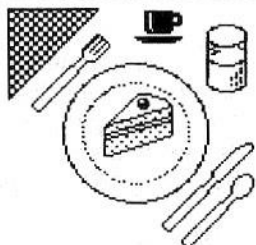
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### GREASE

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(open to students in grades 7-12)

Show Dates: Feb. 28 & 29,

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