

South Valley Civic Theatre Proudly Presents

Sleepy Hollow

Produced in arrangement with Pioneer
Drama Services, Inc.
by Jon Reed and April Ouellette

Directed by Colleen Tom

Book by Vera Morris

Music & Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

Based on the story by Washington Irving



Show dates & times:

Thursday, October 31st at 8:00 pm

Fridays: November 1st, 8th, and 15th at 8:00 pm

Saturdays: November 2nd, 9th and 16th at 8:00 pm

And Sunday, November 10th at 2:00 pm

Gilroy High School Theatre, 750 W. 10th St., Gilroy, CA

The President's Message

Welcome to the world of make-believe. SVCT has an exciting new season this year. Our lineup of shows will entertain young and old alike. We will open with the musical, *Gypsy*, followed by *Sleepy Hollow*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Follow That Rabbit*, and finally *Sugar*. We invite you not only to watch our shows as an audience member but also to take part in our shows on stage or backstage. We are Community Theater and we need you! We are a fun-loving group who like the smell of greasepaint and the roar of the crowd.

The City of Morgan Hill is progressing quickly with the construction of a theater facility. They purchased a historic church building and set about remodeling and expanding its size to make a nice performing arts center. It is located north of the intersection of Dunne Ave and Monterey Hwy. The construction project is expected to be complete in December of 2002. We are planning to make this theater our home. If all goes well, you will no longer have to find us as we roam about Gilroy and Morgan Hill looking for a venue in which to perform. The new theater will also provide some much needed creature comforts such as air conditioning and nice seating for our audience.

With the coming of our new facility, the need to sell SVCT memberships and season tickets is essential. When attending one of our shows, please consider the purchase of a membership. Your support will go a long way toward helping us bring quality theater performances to the stage. It is our goal to bring you great shows at a very low cost and we have been meeting that goal for over 32 years. There has never been a better time to be involved with SVCT as we embark on our new season of growth.

I wish to thank all who have supported our efforts in the past and those who will take part in our future. Most especially I thank you, our audience for your continued support.

Richard Kaiser, President—SVCT Board of Directors

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Sleepy Hollow cast

in alphabetical order

Stephen Bolaris	Yost Van Ripper
Lauren Castruita	Lisa Van Zandt
Alissa Castro	Margaret Van Breine
Emily Castro	Jan Van Reed
Mariah Caudill	Betsy Klaussen
Trista Caudill	Widow Van Doorn
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Anastasia Crisp	Lena Van Tropp
Hannah Curd	Laura Van Twiller
Jessica Damron	Ilsa Gund
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Carson Dean	Farmer Stuyvesant
Brittany Drake	Mrs. Van Tassel
Jakub Fiedorowicz	Guilliam
Megan Hamik	Johanna Van Tropp
Adrian Haskell	Walter Van Twiller
Nick Haskell	Ichabod Crane
Anne Hildebrand	Hilda Van Hudson
Erin Kinkel	the Woman in White
Cari Love	Breita
Summer Luther	Jenny Van Dutcher
Claire Matt	Mrs. Trenkler
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Danielle O'Hara	Wilda Van Twiller
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Sarah Reinartz	Nikki Van Steinwyck
Zac Rzesniowiecki	Hendrick Van Foost
David I. Sandhu	Brom Bones
Nicole Sardella	Star Girl
Stacy Spence	Mrs. Van Brunt
Jordan Stephens	Greta
Matt Zurich	Pastor Bertholf, Blatus Van Tassel, Hans

The play takes place in the town of Sleepy Hollow, a Dutch farming community near New York, in the early 1800s.

Sleepy Hollow

Act I



- Scene 1: Graveyard
Scene 2: Sleepy Hollow Village Square
 - Superstitious Yankee Folk
 - Brom BonesScene 3: Van Hudson's House / School
 - Man of Means
 - Spare the RodScene 4: Van Hudson's House / Graveyard
 - Legend DancesScene 5: Graveyard
 - Woman in White Ballet

Act II

- Scene 1: Church / Graveyard
 - Ichabod Must Go
 - Katrina Won't You Let Me Walk You HomeScene 2: Graveyard
 - Star GirlScene 3: Schoolhouse / Graveyard
 - Ghosts in the Graveyard
 - Indian DanceScene 4: Widow Van Dorn's House
Scene 5: Katrina's Party
 - Minuet
 - Grasshopper
 - HeadlesshorsemanScene 6: Graveyard
Scene 7: Graveyard

Production Staff

Director	Colleen Tom-Chipman
Producers	April Ouellette & Jon Reed
Vocal/Musical Director	James Chipman
Choreographer	April Ouellette
Costume Coordinator	Kathy Tom
Stage Manager	Chase Ouellette
Set Designer	Larry Tom
Lighting Design	Colleen Tom-Chipman
Master Carpenter	Larry Tom
Recording Pianist	Chris Eves
Prop Master/Mistress	Zana Vartanian, Steve Curd, & Lauren Curd
Light Managers	Nicole Tom & Colleen Tom-Chipman
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Program	Nicole Tom
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Stage Crew

Jennifer Bennett	Liz Paz	Dan Martin
Mike Damron	Larry Tom	Jon Reed

Set Building and Painting Crew

Chris Bennett	Jim Bennett	Jim Bray
Dennis Castro	James Chiman	Cory Damron
Janet Espinosa	Stephanie Hamik	Jaime Haskell
Nancy Hildebrand	Becky Kaiser	Rich Kaiser
Monica Love	Eadie Luther	Bruce O'Hara
Renee O'Hara	Rod Pintello	Jon Reed
Chris Reynolds	Ron Rzesniowiecki	Steve Spencer
Diane Stephens	Colleen Tom-Chipman	Zana Vartanian

and many of the *Sleepy Hollow* cast members

A special thanks to Mike Damron for the vital role he has played during this show.

Staff Obituaries

Colleen Tom-Chipman—Director

Colleen has been heavily involved in theatre for most of her life. After being very active in the International Thespian Society, she is torn between her love of acting, directing, and being on the technical staff. She has worked with and directed for many other theatre groups, but has been with SVCT almost exclusively since her role as "Laurey" in *Oklahoma*. She met her husband in SVCT's production of *My Fair Lady*, and got married part way through *Sleepy Hollow*. She thanks her teens for putting in so much hard work and dedication to make this show great. Her new brothers go on European tours and like to lick monkey toes.

April Ouellette—Co-producer

Sleepy Hollow is April's second time producing and third attempt at choreographing a show for SVCT. The first was Charlotte's Web in 2000. She has over 25 years of dance experience and has been in shows with SVCT since 1992, including *South Pacific*, *Anything Goes*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Bleacher Bums*, *Secret Garden*, and *My Fair Lady*. When she's not doing theatre, she's water skiing with her husband of 25 years. April has really enjoyed working with the young performers in *Sleepy Hollow*.

Jon Reed—Co-producer

This is the fourth show that Jon has co-produced for SVCT. He has also appeared in a number of their shows. In the last year he played Col. Pickering in *My Fair Lady* and Sgt. Troughton in *Run for Your Wife*. From Colonel to Sergeant to Producer - is there a trend here? In any case, he really enjoys watching the younger actors bring out their talents, and he has always enjoyed working with this talented and hard working production staff. At least, unlike the horseman, they really have their heads on straight.

James Chipman—Music Director

Whether in the pit or on stage, James has been involved in several musical productions, including *The King and I*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Annie*, *And It Came To Pass*, *The Secret Garden*, and *My Fair Lady*. He recently graduated with a degree in music and intends to teach and be involved with music throughout his life. He is better than Colleen at chess.

Cast Obituaries

Stephen Bolaris—Yost Van Ripper

Stephen Bolaris, 15 years of age, attends Bellarmine College Preparatory. New to theatrics, he generally tends to deal with computers and animals.

Lauren Castruita—Lisa Van Zandt

Lauren Castruita loves the color red and Dalmatians. Sometimes she chews her nails when she gets bored. She's very, very talkative. You can make her laugh easily. She is 12 and goes to Brownell Academy. When she's home she likes to talk on the phone.

Alissa Castro—Margaret Van Breine

Alissa, a 10-year-old in the 5th grade, is the current student body President of Eliot School. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, acting, gymnastics, and softball. She has been in *Going, Going, Gone With The Wind*, *Millennium Live*, was "Tinkerbell" in *Peter Pan*, "Lamb" in *Charlotte's Web*, and "Gabby" in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. When Alissa was 3-years-old, she first saw Marilyn Monroe in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* and loved it! That's when she decided she wants to be an actor when she grows up. Her dream is to play the role of Marilyn Monroe.

Emily Castro—Jan Van Reed

Emily is 11-years-old and in the 6th grade at Brownell Academy. This is Emily's sixth play, the last being SVCT's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. She has also been in SVCT's *Charlotte's Web*. Her hobbies are singing, dancing, collecting rocks and seashells, football, and softball.

Mariah Caudill—Betsy Klaussen

Mariah Caudill is 12-years-old. She goes to Brownell Academy. She likes to act a lot—in the past she did *Cinderella*, and now she is here doing the play *Sleepy Hollow*.

Trista Caudill—Widow Van Doorn

Though Trista has been in drama for many years, this is her first play outside of the school. Speaking of school, she is 15-years-old and a sophomore at Gilroy High. Her hobbies include playing the guitar and writing. She hopes you enjoy the performance.

Danny Chipman—Balt Van Breine

Danny Chipman is 13-years-old and currently attends Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill. This is his first show, but he intends to be in more. His favorite things to do are eating, sleeping, rollerblading, listening to music, and being in plays.

Anastasia Crisp—Lena Van Tropp

Performing, dancing, riding horses, and math are the things Anastasia loves to do most. She has been dancing since she was 3-years-old. Last year she suffered a knee injury, which took her out of dance. She thought she would give theater a try, so she tried out for the school play and received the role of "Cinderella." When she is not at play practice you can catch her horseback riding or doing math homework. She's in the 6th grade at St. Mary School. She wants to say "Hi" to all her friends, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Hannah Curd—Laura Van Twiller

Hannah Curd is 12-years-old. This is her second show with SVCT. She loves all animals and lives on a farm. She loves theatre because she meets new people, learns new things, and loves the experience. Hannah loves to rollerblade and have fun with her friends. She has been in dance for 1 year and enjoys it very much.

Jessica Damron—Isa Gund

Jessica Damron is 11¾-years-old. She had been in 3 SVCT shows. Jessica loves to be in theatre because it's fun. Jessica has been practicing baton for 6 years.

Tyler Damron—Diedrich Van Hyde

Tyler Damron is 13-years-old. This is his second show with SVCT. Tyler likes to play video games and loves to do math. Tyler thinks that he might also do SVCT's upcoming show *Follow That Rabbit*.

Carson Dean—Farmer Stuyvesant

This is Carson's 2nd SVCT production. He's come a long way from playing the back end of the cow in *Gypsy*! He has a passion for performing in theatre as well as playing drums in his own punk band. Carson is also involved in drama at Monte Vista Christian School, where he is a freshman. He looks forward to encountering new experiences in the future as a celebrity of some sort.

Brittany Drake—Mrs. Van Tassel

Brittany is 15-years-old and has done many theatre productions, not only with SVCT but also with John Bisceglie and other companies. Brittany is a junior at Gilroy High and in her spare time she enjoys dancing, singing, acting, and just hanging out with her friends. She has very much enjoyed being a part of *Sleepy Hollow* and hopes you have as much fun watching it as she has being in it.

Jakub Fiedorowicz—Guilliam

Jakub Fiedorowicz is 15-years-old and was born in Poland. This is his very first show. He likes to swim, bike, ski, play on the computer, talk to friends, and, most of all, GIRLS. He hopes you enjoy the show.

Megan Hamik—Johanna Van Tropp

Megan is a 7th grader at Brownell Academy. She is on the yearbook staff and in the Honor Choir. She enjoys performing in plays, horseback riding, swimming, and gymnastics.

Adrian Haskell—Walter Van Twiller

Adrian is in the 6th grade at the Charter School of Morgan Hill where his favorite subject is science. He likes to play soccer, video games and perform in plays. This is Adrian's second show with SVCT. He played a dwarf in last year's production of *Snow White*. He's having loads of fun with the cast of *Sleepy Hollow*. He hopes you enjoy the show.

Nick Haskell—Ichabod Crane

Nick Haskell, a 15-year-old sophomore at Bellarmine College Prep, is pleased to be in this show, even though it is voraciously devouring his free time. It, in fact, is his first real "big" lead and he is happy to be sharing it with such a wonderful cast. You most likely saw Nick last in *The Wiz*, where he played the haplessly snobbish Gatekeeper. In his free time (hah! What free time?) he enjoys schooling his friends at cards, schooling his friends at Quake, and getting beaten by his friends. Enjoy the show, you wonderful audience members! Also, beware of rabid squirrels, such as David I. Sandhu.

Anne Hildebrand—Hilda Van Hudson

Anne Hildebrand has been in SVCT and STAR plays since 1995. Currently, she is also in Gilroy High's *Jason + Medea*. She is a 14-year-old freshman.

Erin Kinkel—the Woman in White

Erin Kinkel is a 14-year-old freshman at Monte Vista High School in Watsonville. This is Erin's first play with SVCT, but she has been in many others such as *Annie*, *Babes in Arms*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Chat Bouteé*. Even though this play has taken up some of her free time, she has enjoyed watching the scenes develop into a wonderful show. Besides acting, she also enjoys practicing and teaching gymnastics, hanging out with friends, and just being the energetic goof she is. Erin would like to thank all of her family and friends for all the support they have given her in this play and in life situations. Happy Halloween!

Cari Love—Breita

Tonight Cari is participating in SVCT's production *Sleepy Hollow*. This is the second play she has done with SCVT, though the first play—the production of *The Little Mermaid*—was when she was only 10-years-old. She is now 16 and attending the high school you are presently in attendance at. Thank you for coming and she hopes you enjoy the show.

Summer Luther—Jenny Van Dutcher

Summer Luther is 12-years-old and goes to Brownell Academy. She loves dancing and acting. She also likes to play basketball and football. This is her first play. She loves dogs and also likes to go to the movies.

Claire Matt—Mrs. Trenkler

Claire Matt is a freshman at Gilroy High School. This is her first play with South Valley Civic Theatre and one of her many hobbies. She is on the Varsity Cross Country team, and is raising a steer for the 2003 Santa Clara County Fair as a member of the Gilroy FFA at school. She also participates in the school Drama Club, and enjoys reading, drawing, and chatting with friends. She and the rest of the cast and crew have worked diligently to bring you the best of entertainment through *Sleepy Hollow*, and hope you enjoy the show!

Natalie McBride—Mrs. Van Hudson

Natalie, age 15, is a sophomore at GHS. She was in her first play at age 4 and has performed in a hefty amount of plays since then. Last summer in *Annie* (STAR), Natalie had a blast being "Miss Hannigan," one of her few lead roles. When Natalie isn't doing shows or having oodles of fun in school, she enjoys drawing, painting, sculpting, reading, writing, and watching horror, action, and cult classic films. She's also a member of the GHS drama club. Natalie would like to say thanks

to her mom, Katherine, her “kindred spirit,” Nick, and all the people who used their wonderful reasoning skills and came to see *Sleepy Hollow*. Although Natalie would love to continue writing about herself in third person, she’s going to say goodbye and thanks again for coming.

Danielle O’Hara—Wilda Van Twiller

Danielle is a 7th grader at Brownell Academy. She is 12-years-old. She enjoys sports and shopping. This is her first performance.

Nicole Rayner—Katrina Van Tassel

Nicole is 13-years-old, and attends Britton Middle School. This is Nicole’s 17th play; she has been performing since she was 6-years-old. Some of her favorite roles were playing “Snow White” in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* with SVCT, playing “Grace” in *Annie* with STAR, and performing in *Summer in the City* with John Bisceglie. She also played Ivy” in *Little Shop of Garlic*. She is thrilled to be cast as “Katrina” in *Sleepy Hollow* and hopes you enjoy the show. As always, she is looking forward to the next audition!

Sarah Reinartz—Nikki Van Steinwyck

Sarah Reinartz is 12-years-old and in the 7th grade at Brownell Academy. She enjoys singing, playing softball, and doing gymnastics. She has done previous plays at her old school twice every year for 5 years.

Zac Rzesniowiecki—Hendrick Van Foost

Zac Rzesniowiecki is almost 13, and he goes to Britton. He enjoys doing theater after school, and has been in three shows so far. These include *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, Live Oak’s *The Wizard of Oz*, and he was a tech for *Gypsy*. He also has a crazy sister who writes short stories in French on his arm. And always remember: a slug in the hand is worth two in the bathtub.

David J. Sandhu—Brom Bones

Aaagh! Aaagh! Who’s the freak on stage? Oh...that’s David. Actually, this is David’s 13th SVCT show. He enjoys doing theatre and performing for people. He also enjoys playing in his awesome rock band, “Aydl the Poet.” He writes the songs and is the front man playing guitar. He loves to hang with his pals, listen to music, and, like any typical male, girls! David is a bachelor and a great date. David hopes you enjoy the show and asks that you watch out for Rabid Squirrels.

Nicole Sardella—Star Girl

Whut up, whut up! This herre chick is downright 15 and she's up doing school at St. Francis High. She's down with this actin' biz and all proffessional like since she's done *The Wiz* and *Charlotte's Web* up in this acting company. This sick girl gets jiggy on the St. Francis dance team, chills wit her feminitos, and checkin' all them hot young papas out. This sistas shoutin' out to all y'all from Mogan Hill. She hopes y'all 'ill enjoy da show. Peace!

Stacy Spence—Mrs. Van Brunt

Stacy Spence is a 16-year-old junior attending Gilroy High School. This is her first opportunity to appear in a SVCT play, although this is not her first performance. Stacy participated in six plays produced by the Rucker Theatre Arts Program and has been looking forward to returning to the stage. After high school, Stacy hopes to attend a university in Southern California in order to pursue an acting career.

Jordan Stephens—Greta

Jordan Stephens is a freshman who attends Gilroy High School. This is her third show with SVCT. You may remember her from *The Wiz* as a part of the Mice Squad. She enjoys everything that is a part of theatre: singing, dancing, and, of course, acting. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Matt Zunich—Pastor Berthoff, Blatus Van Tassel, Hans

Matt is 15-years-old. He is a huge fan of *Star Wars* and loves special effects. He goes to St. Lawrence Academy. His hobbies are playing cards, playing video games, and... studying. This is his first show, so he plans to make it a good one.

The Cast and Crew of *Sleepy Hollow* would like to thank:

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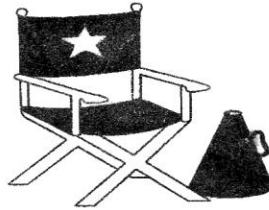
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