

South Valley Civic Theatre

Resident Company of the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse

Presents:



By Ken Ludwig

Morgan Hill Community Playhouse

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The SVCT President's Message

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be an actor in community theater? Well, you will find out when we take you backstage as SVCT presents the hilarious farce, *Moon Over Buffalo*. In this case, the theater is in Buffalo, and although it is also in the state of New York, it is a long way from Broadway. Trapped in this repertory Siberia the troupe's stars are preparing for just another routine, humdrum day in the theater ... or is it? -

I am pleased to welcome all of you to the opening of SVCT's exciting 2004-2005 season. We have just concluded our first full year in the wonderful refurbished Morgan Hill Community Playhouse and it was one of our best seasons ever! At the end of each season SVCT has its annual "Members' Choice" awards celebration – our version of the Oscars – and for last season *Peter Pan* was the winner of Best Show for the year. If you are not already a member of SVCT then I encourage you to join today, and you can cast *your* vote for next year's winners!

For this next year we again have an outstanding series of shows for your enjoyment. Following *Moon Over Buffalo* will be the teen show, *Once Upon a Mattress*, a terrific comedy based on the fable "Princess and the Pea." We will also perform *Honk!*, the story of the "Ugly Duckling", *The Fantasticks* (which was the longest-running show on Broadway), and end the year with the children's production of *Aladdin*. I hope that you will come out to see all of these great productions, and if you feel the urge, to join us onstage or behind the scenes!

SVCT is a non-profit organization and all of our performers and stage crew are volunteers. We exist through the support from you, the audience. In addition to attending this performance, you can further support us by purchasing a season ticket or by becoming a member of SVCT. Membership is inexpensive and brings additional benefits, including discounted tickets and the chance to vote in our annual "Members Choice" awards.

And now, sit back and prepare yourselves for a fun and unforgettable performance. Enjoy the show!

Larry Tom
President, South Valley Civic Theatre



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Place and Time

**1953 Buffalo, New York
Backstage and on stage at the
Erlanger Theater**

ACT ONE

A mid-morning in June

ACT TWO

Scene One: Two hours later

Scene Two: Immediately following

Scene Three: Two hours later

Director's Note:

A show like *Moon Over Buffalo* is particularly fun for a community theater group because it is a farce about the theater. It offers the opportunity to poke fun at a thing that we love, the theater, and therefore at ourselves. Anyone who has participated in community theater has stories of the funny, often unintended, things that happen on stage and backstage during shows. It is part of the joy of community theater. You will see our exceptionally talented cast of SVCT veterans and newcomers take delight in portraying some of the worst nightmares of actors on stage. Sit back and enjoy the misadventures of what can happen in a green room.

Cast Biographies

Rosalind Farotte

Rosalind received a BA in Theater Arts from Santa Clara University and an MA in theater Arts from San Jose State. She was last seen as Ruth in SVCT's production of *Blithe Spirit*. She has performed with Pintello Comedy Theater, Center Stage, Gavilan College, John Bisceglie Presents and SVCT. Some of her credits include *King Lear*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *Nunsense*, *Holiday Snap*, *The Foreigner*, *The Odd Couple*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Vanities*, and *Crimes of the Heart*. She hopes you enjoy *Moon Over Buffalo*.

Charlotte Hay

Tom Hepner

Tom was born in Napa, CA and lived the first 18 years of this life at a State Mental Hospital. For continued therapy, he has been performing on various stages since he was 12. This is Tom's 15th play with SVCT. He has also performed at Center Stage, Pintello Comedy Theater, and San Jose Light Opera. Tom is also a founding member of the local rock band "The Corvairs", who continue to thrive since his departure. Tom would like to point out that while he routinely gets cast as a drunken womanizer who lacks most social graces, he rarely engages in these activities outside the theater AND is loved and adored by his wife of 34 years...wherever she is.

George Hay

Carol Harris

Having just retired from a long career in teaching, Carol is delighted to be on stage again playing another zany role. A native Buffalonian, Carol spent her first 25 years there developing a love of the arts and observing many moons over Buffalo theaters. She thanks Kae and Marie for the hours of fun while holding a paintbrush and getting green. Her performance is dedicated to her loving family, Dave, Nancy, David and Tom.

Ethel

Lane Grover

This is Lane's third performance with SVCT. He has also been seen as B.J. Gibson in *1940's Radio Hour* and as Sky Masterson in the recent production of *Guys & Dolls*. He has the pleasure of sharing the stage with many veteran performers and would like to thank them for their support. While not acting or working, Lane also enjoys playing the guitar and singing. Now that he is done with rehearsals, he will have a chance to make progress on his ever growing honey-do list at his new home. "Love you, Sweetpea."

Paul

Cast Biographies

Allyson Finn

Having just completed high school in June, this 19-year-old has taken what is left of her brain and sanity, and has entered full-throttle into the realm of aunt-hood. She spends her days raising and lassoing up her 4-year-old niece and 1-year-old nephew, whom she thanks for keeping her childhood spirit alive. More thanks go out to the special support she receives from loved ones, and to the wonderfully talented cast, with whom it has been a pleasure and inspiration to work with.

Rosalind

Peter Mandel

Peter is delighted to be part of this talented cast of *Moon Over Buffalo*. Previously, he has performed in SVCT's production of *Guys and Dolls*, *1940's Radio Hour*, *Gypsy*, and *How to Succeed In Business*. He has also appeared in Tabard Theater Company's production of Neil Simon's *Fools*, and Saratoga Drama Group's production of *The Goodbye Girl*. Special thanks to his family for their support during this production and all his time away from home.

Howard

Bill Corneth

Bill has been appearing on South County Stages for 25 years, including Center Stage, SVCT, and Pintello Comedy Theatre. His last SVCT appearance was in the comedy *Run For Your Wife*, a dinner show done upstairs at the Old City Hall. Last year Bill was Stage Manager for *Lend Me A Tenor*, which was the 1st play done in this beautiful theatre, and written by the same author as *Moon Over Buffalo*. Over the years when not in a show, he's been Stage Manager, Stage Crew, running Lights & Sound, Prop Master, Rehearsal Secretary, co-Producer, and a member of SVCT's Board of Directors. And every weekend Bill can be found working in the tasting room of Solis Winery. After about a two year absence from SVCT's stage, Bill is very excited to be doing his 34th play with such a fun, and extremely talented cast.

Richard



Cast/Staff Biographies

Elena Grover

Eileen

Elena is pleased to join her husband, Lane, on stage in her first SVCT production. Her previous theatre experience includes being an audience member and passing out programs. She works for the American Red Cross as a Lead Caseworker in Emergency Services. Elena would like to thank all the cast and crew for making this such a fun experience, as well as everyone who encouraged her to get on stage.

Steve Spencer

Director

Steve and his family have been residents of South County since 1979. He has been involved with SVCT since 1994 as an actor, board member and director. Most recently Steve appeared on stage as Henry Saunders in *Lend Me a Tenor*, and he directed *Blithe Spirit* in August of 2003. Steve is pleased to be involved with this wonderful comedy, and to be working on a show with his wife Kae (co-producer), the extremely talented and dedicated cast and crew have made this a joyous experience.

Kae Jenny-Spencer

Producer

Moon Over Buffalo has gotten Kae out of the closet. Not that closet the costume closet. She is making her theatrical debut as a co-producer. She has been involved with SVCT as a costume designer and seamstress since 1994. You may remember her as Mazeppa, the trumpet blowing stripper with a gimmick, in *Gypsy*. Kae is grateful to have the expertise of Marie Haluza, her co-producer, to learn from. She is very happy to be working with her talented husband Steve.

Marie Haluza

Producer

Marie followed her daughter, Shelly, to the theater 6 years ago. She has been a board member for 5 years and *Moon Over Buffalo* marks her 5th producing effort. This year you can also find her serving on the MH Independence Day board as treasurer. She would like to thank Kae for all of her hard work and her family for their support. Marie thanks the great cast & crew for making this an enjoyable experience.

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