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Welcome, everyone, to 2013!

This will be a terrific year for SVCT shows, starting off with tonight's teen production of *Big*. This musical, of course, is based on the movie in which a young Tom Hanks "came of age" in so many ways. Enjoy our energized and talented cast of young people as they recreate this wonderful story. And yes, our production staff *did* design and build that giant keyboard from scratch, and those are teens playing both grown-up and teen roles (an interesting production challenge).

Please calendar the evening of March 11 here at the theater if you'd like to attend our announcement and free previews of the shows for the new season beginning this Fall. We'll serve dessert and drinks at this, our annual Members' meeting, and say thanks and welcome, respectively, to outgoing and incoming Directors of our Board and Executive Board. If you're already a member, come as our guest and share your thoughts. If you're not, use the opportunity to join. I know you won't be disappointed in the new slate of shows. The lawyers won't let me reveal the names yet, but I can say that they include a favorite holiday season play scheduled to open near Thanksgiving.

Meanwhile, we'll conclude the current season in great style with the comedy-drama thriller, *Deathtrap*, opening April 12, followed by that most poignant and beautiful of all musicals, *Fiddler on the Roof*, opening June 7.

Share this year with us as we, your neighbors and friends, continue to deliver a quality live theater experience of which our community can be proud.

Rob Christopher

Board President, South Valley Civic Theatre

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

Scene 1	<i>Can't Wait</i>	Young Josh, Ensemble
Scene 2	<i>Talk to Her</i>	Young Josh, Billy
Scene 3	<i>Say Good Morning to Mom</i>	Mrs. Baskin
Scene 4	<i>You're a Big Boy Now</i>	Billy, Big Josh
Scene 5	<i>The Time of Your Life</i> <i>Fun</i>	Salespeople MacMillan, Big Josh
Scene 6	<i>Welcome to MacMillan Toys</i> <i>My Secretary's in Love</i> <i>MacMillan Toys - Part Two</i>	Junior Executives Susan Big Josh, Billy
Scene 7	<i>Let's Not Move Too Fast</i> <i>Do You Want to Play Games?</i> <i>Stars</i> <i>Little Susan Lawrence</i>	Susan Big Josh Big Josh, Susan Susan
Scene 8	<i>Cross the Line</i>	Big Josh, Ensemble

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## ACT II

|         |                                                               |                                                            |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scene 1 | <i>It's Time</i><br><i>Stop, Time</i><br><i>The Nightmare</i> | Billy, Boys & Girls<br>Mrs. Baskin<br>Young Josh's Friends |
| Scene 2 | <i>Dancing All the Time</i><br><i>I Want to Know</i>          | Susan<br>Young Josh                                        |
| Scene 3 | <i>Coffee, Black</i>                                          | Big Josh, Susan,<br>Miss Watson, MacMillan                 |
| Scene 4 | <i>The Real Thing</i>                                         | Susan's Friends                                            |
| Scene 5 | <i>The Real Thing - Reprise</i>                               | Susan                                                      |
| Scene 6 | <i>Big</i>                                                    | Big Josh                                                   |
| Scene 7 | <i>We're Gonna be Fine</i>                                    | Big Josh, Susan                                            |

# THE CAST

|                          |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Chris Bezanson.....      | Big Josh Baskin                       |
| Carter Sepulveda.....    | Billy Kopecki                         |
| Pascale Vinkhuyzen.....  | Susan Lawrence                        |
| Danielle Moore.....      | Mrs. Baskin                           |
| Zack Goller.....         | George MacMillan                      |
| Afari La-Anyane.....     | Paul Seymour                          |
| Andrew Stebbins.....     | Young Josh Baskin                     |
| Lukas Vinkhuyzen.....    | Nick                                  |
| Haylee Lynn Merrill..... | Abigail                               |
| Scotty Gregg.....        | Tom, Ticket Taker                     |
| Samantha Quijano.....    | Diane                                 |
| Allegra Aguirre.....     | Cynthia, Secretary                    |
| Emily Carrillo.....      | Miss Watson                           |
| Nico Garcia.....         | Mr. Baskin                            |
| Kaleb Askew.....         | Mr. Kopecki                           |
| Candice Clifford.....    | Mrs. Kopecki                          |
| Nathan Cummings.....     | Lipton, Bum                           |
| Dane Weber.....          | Birnbaum                              |
| Francisco Alvarez.....   | Barrett, Derek                        |
| Eleanor Harnett.....     | Receptionist, Juggler                 |
| Isabel Hernandez.....    | Salesperson, Ensemble                 |
| Valarie Martin.....      | Bean Bag Toss Lady                    |
| Sabrina Knappe.....      | Bum, Ensemble                         |
| Hannah Bezanson.....     | Bearded Lady, Bum                     |
| Alexandra Hannon.....    | Bum, Ensemble                         |
| Alexa McGinnis.....      | Cynthia's Friend, Birnbaum's Daughter |
| Ethan Dean.....          | MacMillan's Son, Kid                  |
| Jacob Goller.....        | Detective, Ensemble                   |
| Jake Smith.....          | Strongman, Ensemble                   |
| Brittany Corpuz.....     | Cynthia's Friend, Ensemble            |
| Ben Snook.....           | Kid, Ensemble                         |
| Joshua Lance.....        | Ensemble                              |
| Julia Lance.....         | Ensemble                              |
| Makena McElroy.....      | Ensemble                              |
| Megan Carrillo.....      | Ensemble                              |
| Sierra Benitez.....      | Ensemble                              |

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# THE STAFF

|                                        |                                              |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Producer.....                          | Robin Bezanson                               |
| Producer.....                          | Roberta Vinkhuyzen Rasmussen                 |
| Director.....                          | Janell Cummings                              |
| Vocal & Musical Director.....          | James Chipman                                |
| Choreographer.....                     | Christine Carrillo                           |
| Stage Manager.....                     | Katie De Santis                              |
| Assistant Director & Set Designer..... | Andrew Cummings                              |
| Master Carpenter.....                  | Jason Harris                                 |
| Costume Designer.....                  | Jan Lance                                    |
| Costume Assistants.....                | Patricia Hannon, Susan Askew, Marianne Snook |
| Lighting & Sound Designer.....         | Peter Mandel                                 |
| Properties Designer.....               | Lori Foster                                  |
| House & Concessions Manager.....       | Jim Carrillo                                 |
| Lighting Operator.....                 | Scott Gregg                                  |
| Sound Operator.....                    | Ken Powell                                   |
| Zoltar.....                            | Jason Harris                                 |
| Stage Crew.....                        | Brandon Morales & Joshua Cummings            |
| Lobby Designers.....                   | Amy McElroy, Lisa Stebbins & Bill Tindall    |
| Program Designer.....                  | Elizabeth Mandel                             |
| Cast Photographer.....                 | Kimberly Merrill-Fraser                      |

## ORCHESTRA

|                 |                 |                  |                |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Conductor.....  | James Chipman   | Trombone.....    | Kevin Hartman  |
| Keyboard.....   | Alan Chipman    | Trumpet.....     | Mark Bishop    |
| Keyboard.....   | Toni Hansen     | Trumpet.....     | Keith Arbogast |
| Bass.....       | Jose Martinez   | French Horn..... | Rebecca Bishop |
| Guitar.....     | Kevin Yoshikawa | Woodwinds.....   | Steven Holmes  |
| Percussion..... | Kirk Berkland   |                  |                |

## **SPECIAL SET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Piano Designer.....Jason Harris  
Piano Technicians.....Jason Harris & Wayne Dewey  
Zoltar Crew.....Jason Harris, Erik Vinkhuyzen, Nathan Cummings,  
.....Dane Weber, Lukas Vinkhuyzen, Tracy Van Gundy  
Floor and Backdrop Scenic Artists.....Shirley Benitez & Noelle Benitez  
Backdrop Seamstress.....Patricia Hannon  
Star Light Construction.....Melissa Moore, Tina Ingenthron,  
.....Cerise Corpuz, Melissa Dean  
Bus Terminal Scenic Artist .....Kimberly Merrill-Fraser

## **Set Construction Crew**

Jason and Robin Harris, Cummings family, Vinkhuyzen family, Bezanson family, Carrillo family, Snook family, Dean family, Nicole Lajeunesse, Robert Barham, Dane Weber, Dan Pearson, Bob Alfred, Shirley, Sierra and Noelle Benitez, Haylee Lynn Merrill, Kimberly Merrill-Fraser, Richard Fraser, Samantha and Lisa Quijano, Candice Clifford, Makena, Hana and Amy McElroy, Hernandez family, Scott and Scotty Gregg, Danielle Moore, Afari La-Anyane, Sophia and Sabrina Knappe, Allegra and Iris Aguirre, Brittany and Cerise Corpuz, Zack and Jacob Goller, Joshua and Julia Lance, Askew family, Alexa McGinnis, Andrew, Emma and Lisa Stebins, Beth and Wayne Dewey, Kel Whisner, Joseph “Bud” Biafore

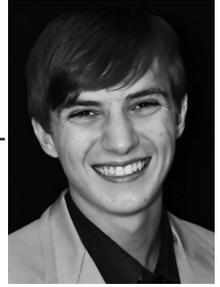
## **Load In Team**

Cummings family, Bezanson family, Vinkhuyzen family, Smith family, Rob Christopher, McElroy family, Candice Clifford, Alex Smith, Haylee Lynn Merrill, Snook family, Sepulveda family, Hernandez family, Joseph “Bud” Biafore, Peter Mandel, Dane Weber, Jason and Robin Harris, Goller family, Carrillo family, Quijano family, Corpus family, Alexa McGinnis, Martin family, Lance family, Aguirre family, Patricia Hannon, Benitez family, Francisco Alvarez, Nico Garcia, Gregg family.

# CAST BIOGRAPHIES

## Chris Bezanson (*Big Josh Baskin*)

Chris is a junior at Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill. He is very a very busy student taking four Advanced Placement and two College Prep classes. Being on stage is not new to Chris; he has been in eight SVCT shows and most recently played Kitty Bob Ames in Pintello Comedy Theater's production of *Pageant*. In addition to his love for acting, Chris enjoys biking, paint balling and spending time with his friends. His favorite color is blue, and he enjoys long walks on the beach. Chris would like to dedicate his performance to his grandparents, Nana and Pom Pom, for their love and support. Enjoy the show!



## Carter Sepulveda (*Billy Kopecki*)

Carter is 12 years old, home schooled and a geeky special tomato. This will be Carter's sixth show with SVCT and he is thrilled to be working with his big sister Haylee in his first teen show! Other than theater Carter enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends. Carter would like to dedicate this show to his little brother Johnathan who has a rare disease call Niemann Pick type C. For more information, go to [NNPDF.org](http://NNPDF.org) or [JohnathanSpencer.org](http://JohnathanSpencer.org). He would like to thank his big sister Haylee for being his personal assistant for this show and also all the family who gave him rides. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he enjoys performing in it!



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**Pascale Maunela Rasmussen Vinkhuyzen**  
**(Susan Lawrence)**

Pascale is a spunky junior with many performances under her belt. This showcase will be her third performance with SVCT. Besides soaking in the spotlight Pascale enjoys drinking cups and cups of tea, reading, writing glorious poetry, Benedict Cumberbatch, and hanging out with her lovely friends. She hopes you will have a fabulous time so sit back, relax, and enjoy!



**Danielle Moore (Mrs. Baskin)**

Danielle is a 16 year old junior at Gilroy Early College Academy (GECA). Her passion for theater started at age eight with her first role as Kate in *Annie* with SVCT. She has also preformed with Gilroy Community Theater, Children's Musical Theater, San Jose and STAR, Gavilan College. Besides theater, Danielle enjoys piña coladas and getting lost in the rain. She is very excited to be part of this show and is having a great time hanging out with all her friends backstage. She hopes you enjoy show!



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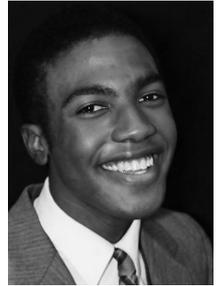
## **Zack Goller (George MacMillan)**

When Zack first started with SVCT, he was just a normal eighth grader looking for fun. Now, Zack is 16 years old and a sophomore entering his sixth SVCT production. Some of Zack's favorite roles were Robin Hood in *Robin Hood and Friends*, the purser in *Anything Goes* and Zeke in *The Wizard of Oz*. Zack has also appeared in three shows at Sobrato High School, most notably as Ernie Cusack in *Rumors* and Louie Fan in *The Butler Did It*. Zack would like to thank his family and friends for all their incredible support and just generally being awesome! Enjoy the show and, more importantly, have "Fun!"



## **Afari La-Anyane (Paul Seymour)**

Afari is a 16 year old junior at Live Oak High School. He is a state ranked hurdler. This is his fifth show and his first SVCT show. He hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Lukas Vinkhuyzen (Nick)**

Lukas is a student at Oakwood. He enjoys snowboarding, basketball, and soccer. Lukas' favorite hobby is eating any available sweets. Although Lukas has done theater before, this is his first SVCT production. Lukas thanks his mother for all of the time and work she put into the show. Enjoy the show.



## **Andrew Stebbins (Young Josh Baskin)**

This is Andrew's second show with SVCT. His first appearance was in the role of the Mayor of Munchkin Land in *The Wizard of Oz*. Andrew is no stranger to the stage; he has had supporting and leading roles in many Oakwood School productions, including playing the Prince in *The Princess and the Pea*. He loves to read, play video games, and watch stand-up comedy. The desire to be on stage is in Andrew's blood, as many of his relatives enjoy acting, including his grandpa, his dad and his aunts and uncles, all of whom have graced the SVCT stage.



## Haylee Lynn Merrill (*Abigail*)

Haylee Lynn is a geeky 17 year old with a passion for theater. This is her eighth show with SVCT and is her last teen show with SVCT because she is simply getting too old. When Haylee Lynn is not singing, dancing or acting, she enjoys watching *Doctor Who*, going to Disneyland, being with friends or doing the Hokey Pokey! Haylee Lynn would like to dedicate this show to her little brother Johnathan, who has a rare disease called Niemann-pick type C. To learn more, go to [NNPDF.org](http://NNPDF.org) or [JohnathanSpencer.org](http://JohnathanSpencer.org). Haylee Lynn is thrilled to be working with her little brother Carter in his first teen show! Haylee Lynn's goal in life is to run away with the doctor in the TARDIS and defeat the Daleks for good. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being in it!



## Scotty Gregg (*Tom*)

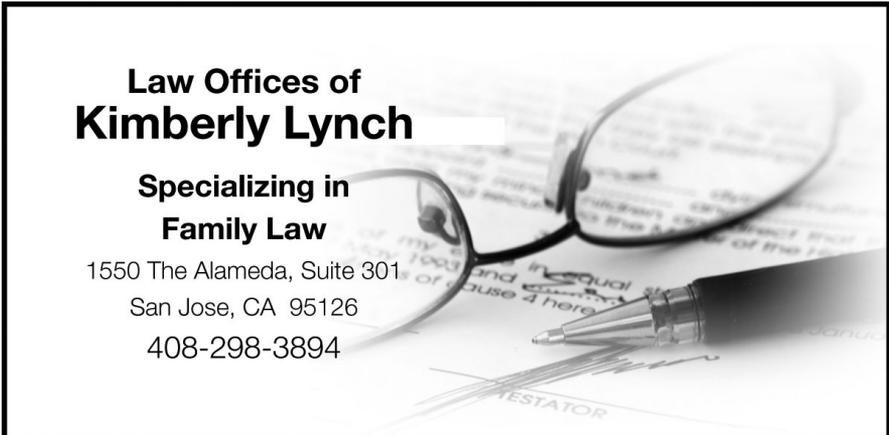
Scotty has had a love and a talent for acting and singing since he was very young. He is 15 years old and *Big* is his first production with SVCT. He previously played Pierre in Legacy Christian School's production of *Pirate Island*. He also starred as Mr. Olsen in Pacific West Christian Academy's *No Fair-O'Hare*. During his leisure time he enjoys playing guitar, ice hockey and video games. He has plans to get a degree in Science and hopes to work with the California Academy of Sciences or the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Scotty hopes you sit back, relax and enjoy SVCT's production of *Big*.



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## Samantha Quijano (Diane)

Samantha is a sophomore at St. Francis High School in Mountain View. Sam is an active performer with SVCT, she also runs track and cross country and loves reading, writing and hanging out with her friends. You may remember Samantha as Lois Leonowens in *The King and I* and the little old lady in *On The Town*. This is Samantha's 13th SVCT show and she is having so much fun with this cast and crew! She gives a shout out to all her friends and family and hopes you enjoy the show! ... Cause we'll break your kneecaps if you don't!



## Allegra Aguirre (Cynthia, Secretary)

Allegra is 16 years old and a junior at Live Oak High School. She enjoys long walks on the beach and lasagna. She hopes that you enjoy the show!



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**Emily Carrillo** (*Miss Watson*)

Emily is 16 years old and a sophomore at Live Oak High School. She started performing in theater productions when she was in first grade and has not stopped since! This show will mark her 24th production and her tenth show with SVCT. Emily is also a junior varsity cheerleader. She hopes you have a wonderful time watching her and her fellow cast members in the show!



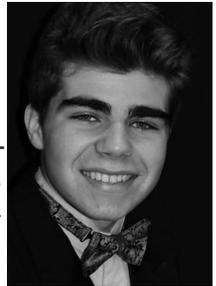
**Nico Garcia** (*Mr. Baskin*)

Nico is a junior at Sobrato High School. This is Nico's first SVCT show. He would like to thank his family for all their support and his wonderful producers for all their hard work. Enjoy the show!



**Kaleb Askew** (*Mr. Kopecki*)

Kaleb is 16 years old and attends San Benito High School in Hollister. Kaleb has been acting in plays since he was 11, but this is his first SVCT show. His favorite roles have been Homer Zuckerman in *Charlotte's Web* and Augustus Gloop in *Willy Wonka*, both with San Benito Stage Company. Other than acting, he likes playing guitar, singing, playing ukulele, rapping, swimming, photography and hanging out with friends. Kaleb has had a lot of fun as part of this great production. Hope you enjoy the show!



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## Candice Clifford (Mrs. Kopecki)

Candice is 16 years old and very busy. She attends the Gilroy Early College Academy (GECA). This is her fifth SVCT show; others include *Bugsy Malone, Jr.*, *Robin Hood and Friend* (where Candice was honored with the Gypsy Robe award for her hard work on and off stage), *Anything Goes* and *On the Town*. In addition to theater she enjoys competitive roller skating. She has placed at the National level and, hopefully soon, the Junior World Class level. This is her third teen play and she is honored to be a part of such a fun and talented cast! She would like to thank her previous drama teacher, Ms. Peaker, the drama class for giving her confidence in her performance skills, and her parents for getting her back and forth to school, skating practice and play rehearsals.



## Nathan Cummings (Lipton, Bum)

This is Nathan's eighth show at SVCT. He recently played Tom in *On The Town*. He has enjoyed this experience and the other shows he has done with SVCT. Most recently Nathan was also the lighting technician and backstage help at the Live Oak High School Performing Arts Center. In his free time he enjoys wakeboarding and free time.



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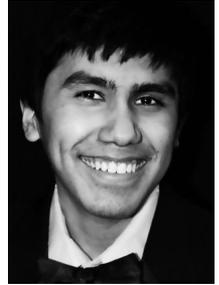
## **Dane Weber (Birnbaum)**

This is Dane's tenth performance with SVCT, having played Pete Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*, Little Jake in *Annie Get Your Gun*, Knuckles in *Bugsy Malone Jr.*, a Gov't man, in *Li'l Abner* (his first teen play), Will Scarlett in *Robin Hood & Friends*, John Arable in *Charlotte's Web*, Andy in *On The Town*, and an Ozian in *The Wizard of Oz*. Dane is a freshman at Live Oak High School. He dedicates this play his family in Canada, and to his little brother and sister, Kael and Olivia. Dane has come to love acting in SVCT plays, and the cast and crew are like a second family to him. He wants to thank his wonderful producers for all their work! Enjoy the show!



## **Francisco Allan Alvarez (Barrett, Derek)**

Francisco is a junior at Sobrato High School. He has performed in six previous shows and loved every single experience. He was Chandler Marlowe in *The Butler Did It*, Bobby van Heusen in *The Boy Friend* and his favorite role was "Crab Person #2" in *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. He hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Eleanor Harnett (Receptionist)**

Eleanor is a 17 year old senior at Sobrato High School and she is very excited to be in *Big*. For Eleanor this spring marks ten years of performing with SVCT, starting with her debut as a daffodil in *Follow That Rabbit*. She has acted and/or teched in a total of 26 shows. She is very grateful to SVCT for everything that they have given her. Her other interests are costuming, reading, and anime and manga. This fall she will enroll at Foothill College where she plans to pursue an AA degree in Theatre Technology. Finally, she hopes you enjoy the show.



**Chris, We are so proud of you BIG boy!  
Break a leg! Love you! Mom and Dad**

## Ethan Dean (*MacMilan's Son, Kid*)

Ethan is 13 years old and a freshman at Vine Academy Home School Co-op. This is his first show with SVCT, although he first became intrigued with SVCT while watching his sister perform eight years ago. Ethan is the youngest of five siblings. In addition to acting he enjoys hiking, camping, and spending time with friends. He is currently working on the Boy Scout rank of First Class, with the ultimate goal of Eagle Scout. What Ethan likes best is being paid to have fun pretending to be someone else. (Look for him in a very small part in the feature film *Knife Fight*, which opened in theaters in January.) He hopes you enjoy this show as much as he has!



## Jacob Goller (*Detective, Ensemble*)

Jacob is 13 years old and is in eighth grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. This is his fifth SVCT show and his first teen show. He most recently performed in *James and the Giant Peach*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *Robin Hood & Friends*. Jacob enjoys singing, dancing and playing sports. He also enjoys watching TV and using his iPad. He dedicates this show to his family and three pet fish (Vortex, Penny, and Lancelot). He hopes you enjoy *Big* as much as he did performing in it!



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## Jake Smith (*Strongman, Ensemble*)

Jake is a 13 year old performer who has been working hard on *Big!* Jake has been involved in many plays over the years. He attends Monte Vista Christian School and he hopes that you like the show!



## Brittany Lisha Corpuz (*Ensemble*)

Brittany is a junior at Live Oak High School. This is her first time being a part of the SVCT family. Brittany has a passion for music and is working towards her dreams in life. If music is there, then everything is okay. For her, being part of different music environments are just the good pieces of chocolate from the box. She'd like to thank all of her family members and friends for supporting her with everything she does and, most importantly, her dreams.



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**Isabel Hernandez (*Salesperson, Ensemble*)**

Isabel is a sophomore at Sobrato High School. This is her third show with SVCT, and she is very happy to be working with such a wonderful cast! Previously she has performed in *On the Town* and *Anything Goes* with SVCT and *Beauty and the Beast* with (St. Catherine's. In her free time Isabel enjoys singing, playing field hockey, and spending time with her friends. She would like to thank her parents for putting up with her crazy rehearsal schedule and hopes you enjoy the show!!



**Valarie Martin  
(*Ensemble, Executive, Bean Bag Toss Lady*)**

Valarie is a 14 year old freshman at Sobrato High School. This is her third play with SVCT. Previously she thoroughly enjoyed participating in *Robin Hood and Friends* and *Anything Goes*. Her passion besides theater is surfing with her dad in Santa Cruz. She hopes you will all enjoy the show.



**Sabrina Knappe (*Bum, Ensemble*)**

Sabrina is a freshman at Oakwood School in Morgan Hill. Sabrina is so excited to be part of the show. She would like to thank her family for all their support and her wonderful producers for all their hard work. Enjoy the show!



## **Hannah Bezanson (*Bearded Lady, Bum*)**

Hannah is 14 years old and a freshman at Sobrato High School. She is excited to be in her sixth SVCT production; she previously performed in *Bugsy Malone, Jr.*, *Li'l Abner*, *The King and I*, *Robin Hood & Friends* and *On The Town*, as well as helping with tech on several shows. She has also played various roles over seven years with Christian Music Theater (CMT Morgan Hill). She will be appearing in *The Little Mermaid* in Gilroy this spring. Hannah is thrilled to have been a dance captain on this show! Hannah would like to dedicate her performance to her Nana and Pom Pom, "Thank you for all you have done for me."



## **Alexandra Hannon (*Bum, Ensemble*)**

Alex is 15 years old and a freshman at University Preparatory Academy. Favorite plays she has performed in include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (WVLO), *The Wind in the Willows* (CMTSJ), *Once on This Island* (CMTSJ), *Bugsy Malone, Jr.* (SVCT), and her very favorite, *The Music Man* (SBMT). She enjoyed being Assistant Choreographer for her school play *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Alex would like to thank her wonderful producers for all their hard work. There's been a lot of time and work put into this fantastic show, so enjoy it!



## **Alexa Maris McGinnis (*Cynthia's Friend, Birnbaum's Daughter*)**

Alexa is a junior at Sobrato High School. She has performed in two previous shows, but this is her first with SVCT. Alexa has loved being a part of *Big*. She hopes you enjoy it as much as she has!



**Way to go Isabel! We love watching you perform and are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Marcus and Derek**

### **Ben Snook (Kid, Ensemble)**

Ben Snook is an eighth grader at Silicon Valley Flex Academy. This is his fourth play with SVCT. Most recently he was a narrator in *James and the Giant Peach*. In his spare time, Ben likes to play video games and ride bikes. He would like to thank his family for helping him get his start in acting!



### **Julia Lance (Ensemble)**

Julia is a 15 year old sophomore at Gilroy High School. She likes to ride horses, play the violin and play with her nieces and nephew. Julia is enjoying her work at Gavilan College towards her degree as a wild animal trainer. She is excited to be in this production and hopes to be able to perform in more productions in the future!



### **Joshua Lance (Ensemble)**

Joshua Lance is in eighth grade and enjoys singing at Gilroy High School and reading. He knows how to take care of dogs, cats, fish, horses, parrots, and chickens. Josh likes fantasy books and games. He likes to play big group games and likes to take charge and tell everyone what to do. His favorite movies are *Lord of the Rings* and *Harry Potter*. He hopes you enjoy the show!



### **Makena McElroy (Ensemble)**

Makena is 13 years old and attends Oakwood School. This is her tenth show with SVCT. She has recently been seen onstage in *The Wizard of Oz* as a Munchkin and in SBSC's *Narnia* as a Ballet Muse. In her spare time, Makena enjoys baking and Jamba Juice. Makena would like to dedicate her performance to all her friends and family, especially her extremely talented mother. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### **Megan Carrillo (Ensemble)**

Megan is a 15 year old freshman at Live Oak High School. Megan has been performing with SVCT since 2007, acting in *On The Town*, *Anything Goes* and *Charlotte's Web*. When she is not acting, Megan enjoys playing video games and reading. Thank you for coming to *Big!* I hope you have a wonderful experience!



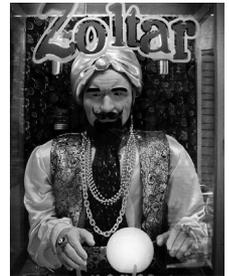
### **Sierra Benitez (Ensemble)**

Sierra is 13 years old and in eighth grade at Britton Middle School. She loves to be onstage—this is her fourth show with SVCT and her fifth show in all. Sierra's hobbies include performing with SVSSA, her violin tour group, and playing tennis. In her free time, she loves hanging out with her friends and shopping. This is Sierra's first teen play. She wishes to thank her family for their support, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!



### **Zoltar (himself)**

Zoltar (aka Jason Harris) has played on both sides of the proscenium. In the past he's been an aging thespian verging on senility as well as a malevolent fixer of baseball games. Hopefully he's a better engineer than an actor—for this show he's been in the shop building the Big Piano. It's a been a while since he was a teen, but he still manages to get on stage—he especially likes those cheap shot deus ex machina roles ....



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*Robin Bezanson and Roberta Vinkhuyzen Rasmussen, Producers*

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## Robin Bezanson - *Producer*

After a long love for live theater, Robin and her family joined SVCT in 2009. Robin is a local realtor and has lived in Morgan Hill for 10 years. She has served on the SVCT board of directors since 2010, produced the 2011 Awards Show with her husband Rob, and produced last year's teen show *On The Town* with her producing partner Roberta.



She would like to thank the cast and their families for their support and patience! She would like to thank Roberta for all her support and friendship, Andrew Cummings, for our beautiful set design, Janell for working day after day to make this a great show, as well as her laughter and friendship, Christine for your amazing support and creativity, James for all your hard work with the teens and orchestra! She wants to especially thank her husband, Rob, for his love and support (Putt, putt!). Robin wants to dedicate all her work, time, efforts and this show to her children, Chris and Hannah. Thank you for being the lights in my life!

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**Roberta Vinkhuyzen Rasmussen - *Producer***

This is Roberta's second experience teaming up with the extraordinary Robin Bezanson to produce the SVCT Teen Musical. It has been a pleasure to work with all of the talented young cast as well as the creative and tireless staff!! Thank You to Robin for her excellent sense of business, logistics, planning, finance and PR. She does it all with warmth, generosity and a smile on her face. Thank you for being my teacher and my friend. Roberta is grateful for the opportunity to be involved in a production with two of her wonderful children, she is very proud of them, not only because of their hard work and talent but mostly because they have grown to be such good and kind young adults. Roberta also owes a gigantic thank you to her loving husband for his patience, support and Zoltar Booth construction.



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## **Janell Cummings - Director**

Janell has been director, stage manager or back stage helper for many different theater groups over the past 12 years. Most recently she directed *On the Town* (SVCT) and *Seussical* (Nordstrom Elementary). Most recently, she stage managed *The 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee* (SVCT). Janell is pleased to be back directing another teen show with her talented sons, Andrew (assistant director, scenic design), Nathan (cast) and Joshua (stage crew). She would like to thank her husband for his patience as she is off on yet “Another Opening, Another Show.”



## **James Chipman - Vocal & Musical Director**

James Chipman has directed the music for several shows for SVCT, beginning in 2001 and including recent productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Damn Yankees*. He has also played trumpet in the pit for several shows, produced one, and been on stage for several productions. His most recent on-stage appearance was as Rapunzel's Prince in *Into the Woods*. Outside of theater, he volunteer teaches 1st grade music at Paradise Valley, and is the associate director for the Oakland Temple Hill Choir.



## **Christine Carrillo - Choreographer**

Christine has been an active member of SVCT since 2007 and has participated on stage as well as off. On-stage credits include: *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Into the Woods*, *Curtains*, *The Wizard of Oz* and more. Christine has choreographed several children and teen shows and, most recently, her first adult show, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. She is delighted to be working on another production with her daughters and husband. Christine thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.



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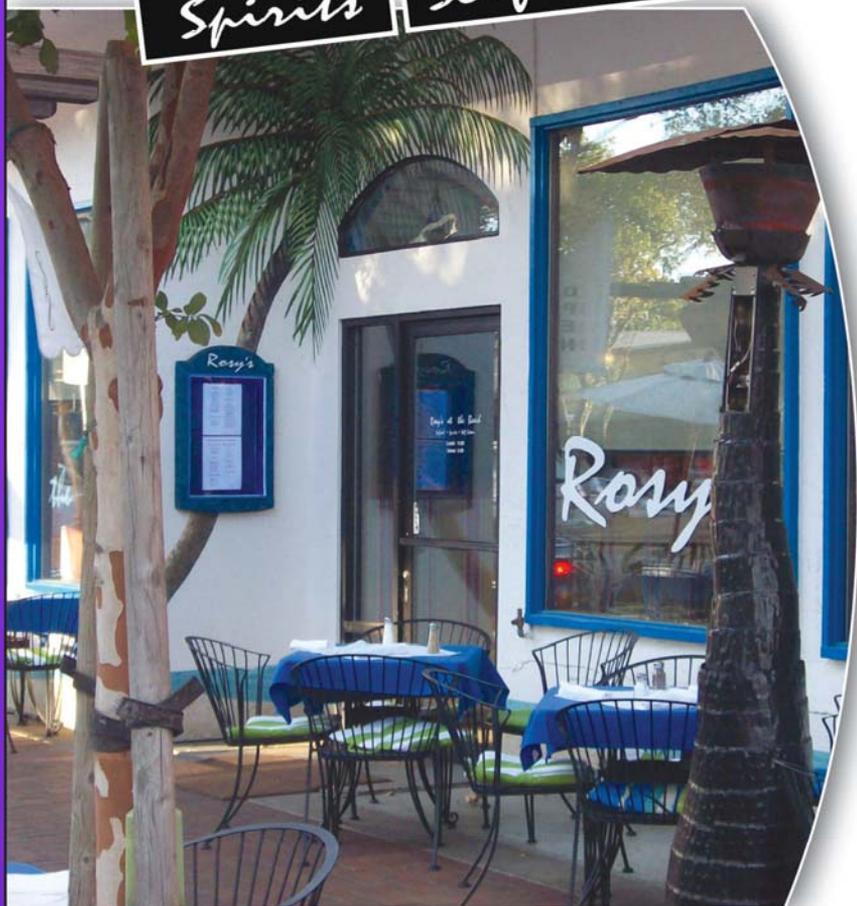
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