

South Valley Civic Theatre

Resident Company of the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse

Presents



Written by: Tim Kelly

Directed by: Jon Reed

Produced by:

Ray Trimble and Beth Dewey

Performances at the Morgan Hill Community
Playhouse
Monterey at 5th Street, Morgan Hill, California

August-September 2009



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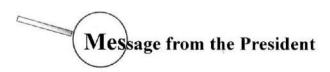
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Fridays & Saturdays, 8:00 p.m. August, 28 & 29 September 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19

Sunday Matinees at 2:00 p.m. September 6 &13

SVCT

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Jon Reed and I produced The 1940's Radio Hour together in 2003. At that time he told me that he'd like to direct sometime. I'm happy that Jon has had the opportunity with this show. Advising Jon in his first directing experience is Carol Harris. I think he's done a great job. You may remember Jon's portrayals of stuffy Mr. Kirby in "You Can't Take It With You" and Uncle Teddy in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Beginning with our next production, "Bugsy Malone Junior", the Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m. This change has been made to provide additional time for cast and staff to prepare for performances.

On August 8, SVCT held its' annual Member's Choice Awards event. Members received ballots and voted for their favorite actors and shows before the ceremony. This year the theme was Mardi Gras and everyone was encouraged to dress festively for the occasion. Congratulations to all of the award winners. Especially proud were the teens as their show, "Bye, Bye Birdie" was selected as Best Show.

You too can vote at the end of this season for next year's awards event by becoming an SVCT member. Please pick up a season ticket and membership brochure in our lobby and choose the tax deductible membership that is best for you. Also, consider becoming a season ticket holder for the last four productions of our season. If you own a business, please consider purchasing a program ad. For more details on advertising, see our website www.SVCT.org.

Enjoy the show.

Beth Dewey, SVCT President



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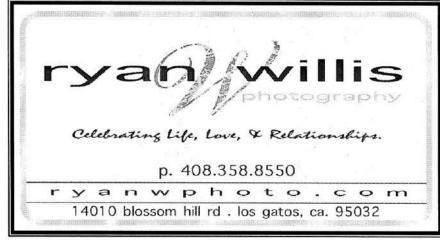


Dramaturg

A dramaturg is a research position that supports a theatre production with information on story, era and character background etc. Carol Harris, of our support staff, researched the characters in this parody on detectives from detective novels in an attempt to identify who the parodied characters were to represent. In this play, Tim Kelly took it a step further using unnamed authors imitating their fictional parodied characters.

<u>Character</u>	Sleuth	Author
Mrs. Maple	Miss Marple	Raymond West
Father White	Father Brown	Gilbert Keith Chesterton
Peter Flimsey	Lord Peter Wimsey	Dorothy L. Sayers
Rick & Laura	Nick & Nora	Dashiell Hammit
Carlyle	Charles	

Louie Fan Charlie Chan Earl Derr Biggers
Chandler Marlowe Philip Marlow Raymond Chandler



Synopsis

PLACE: Ravenswood Manor, an isolated estate on Turkey

Island, off the coast of San Francisco.

TIME: Some time in the 1970s.

ACT I

Afternoon, in the sitting room of the manor.

ACT II

Scene 1: Later in the day; the sitting room.

INTERMISSION

Scene 2: Evening



The next morning.

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Characters & Cast

Rita Eyelesbarrow. Ann Gilbert

Miss Haversham. Cara Lafaille

Miss Maple April Ouellette

Father White. Jon Casmir Szczepaniak

Chandler Marlow Scott Lynch

Louie Fan Dale Keeler

Rick Carlyle. Steve Spencer

Laura Carlyle Kae Jenny-Spencer

Peter Flimsey. Bill Corneth

Charity Haze. Laura Glasspool

Mable Dupree. Jewels Hamburg

Pharoh Link. Monte Montgomery

Tradition of the Gypsy Robe

The Gypsy Robe tradition began in the 1950s. The SVCT recipient is a cast member who is chosen for their special contributions of time and energy for the good of the show. The Gypsy Robe is awarded on opening night, and the wearer blesses the stage and the actors touch the robe for good luck. The recipient designs and creates a decorative patch to represent their show and it is sewn onto the robe before the close of the show. The robe is on display in the theater lobby.

The producers of "The Butler Did It" have awarded the Gypsy Robe to:

Cara Lafaille

Production Staff

Producers	Ray Trimble, Beth Dewey
Director	Jon Reed
Advising Director	
Stage Manager	
Costume Design	
Sound Design	
Lighting Design	Peter Mandel
Sound & Lighting Operator W	Vayne Dewey/Ray Trimble
Set Design	
Property Manager	Barbara Smith
Master Carpenter	Rich Kaiser
House Managers	Trudy Parks, Tina "I"
Concessions Manager	Christine Carrillo
Opening Night Reception	Jan Reed
Lobby Design	Bill Tindall
Box Office	Stephen Porter
Photography	Kathy Tom, Ryan Willis
Advertising /Promotion	
Program	Beth Dewey
Voice Recordings Rod	Pintello, Radio Announcer
John	Brewer, Accusatory Voice

<u>Set Construction</u>: Jonathan Bass, Jon Szczepaniak, Cara Lafaille, Kae Jenny-Spencer, Scott Lynch, Barbara Smith, Glynis Crabb, Brandon Morales, Jon Reed, Beth Dewey, Ray Trimble, Wayne Dewey

<u>Disassemble & Move-In Crew</u>: Cara Lafaille, Carol Harris, Jon Reed, RayTrimble, Beth Dewey, April Ouellette, Jon Szczepaniak, Kae Jenny-Spencer, Steve Spencer, Peter Mandel, Stephen Porter, Glynis Crabb, Wayne Dewey, Rich Kaiser



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Cast Biographies



Bill Corneth has been performing in South County since 1980, appearing in 41 productions. "The Butler Did It" is his 23rd performance onstage for SVCT. He has played a broad range of roles in such as: Richard the Lion "The Lion in Winter"; Charles, "Blithe Spirit"; Mr. Jordan, "Heaven Can Wait"; Seth Lord, "The Philadelphia Story"; Pops,

"1940's Radio Hour"; Ken Gorman, "Rumors"; Dr. Craven, "The Secret Garden"; General Mackenzie, "Ten Little Indians"; The Book Voice, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"; Richard Maynard, "Moon Over Buffalo" and last year Uncle Billy, "It's A Wonderful Life".

At Pintello Comedy Theatre this year, Bill was Jeremy (cold hard) Cash, in "Self Help". Over the years when not in a show, he's been co-producer, stage manager, tech crew, stage crew, prop master, and rehearsal secretary. In addition, he has served two separate terms on SVCT's Board of Directors, the last time as Membership Chairman.



Ann Gilbert has thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the cast of "The Butler Did It". Her love of mysteries and parodies is perfectly paired in this hilarious feature. This is her second production with SVCT. She hopes to continue to support and be involved in SVCT. Thanks to all her fellow cast members for enduring and tolerating the constant hat box encounters and outbursts.

Jewels Hamburg is dipping her little toe into this, her first theatrical production although once, when she was eight, she performed in a dance recital. An Indiana University graduate, Jules works at an art gallery. Jules is pursuing her first love, photography.





Laura Glasspool is no stranger to the stages of the South Bay. Along with a half a dozen South Valley Civic Theatre performances, Laura has also performed with Pintello Comedy Theater, Campbell Theatre Company, Odyssey Theatre Company and others. Some of her favorite roles are: Muriel Tate, in "Plaza Suite"; Cindy Sav-

age, "Self-Help", Elvira Condomine, "Blithe Spirit"; and Mavis Templeton-Hollister in "The Murder Room"....just to name a few.

Laura would like to thank her friends and family for their support in her hobby.



Cara Lafaille (formerly Kaiser) returns to SVCT's stage after a 6-year hiatis. In her younger years, Cara, with the everlasting assistance of her supportive parents, engaged in a number of productions both on stage and back stage. Cara is currently juggling working fulltime, being a Mommy and wife, completing her degree, and rigorously (and ironically) testing

to become a Bay Area police officer. She would like to thank her husband, Mike, for sacrificing geek nights to allow her to dabble in her favorite pastime of acting. Thanks also goes out to her patient children, Emi-bug and Sammy-manta, for allowing Mommy to attend rehearsals with a minimum of tears.



Scott Lynch joins SVCT for the third time in the last year, first playing George Bailey in the 2008 holiday production of "It's a Wonderful Life" and then Kolenchov in "You Can't Take It With You". Prior to that, his acting experience was comprised of high school, elementary school, and 4-H plays including playing Charlie in Gilroy High's production of "Flowers for Algernon"...a long time ago. Today, he is father to Nathan and Abbey and works as a man-

ager in his family's businesses, Excel Auto Body and Paint & Excel Auto Repair. For Scott, "Butler" is a return to the childhood love for detective reading..."The Three Investigators," "Nancy Drew", "The Hardy Boys", and Agatha Christie's Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot mysteries. His hope is that "The Butler Did It" makes you snigger, chuckle, and maybe even uproariously laugh.

Monte Montgomery is new to SVCT and this is his first acting experience. He decided he could play the San Francisco police detective since he knows one that he can imitate. Monte is a website designer. He

Monte is a website designer. He wants to thank his daughter for all of her encouragement.





Kae Jenny-Spencer is happy to be back on SVCT's stage and especially thrilled to be playing opposite her talented husband, Steve. She was last seen on stage as Gert in "California Suite". Other SVCT productions include Mezeppa, "Gypsy", and Dr. Armstrong, "Ten Little Indians". Last season she was the assistant

director for "You Can't Take It With You". She also co-produced and co-directed "Moon Over Buffalo" and directed "Inspecting Carol". Kae has been costume designer for many SVCT productions and her favorites include, "Lend Me A Tenor", "Blithe Spirit", "Grease", "Treasure Island", "Pirates of Penzance", "Wash Your Troubles Away", "California Suite", and "Plaza Suite". Other bay area productions include Yenchna, "Fools" (Pintello Comedy Theater) and ensemble, "Quilters", (Odyssey Theater). Kae is a speech pathologist for Milpitas Unified School District and shows how to bring families together around the dinner table with her Pampered Chef business. A proud mother of two brilliantly talented daughters, Malia and Alika, Kae would like to thank her girls for their endless support and husband, Steve, for always bringing the best out of her both on and off the stage.

April Ouellette has been performing with SVCT since 1992. Her most recent performance with SVCT was "Scrooge". She has also performed with San Benito Stage Company and Gaslighter Theatre in Gilroy. In addition to performing she has choreographed and/or produced several shows. In her "spare" time April enjoys waterskiing and motorcycle riding. To support her many hobbies she works

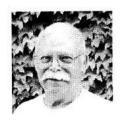
for a construction company in Campbell. She extends "Thanks" to Jon Reed for getting her back on stage with SVCT and her husband for putting up with her absences.



Steve Spencer has been active in the theater scene in South County since 1994, first with SVCT, then with Center Stage in Gilroy and Pintello Comedy Theatre. He has served on the Board of Directors of SVCT both as a general member and as President. Steve has earned SVCT Best Actor awards for "Bleacher Bums" and "The Foreigner" and a Best Director award for "Wash Your Troubles

Away". His acting credits include "Death Trap", the long suffering director in "Noises Off", the trusty sidekick in "Run For Your Wife", Charlie Baker in "The Foreigner", "Joseph and the...Dream Coat", "Pirates of Penzance", "Lend Me A Tenor", "Inspecting Carol" and most recently in "The Murder Room" (Pintello Comedy Theatre). Steve's directing credits include "Gypsy", "Run For Your Wife", "Blithe Spirit", "Laughter On The 23rd Floor" and "Moon Over Buffalo" (co-directed with talented wife Kae), "Plaza Suite" and "You Can't Take It With You" (again with Kae as asst. dir.). Steve is delighted to be on stage again, and for the first time, playing opposite his wonderful wife Kae

Jon Szczepaniak is Texas-born. He endured a nomadic childhood as a Navy brat with moves to New York, California, Massachusetts, Malta, Virginia, San Jose, and Naval service for himself in San Diego, Maryland and Taiwan. He has a master's degree in American Literature and is retired from both IBM (30 years) and teaching ESL (12 years). After being married to, then





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FAX 775-218-5736 CELL 408-761-1330 Scott@ExcelAutoBody.com widowed from, Carol, acting has become a renewed (high school and college) hobby with SVCT roles in "You Can't Take It with You" (G-Man) and "Annie, Get Your Gun" (Pawnee Bill). Jon currently sings in his church's choir and says he, "Can't dance a step!"

Production Staff



Jon Reed, Director This is Jon's directorial debut. He has been in or involved with many shows for SVCT since 1998 when he was a brother in some show about a guy with a colorful coat. He thinks his name was Joseph. He loves comedy and musical comedy. The advantage, he says, to being the director of such a funny show is that you get to see it about 30 times. So, if you hear someone mouthing the words in the audi-

ence, tell him to be quiet. There will be intermissions in order to rest up from laughing. Enjoy!

Ray Trimble, Producer, is experiencing producing for the first time. He spent his professional career in technical positions, always shunning management. His only roles in theatre in recent years were parts in four plays and minor technical capacities in several others. He laughingly says that his only real recommendation is the amount of time he has available since his retirement. He is certainly finding that commodity put to use in this new role. He'd like to thank his co-producer, staff, and cast for their great support



Beth Dewey, Co-Producer is producing her 2nd SVCT production. She's stage managed six shows in the last 3 seasons, managed props, worked as the house manager and loves to do set painting and construction. She's served five terms on the SVCT Board; 2 as secretary and is the current president. Beth has a BA degree in management and is a career substitute teacher for the GUSD.



Brandon Morales, Stage Manager, has been hiding back stage with SVCT for nearly nine years now. He currently lives in Morgan Hill where you can find him hiking in the hills or hanging out at one of the local coffee shops reading a good book.





Becky Kaiser, Costume Manager, has been involved in theater since her daughter was nine-years -old. Kae Spencer "trained her in costuming when they costumed the "Pirates of Penzance" cast in 1999. That prepared Becky to later costume the 75 cast members of "Oklahoma!" in 2002. Becky has produced, and worked backstage and in the lobby in just about every capacity. She has served many terms on the SVCT Board of Directors and served

as its president, secretary and membership chair. It has been a pleasure to work on this show with her daughter Cara and husband, Rich.

Richard Kaiser, Master Carpenter, has been involved in most of SVCT's productions over the last ten years. He has produced several shows, is a member of the SVCT Board of Directors and has occasionally performed onstage. Richard particularly enjoys set construction and has been master carpenter of many shows. Richard thanks his wife for her support in this production. He has enjoyed working with the staff and volunteers to build the set for "The Butler Did It".



Barbara Smith, Property Manager, is happy to be able to help SVCT and the wonderful cast of "The Butler Did It." This is her first time as "prop lady". She thanks Glynis Crabb and Carol Harris for their ideas, patience and kindness in teaching me the props side of the stage. Thanks to Trudy Parks for going on a statue scavenger hunt to San Francisco.



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Trudy Parks, House Manager, has been involved with South Valley Civic Theatre since 2007. She's acted in 3 productions, has been house manager, and ushered at many shows. Trudy is serving her second term on the SVCT Board of Directors. She has worked for the Morgan Hill Unified School District as a Para-educator in special education for 22 years. Trudy attended Gavilan College where



she majored in photography, childhood development and child psychology.



Tina "I", Co-House Manager, first fell in love with SVCT theatre in the Spring of 2008 when she attended her first play in Morgan Hill, "Pinocchio". A professional, extremely well done show, with a cast of kids, and a family friendly atmosphere, convinced her that her son, Dane, needed to audition for a part in "It's a Wonderful Life", last December. He was cast and recently appeared as Little Jake in "Annie

Get Your Gun". Tina encouraged her husband, Rob "I" to audition for a role in "You Can't Take it With You", and gently guided him into choreographing "Annie Get Your Gun". Tina is the proud mother of 4 beautiful children, and works as a health coach, helping both adults and children change dietary habits to improve health, and avoid medications.

Christine Carrillo, Concessions Manager, and her family, have been involved with SVCT for 2 years. She's performed in SVCT's "Scrooge the Musical", "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Annie Get Your Gun". Aside from performing, she has served as concession manager and backstage tech crew. Christine was recently awarded Best Actress in a Minor Role for her performance in "It's a Wonderful Life" as Violet Peterson.

Stephen Porter, Sound Design, has been active in SVCT as the "sound guy", warehouse manager, copy machine fixer, and computer to copy machine expert. Stephan has produced about three shows with the last one being, "It's a Wonderful Life". He is currently serving his 5th term on the SVCT board of directors and is currently Vice Presi-

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Also, please do not rest your feet on the seat backs. You may notice that the laminated wood has separated, cracked and torn away on some of them. When the playhouse was new, the seats were purchased used and then re-laminated so they are actually older than the playhouse. Please help us take care of this special place.

See the House Manager or a Producer about any lost or found items. After the performances the items will be turned in to the Morgan Hill Community Center Office.

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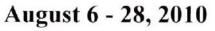
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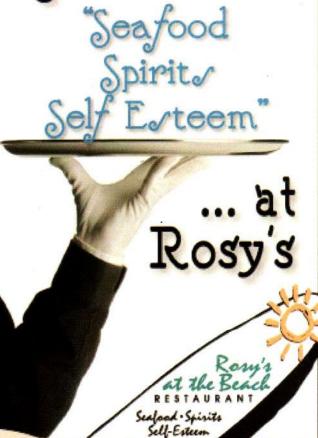
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