

South Valley Civic Theatre
Celebrates 40 Years!
Our 2008-2009 Season Opens With



The Disney's Jungle Book KIDS

The title 'The Disney's Jungle Book KIDS' is rendered in a playful, stylized font. 'The' is in orange, 'Disney's' is in orange script, 'Jungle' and 'Book' are in large green block letters with orange outlines, and 'KIDS' is in orange block letters. The title is flanked by two green monstera leaves. Below the title, there are four orange paw prints arranged in a line.

Directed by Dave Leon

Musical Direction by Carol Harris & Choreography by Misty Reese

Based on the the novel by Rudyard Kipling, and on the Disney animated film

Music & Lyrics by Richard M Sherman, Robert B Sherman, & Terry Gilkyson
Book & Additional Lyrics by Marcy Heisler Arrangement by Bryan Louiselle

Produced by Beric Dunn and Danny Dunn, through special arrangement with
Music Theatre International (MTI) 421 West. 54th St. New York, NY 10019

Message From the President:

South Valley Civic Theatre is bursting with pride and excitement as we begin our 40th anniversary season with *The Jungle Book*, featuring over 40 talented young actors. From our humble beginnings as the Gilroy Community Theatre, we have grown into a diverse group featuring actors and staff from communities to our south, north, east and west. Although our focus is theater, we are involved in local events such as the Morgan Hill Fourth of July Parade, The Mushroom Mardi Gras, The Taste of Morgan Hill, the Gilroy Garlic Festival and Memorial Day Parade, as well as presenting free performances by our young actors at local libraries.

In celebration of our 40th anniversary, we are holding a gala event in early 2009. Complete with dinner, entertainment, and a nostalgic trip back through our past 40 seasons, this special evening is sure to sell out. Keep watch for more information.

SVCT is a non-profit organization supported by ticket sales, memberships, concession sales, donations and grants. We are a volunteer organization made up of community members of all ages and from all walks of life, who have a passion for the theater and commitment to our vision for bringing quality theater to South County and beyond.

Tickets to our shows make unique gifts for family and friends. Consider our Holiday production of *It's a Wonderful Life* combined with dinner at a local restaurant as this year's holiday treat. Check our website: <http://www.svct.org> or pick up a brochure in the lobby for more information on show dates and how to order tickets.

If you are a regular to our theater I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you have not done so already, please consider becoming a member of SVCT. Please stop by the membership table in the lobby during intermission for more information or to join today. In addition to helping SVCT financially, membership brings additional benefits including discounted tickets and voting privileges.

Be sure to add your name to our mailing list in the lobby to guarantee receiving audition, performance and season ticket notices. We thank you for your patronage as an audience member and welcome and encourage you to become involved onstage as well as behind the scenes.

Now, get ready to monkey around as our young players present *Disney's The Jungle Book Kids!*

Carol F. Harris

President, SVCT Board of Directors

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In the Jungle

Mowgli:	Jaime Walling	
Bagheera:	Samantha Birtola	
Baloo:	Dominick Lucido	
Shere Kahn:	Amy Reyes	
Shanti/Coconut Tree:	Bridget Harnett	
Colonel Hathi:	Alyssa Nowlen	
Elephants:	Austin Heiser Hannah Hudson Lainie Moniz	Emily Barham Katrina Hansen Nathan Cummings
Wolves:	Eleanor Harnett Machiel de Groot	Victor de Groot
Kaa the Snake:	Kelsey Griffin Haley Brogan Emily Carrillo	Rachel Foster Emily Sherratt Mary Foster
Bees:	Megan Carrillo Nia Lyn	Adrienne Garfias
Flowers:	Julie Cortez	Meghan Jernigan
Trees:	Charlotte Musich	Natalie Kakalec
Vultures:	Kathryn McGill McKenna Miles	Callie Camacho-Light Kristi Martinez-Kisso
King Louie:	Jacob Philip Garcia	
Old Monkey:	Taylor Cupples	
Monkeys:	Melinda Colbert Tesslyn Hamilton Rosie Hudson Danielle Moore Samantha Quijano	Niamh Haller Jessica Hess Jacob Mazon Sunny Musich
Monkey Chorus:	Emily Barham Emily Carrillo Machiel de Groot Rachel Foster Kelsey Griffin Eleanor Harnett Hannah Hudson Alyssa Nowlen	Haley Brogan Nathan Cummings Victor de Groot Mary Foster Katrina Hansen Austin Heiser Lainie Moniz Emily Sherratt

Sounds of the Jungle

Act 1

<i>Jungle Prologue</i>	Cast
<i>Kaa The Snake</i>	Jungle
<i>Trust In Me</i>	Kaa the Snake
<i>Night Into Day</i>	Jungle
<i>Colonel Hathi's March</i>	Elephants
<i>Baloo The Bear</i>	Jungle
<i>The Bear Necessities</i>	Baloo, Mowgli, Cast
<i>Monkey Business</i>	Cast

There will be a 20 minute intermission

Act 2

<i>I Wan'na Be Like You</i>	King Louie, Baloo, Monkeys
<i>I Wan'na Be Like You Reprise</i>	Baloo
<i>Shere Khan The Tiger</i>	Shere Kahn
<i>Mowgli Runs</i>	Jungle, Mowgli
<i>That's What Friends Are For</i>	Vultures
<i>The Battle</i>	Baloo, Shere Kahn, Jungle
<i>The Bare Necessities-Reprise</i>	Cast

Director's Notes

Welcome to the Jungle, everyone!

*I want to take this space to reiterate the hard work that all of the production team has done: Lance's set design, which Carol and Glynis ran with and made into the spectacular set that goes well above and beyond anything I could have hoped for; Carol for her work in getting the cast to sing so well; Danny, Beric and Loritta for making sure the i's were dotted and t's crossed; Steve, who makes the complicated sound cues seem easy; Terri, who worked until the very last minute to make sure the costumes were *just* right - as a matter of fact, she's probably backstage sewing something now!*

And a very special thanks to the parents who volunteered to make costumes, help with makeup, sets, props, and most importantly, wrangle all of our jungle animals backstage!

As you can see, my job is pretty easy compared to the other folks who make the show look so good. I can't thank them enough.

My special thanks goes, of course, to the cast. They're a good group of kids, and I know you're going to enjoy watching them in action. If you love the show - and I know you will - they deserve all the credit for their hard work over the past 7 weeks.

With that, I invite you to take a trip with us to the jungle, where the story of a little orphan boy awaits...

Out of the Jungle

Director:	Dave León
Producers:	Beric Dunn & Danny Dunn
Native Guide & Interpreter:	Loritta Bonfante Johnson
Vocal Director:	Carol Harris
Choreographer:	Misty Reese
Stage Manager:	Beth Dewey
Dance Captains:	Katherine McGill, McKenna Miles
Costume Design:	Carol Harris
Costume Coordinator:	Terri Miles
Costume Fitter/Seamstress:	Robin DeLeeuw
Makeup Designer:	Alika Spencer
Set Design:	Lance LaShelle
Master Carpenter:	Frank McGill
Load-In Chief:	Ritch Kaiser
Scenic Artist:	Glynis Crabb, Carol Harris
Set Decoration:	Loritta Bonfante Johnson, Beth Dewey
Propmistress:	Lori Foster
Props:	Beth Harnett, Joyce Nehlsen
Lobby Design:	Michelle Griffin
Headshots:	Racheal Vargas
Archival Photography:	Beric Dunn, Bill Hudson, Kathy & Nikki Tom
Video Recording:	Mauricio Quijano
Lighting Designer:	Beric Dunn
Sound Engineer:	Stephen Porter
Lighting Board:	Florante Cortez, Blayne-Paul Foster
Followspot:	Greg Camacho-Light
Sound Assistants:	Matthew Garcia, Feliciano Moniz
Backstage:	Janelle Cummings, Madison Cupples, Denie Cupples, Mary Hamilton, Beth Harnett, Virginia Martinez-Kisso, Melissa Moore
Front of House Managers:	Valicity & Bill Hudson, Cindy Walling
Concessions:	Christine Carillo Ann Barham, Virginia Martinez-Kisso, Cathy & Mark Jernigan, Nancy & Scott Sherratt
...and for Everything Else:	<i>The wonderful families of our cast!</i>

Thanks a Bunch!

All Tropical Palms, Hollywood Video of Gilroy, San Benito Theatre Company, Tabard Theatre Company, The Harker School, Debbie Lazzarino, Morgan Hill Downtown Association, Nob Hill Markets, Janelle Cummings, Robin DeLeeuw, Jerry Duarte, Kezian Dunn, Susan Foster, Jindy Garfias, Mark Jernigan, Ritch Kaiser, Joyce Nehlsen, Bruce O'hara, April Ouellette, The Renek Family, Renee Roberts, Kathy Tom



The Gypsy Robe

The Gypsy Robe is a time-honored theatre tradition dating back to the 1950's.

During each production, a member of the chorus is honored for their contribution to the cast and the production. In Community Theatre, the "Gypsy" is the chorus member who most exemplifies the community spirit of the show. Recipients of the Gypsy Robe infuse the production with positive energy and goodwill. They provide a shining example of teamwork and dedication, and bring out the best in their fellow cast members and crew.

The Gypsy Robe is awarded on Opening Night. The wearer traditionally circles the stage counterclockwise three times to bring good fortune to the production and luck to the cast and crew. During the run of the show, the "Gypsy" is responsible for attaching a memento of the show to the robe, and returning it to the theatre on closing so that the tradition may carry on.

The Producers of The Jungle Book are proud to award the South Valley Civic Theatre Gypsy Robe for this production to the youngest recipient in SVCT history:

Mary Foster

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Dedications

To the Jungle Book Cast:

*"To jungle creatures and humans too;
Ooh, ooh, ooh, I wanna' sing like you!"
-Carol*

To the families of our cast,

We have been constantly amazed by the hard work and dedication of the parents of our cast. You have made magic for your children, and we thank you for making this a wonderful journey for them and for us.

With Gratitude - Your Producers, Beric and Danny

To Mary Foster - Congratulations on your very first role in theater production! We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing your wonderful performance in *The Jungle Book Kids* and in many productions to come.

All our love, Mom and Dad

Adrienne, you are a shining star in so many ways...beginning with your loving heart. Thank you for always keeping us well entertained! We love you and are very proud of you. Congratulations!

Love, Mama, Todd, Grammy & the whole family

Our darling daughter Niamh, we wish you every success and fun. You are such a caring and fun-loving young woman with a great future ahead in arts and entertainment. This experience will have a lasting impression. We love you and wish you all the best.

-Mom, Dad and Family

To my darling Nia, have a wonderful time playing a Bee in the *Jungle Book*. Mommy is proud of you and knows you will always do your best. I love you! Have fun! Break a leg!

Love, Mommy xoxo

P.S. Happy Birthday!!! May all your wishes and dreams come true!

McKenna, this is your last children's show and we are so proud of you and the beautiful young girl you have become. We have enjoyed your performances and great job as Dance Captain. Always have fun, learn from every experience and be a good little Vulture.

- Your Loving Family

To Sunny the Monkey and Charlotte the Tree

You've worked very hard, it's easy to see.

Congratulations from your Mom and me!

Jaime, We are so proud to see you working hard and enjoying every minute of it. We will always be your biggest fans.

Love you, Mom and Dad

Field Guide to Jungle Wildlife Of the South Valley

Emily Barham: This is Emily 6th play, and her 2nd with SVCT. She is in the 7th grade at Solórzano. She loves to sing, act, read and play soccer. Emily's absolute favorite thing to do is travel with her family in and out of the states. Her favorite places (so far) have been Ireland and a cruise to Mexico.

Samantha Birtola: Samantha is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Britton. Her previous SVCT shows include *Honk!*, *Aladdin*, and *Schoolhouse Rock*. She studies jazz, ballet and tap at Lana's Dance Studio and loves to sing. When not onstage, Samantha hangs out with her friends. Although she's sad that this is her last year doing the children's show, she is excited to be moving on to the teen shows.

Haley Brogan: Haley is 13 and attends 8th grade at Martin Murphy. She LOVES dance and has performed onstage in *The Nutcracker* and *La Fille Mal Garde* ballets. Haley is thrilled with her acting debut with SVCT and looks forward to many more acting opportunities. She thanks her family for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!

Callie Camacho-Light: Callie is entering the 7th grade at Saint Mary School. This is her 5th SVCT production. She loves to act and is always looking forward to the next play. She also loves to play guitar, sing, dance and plans on being an actor and performer her entire life. Callie would like to dedicate this show to Grandma and Grandpa who have seen every one of her plays and are always there to support her. Enjoy the show!

Emily Carrillo: This is Emily's 3rd performance with SVCT. So far, this is her favorite role! She is in the 6th grade at Nordstrom, and has been active in theatre there for the past 6 years. Emily enjoys dancing and acting as well as swimming and hanging out with her friend Natalie, who's also in the show. Emily would like to dedicate her performance to her family and friends. Ssssseeeee ya later!

Megan Carrillo: This is Megan's 3rd performance with SVCT. She is a 5th grader at Nordstrom and participates in the Nordstrom Theater Program and as well as CMT. Megan is a Girl Scout and takes art lessons. She also likes to play Club Penguin & Webkinz. She enjoys swimming and playing with her friends. She especially likes to hang out with cast member Samantha. Megan would like to thank all the SVCT staff for making this show a wonderful experience for her.

Melinda Faith Colbert: Melinda is proud to be in her first SVCT production. She is 8 years old and entering 3rd grade at Luigi Aprea. She has an older brother Matthew and a younger sister McKenzie. Melinda has danced with the Laurie Gray School of Dance for five years and has performed twice with them at Disneyland. Her passions are horses, drawing, reading and dancing ballet. She would like to thank her friends and family, especially her grandparents, Jean and Dusty Rhodes, for coming to watch her in the show.

Julie Cortez: Julie is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade at Burnett Elementary. She loves to sing. She is also a cook, and enjoys inventing her own recipes. Julie dedicates this play to her family, especially her grandmother.

Nathan Cummings: Nathan is a 10-year-old 5th grader at Nordstrom. He is the youngest of 4 brothers who are all involved in drama. Nathan has been seen in several SVCT shows including *Treasure Island*, *Scrooge*, and *Pinocchio*. He enjoys playing video games, boating and tubing.

Taylor Cupples: Taylor is in the 6th grade. She has always been involved in school plays, Christian Music Theatre and just being a character! This will be her 3rd play with SVCT. She loves to play softball and volleyball as well as the trumpet. Her passion is animals - she loves horses, fish, and her favorite pet dog Gucci. She welcomes everyone to the jungle because she loves to monkey around!

Machiel de Groot: Machiel was born in Holland, and moved to the US when he was one. He is entering 5th grade at Rucker Elementary. Machiel loves to sing, read and to play soccer. He acted in several Rucker plays including *Jack and the Giant* and *Honk Jr.* Last season he played Tiny Tim in *Scrooge*, which was his first experience with SVCT. Machiel loves the theater and hopes that he can sing, dance and act for the rest of his life.

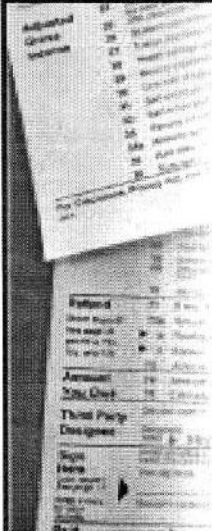
Victor de Groot: 8-year-old Victor was born in the Netherlands. Though he moved to the US as a baby, he still speaks the language. He attends Rucker Elementary where he performs in *The Nutcracker* at Christmas time. Victor was introduced to SVCT last year during *Scrooge* and decided that he would like to give it a try. *Jungle Book* is his first BIG step into the world of theatre!

Mary Foster: 6-year-old Mary is a home-schooled 2nd grader who loves reading, swimming and studying science. She is enjoying her very first role in a theatrical performance. Mary was introduced to the performing arts through ballet and tap dancing. Last year, she undertook her first public speaking engagement at the West Hills Home Schoolers Science Fair. A 3rd generation resident of Morgan Hill, she is the granddaughter of former mayor Bob Foster. Already the entrepreneur, Mary designs and merchandises t-shirts and more online.

Rachel Foster: Rachel is 13 years old and is in 8th grade at Britton Middle School. This is her 6th show with SVCT. When Rachel is not on stage she loves to chill with her friends, write and take pictures. She also is trying to learn to play the guitar and skateboard. She would like to thank the cast and crew for making this show so much fun and she hopes you enjoy the show.

Jacob Philip Garcia: Jacob is 13 years old and attends Solórzano. This is his 5th performance and 2nd with SVCT. He enjoys performing, singing, and painting. His 10-year-old brother has watched him perform in *The Wizard of Oz*, *Aladdin*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Robin Hood*. Jacob is excited to be part of the Jungle!

Adrienne Starlight Garfias: Adrienne is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Willow Glen Middle School. She has been in other productions, but this is her first with SVCT. She is excited to be a part of this amazing jungle cast! Adrienne enjoys writing stories and songs, riding her dirt bike, reading and practicing Ju Jitsu. She dedicates this performance to her family with love, and would like to thank mom and Todd for their support.



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Kelsey Griffin: Kelsey is 13 and is an 8th grader at St. Catherine's. This is her 2nd SVCT show. She recently appeared as Angelina in *Pinocchio*. Some of her favorite roles include Lady Larken in *Once Upon a Mattress*, Tzeitel in *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Mrs. Macafee in *Bye-Bye Birdie*. Enjoy the show!

Niamh Haller: Niamh is 13 and an 8th grader at Britton. Her hobbies include basketball and tennis. Niamh started showing great interest in music and theater after watching her Mom perform. Her previous SVCT roles include *Some Enchanted Evening* and *Treasure Island*. Niamh performed with "Mad Camp" and in school concerts. She is so excited for this great opportunity to perform, and looks forward to a promising future with her singing.

Tesslyn G Hamilton: Tesslyn is 11 years old and a 6th grader at Paradise Valley. She plays the piano and the trumpet. She is also an athlete, and plays competitive softball for Pride of Morgan Hill. She has performed with the Children's Play House of San Jose in *Hansel and Gretel* and *Peter Rabbit*. This is her first show with SVCT, and she is a natural at being a monkey! Tesslyn thanks her family and friends for their encouragement and support.

Katrina Hansen: Katrina is 12 and in 7th grade at Martin Murphy. She performed in a school production of *Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood* and this is her first SVCT production. Katrina likes to play soccer and enjoys riding her bike and hanging out with friends. She lives in Morgan Hill with her mom, dad, two sisters, hamster, dog and horse.

Bridget Harnett: Before she was a tree who is also a girl, 9-year-old Bridget played a boy also made out of wood as the title role in SVCT's *Pinocchio*. Before that, she set sail with her sister Eleanor on the decks of *Treasure Island*.

Eleanor G Harnett: Eleanor (Nora) is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Britton. This is her 7th SVCT show. Her after-school activities include reading and going online. She lives with her mom, grandma, sister Bridget, brother Robby, cats Tudy and Crookshanks, dog Swoozie and turtle Fluffy. She is very excited to have Charlotte in the cast with her. To Nora's friends: "Hi, guys! Have a good show!"

Austin Heiser: Austin is a 7th grader at St. Catherine where he has performed since kindergarten. Most recently, he played the parts of Harold Ickes in *Annie* and Linus in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* for "Broadway at Pres" at Presentation Repertory. Austin is a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and is working on his 2nd degree Black Belt at United Academy of Martial Arts.

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Jessica Hess: Jessica is a 6th grader at Burnett. She just moved from Clovis, and is excited to meet new people. She was involved in the California Arts Academy in Fresno, recently playing Yurtle the Turtle in *Seussical the Musical* and Narrator/Candy Man in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. She was also in *Alice in Wonderland*, *101 Dalmatians* and *Pirates of Penzance* and in *Fiddler on the Roof* with Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre. Jessica plays volleyball, basketball and softball and does track and field. She enjoys meeting people at her new church, Morgan Hill Presbyterian, and riding her horse, Beau. Jessica wants to thank her mom and dad and brother Geno for supporting her through this move, and dedicates her performance to her old director, Daniel Chavez, Jr. who helped spark her love of musicals.

Hannah Hudson: Hannah is 12 and a student at South Valley Middle School. Some of her favorite previous performances include Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, Chava in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Baloo in *The Jungle Book*. This is her 3rd performance with SVCT and she has loved every minute of it. When she is not performing, Hannah loves to read, craft, study science and watch *Dr. Who*.

Rosie Hudson: Rosie is a 5th grader at Rod Kelly. Though she has worked behind the scenes on several of her sister's plays, this is her first time in a theatrical performance of her own, and she is thrilled to be playing a crazy monkey. Rosie is on a soccer team and has an orange belt in Tae Kwan Do. She likes to read, be silly and play with her baby brother.



Meghan Jernigan: Meghan is a 5th grader at San Martin/Gwinn Elementary. She is excited to play her first SVCT role. Meghan enjoys reading, playing on the computer and with her friends, and walking her dog Hershey to the lake. Meghan is thankful that her friend Emily encouraged her to audition, and is looking forward to performing in more productions. She wants to thank her family for their support and coming to see her in her very first play!

Natalie Kakalec: Natalie is 12 and is going into 6th grade at Nordstrom. She has been in five school plays and six CMT plays. She most recently played a dragon in *Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood*. Natalie loves to play tennis and hang out with her friends.

Dominick Lucido: Dominick is 13 and going into the 8th grade at Valley Christian. This is his 6th show with SVCT including *Pinocchio*, *Schoolhouse Rock*, and *Treasure Island*. He is very excited to perform in the Jungle and hopes you enjoy the show!

Nia Lyn: Nia is in the 3rd grade. She is thrilled to be playing a bee in her 3rd SVCT production. When not onstage, Nia loves to draw. She would like to especially thank Mom for getting her to practices on time, and thank her fellow cast mates for all of their hard work in making this production their "bear" necessity. Buzz on, people!

Kathryn McGill: Kathryn is a 13-year-old 8th grader at St. Mary School. In her free time, she loves dancing, playing various sports, singing, hanging out with friends, talking and of course acting! Kathryn has participated in many SVCT shows, most recently as Signore Gatto, The Cat, in *Pinocchio*. She would like to thank all of her cast members for making an awesome show that she hopes you will enjoy!

Kristi Martinez-Kisso: Kristi is 11 years old and goes to Nordstrom. She enjoys doing theater and has done many school plays. Her hobbies include jujutsu (karate), mountain biking, Girl Scouts and theater. This is Kristi's second SVCT play. She most recently played Dia in *Pinocchio*. Enjoy the Show!

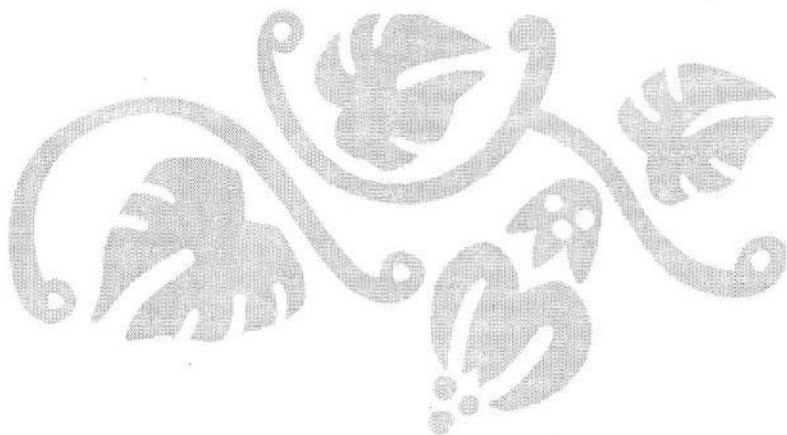
Jacob James Mazon: Jacob is entering the 4th grade. He enjoys dancing, singing and being on a stage. Of all his various shows and recitals, he is most proud of his performance with the Moscow Ballet last year where he played a young French dancer in *The Nutcracker*.

Samantha L Quijano: Samantha is a 6th grader at Charter School. She loves reading, horseback riding and athletics. This is Samantha's 3rd SVCT performance. She was in *Pinocchio* and *Scrooge*, and has also performed in two school plays. She is very fond of acting, and says that being in a play like this is "a bare necessity of life!"

Amy Reyes: 13-year-old Amy is so excited to be a part of the cast! It truly is a blast to be surrounded by such wonderful kids all pursuing acting. Along with acting she also LOVES playing sports, singing, dancing, and even modeling. Amy would like to thank her fabulous family for being so supportive, and express her appreciation for all of the terrific people who support this production and SVCT overall. Enjoy the show!

Emily Sherratt: Emily has been dancing for 6 years and is entering her third year with South Valley Ballet Company. She performed the Nutcracker Ballet twice with Morgan Hill Dance Center. Each year, she has performed in the children's musical at church. Attending San Martin-Gwinn, Emily will be in 5th grade and she enjoys reading, snowboarding, swimming, spending time with friends and with her 2-year-old chocolate Labrador, Kona.

Jaime Walling: Jaime is 12 and is a sports enthusiast. He enjoys reading, playing the saxophone and acting. He discovered his love of theater at Rucker Elementary where he was in performances of *Jack and the Giant*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *Fractured Fairy Tales*. This is Jaime's 2nd year with SVCT where he has had the pleasure of being cast in *Music Man*, *Scrooge* and *Pinocchio*. Jaime enjoys being on stage and off with his friends at SVCT, and is very excited to be playing the part of Mowgli. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Beric Dunn: Beric was born in Kenya and raised in Bristol, England. He moved over to this side of "the pond" in 1999 when he married an American lighting designer. He didn't realize theatre was contagious until it was too late! He and his wife Danny have been designing lights together ever since. Beric has been an SVCT board member for 2 seasons and has designed lights for *Pinocchio*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Plaza Suite*, *California Suite*, *Narnia*, *Treasure Island*, and *Schoolhouse Rock*. He assisted on several other shows including running lights for *Blithe Spirit*. He is the resident lighting designer for Tabard Theatre in San Jose, and has designed lights in many South Bay theatres including Theatre on San Pedro Square, The Triton, and the Historic Hoover. Over the past few years he has branched out into sound engineering and even braved the spotlight playing the comic role of Gendarme in *Scapin*. Outside the theatre, Beric is an RF Design Engineer at Anritsu Company. He is also a ham radio enthusiast, network administrator, experimental chef, mountain biker, "Unreal Tournament" player, and a firm believer in Macs. He has designed and engineered his own digital lighting and sound boards that have been used by local theatres. His greatest accomplishment so far is his own little 4 year-old man-cub Kez.

Danny Higgins Dunn: Though her childhood dream of becoming a magical fairy princess didn't pan out, Danny enjoys a remarkably similar career making the magic of theater. She is a professional lighting designer, and has worked in venues throughout the Bay Area, Los Angeles, Canada, and Europe. Danny began her performing arts career as a child actor in TV commercials, and her résumé includes radio DJ, high school drama teacher, television game show director, rock n' roll roadie, event manager and sound engineer. Roll all these skills up into one job and you get a technical director, which she has been for over a decade. Danny does 32 children's shows a year at the Harker School. She teaches several tech theatre classes, where 5th-7th graders learn how to design, build and run real shows. She and husband Beric moonlight as a lighting design team for South Bay theatres including Tabard and SVCT. Back in 2003, when the Playhouse was being rebuilt, Danny would drive past and say, "What a pretty little theatre – I'd love to light a show in there sometime." As soon as it was finished, she knocked on the door, and since then she has designed lights for *Blithe Spirit*, *1940's Radio Hour*, *Honk!*, *Inspecting Carol*, and *Dracula*. *Jungle Book* marks her first time producing for SVCT.

Beth Dewey: This is Beth's 10th year with SVCT. She has filled the roles of house manager, usher, concession manager, props coordinator, producer and backstage manager. She stage managed *My Fair Lady*, *California Suite/Plaza Suite*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Treasure Island*, and *Pinocchio*. Her favorite SVCT activity is working on set construction and painting. Currently, Beth is serving her 4th year on the SVCT Board of Directors. She lives in Gilroy and is in her 11th year as a GUSD substitute school teacher.

Frank McGill: Frank has served in many capacities with SVCT including Board of Directors, Producer, and most other aspects of theater including his favorite: playing Lt. Brannigan of the New York City Police Dept in *Guys and Dolls*. His carpentry includes making collapsible stages, pop-up ghosts and gravestones, and disappearing sets. He has built taverns, ships, haunted houses, graveyards, caves, and now a jungle. He hopes you enjoy your visit to this magical jungle!

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Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and be photographed

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