

SOUTH VALLEY CIVIC THEATRE'S

PRODUCTION OF

Disney

MULAN JR.



Music and Lyrics by
Matthew Wilder
and David Zippel,
Stephen Schwartz,
Jeanine Tesori and
Alexa Junge

*Music Adapted and
Arranged and Additional
Music and Lyrics by*
Bryan Louiselle

*Book Adapted and
Additional Lyrics by*
Patricia Cotter

*Based on the 1998
Disney Film "Mulan" and
the story "Fa Mulan" by*
Robert D. San Souci

TICKETS

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PERFORMANCES

FRI 8:00pm

OCT 2,9,16

SAT 8:00pm

OCT 3,10,17

SAT 12:00noon

OCT 10*

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SUN 2:30pm

OCT 4,11



(Honor)

Co-Producers

Suzanne Colbert
Marianne Snook

Director

Colleen Blanchard

Director's Assistant

Alice Gracey

Vocal Director

Tami Piper

Music Director

Chris Eves

Choreographer

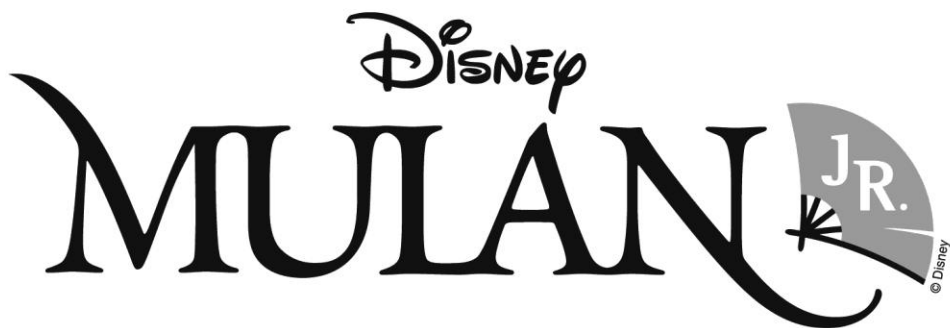
Liana Kishi

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A message from SVCT's President



South Valley Civic Theatre is pleased to once again be a venue where the youth of our area can come together, many for the first time, to act, dance and sing on a "big stage" in front of a live audience. As we begin our 48th Season, it is our pleasure to present Disney's *Mulan Jr.* to our South County audience.

The Fa family Ancestors take us back to ancient China where Mulan's big day to meet the village Matchmaker has arrived. A nervous Mulan wrecks her betrothal ceremony, dishonoring the family and making herself feel terrible. Having no son to join for him, Mulan's father Fa Zhou is unexpectedly called to the army by Chi Fu, the Emperor's counselor. Against her feeble father's command, Mulan steals Fa Zhou's helmet and sword, dresses as a boy, and runs away from home to go in his place. The Huns have invaded, and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor!

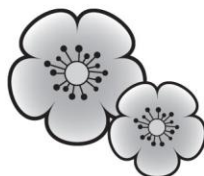
I have seen first-hand, both as a parent and a producer, the growth that happens when kids perform in these plays. The self-confidence it builds in kids, the comradery of working as a team in a production as well as the excitement of the costumes, make-up and sets make for a wonderful experience shared by actors and families, as well as the audience.

South Valley Civic Theatre offers a variety of shows to appeal to our audience. Our next show is the adult musical *Next to Normal*, a look at a suburban family struggling with the effects of mental illness. This show won three Tony Awards including Best Musical Score and also the 2010 Pulitzer Prize.

Please consider supporting South Valley Civic Theatre by joining our theatrical family. There are many opportunities to be on stage, back stage, behind the scenes or to become a member. You may pick up a membership brochure in our lobby and choose the tax deductible membership that is best for you. If you own a business, please consider purchasing a program ad. For more details on advertising, visit our website at www.svct.org.

Thank you for coming.

Greg Colbert
President, South Valley Civic Theatre



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Support the excitement of the performing arts by becoming a member of South Valley Civic Theatre. Your tax-deductible donation makes it possible to bring live plays and musicals featuring children, teens, and adults to the South County area. In appreciation for your support, you will receive discounted tickets to our performances, reduced cast fees when you join us on-stage, special announcements regarding auditions and performances, and the opportunity to cast your vote in our annual Member's Choice Awards. Additionally, it will be our privilege to acknowledge your membership in each of our show programs for the season.

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Opening - Taiko Drum Performers of Morgan Hill

Act One

The Show Prologue.....	Ancestors
Written in Stone (Pt. 1)	Ancestors
Written in Stone (Pt. 2)	Ancestors, Fa Zhou, Fathers, Fa Li Grandmother Fa, Mothers, Daughters
Written in Stone (Pt. 3)	Ancestors, Mothers, Sons, Fathers, Daughters
Bride Practice.....	Ancestors, Mulan
Honor to Us All (Pt. 1)	Fa Zhou, Mulan, Ancestors
Honor to Us All (Pt. 2) ..	Dressmakers, Hairdressers, Groomers, Mulan, Grandmother Fa, Men, Women
Honor to Us All (Reprise).....	Ancestors
Reflection	Mulan
Written in Stone (Reprise)	Ancestors, Mulan
Honor to Us All (Reprise).....	Mushu
Keep 'Em Guessin' (Pt. 1)	Mushu, Mushu Dancers
Keep 'Em Guessin' (Pt. 2)	Mushu, Mulan, Mushu Dancers
I'll Make a Man / Lesson No. 1	Shang, Qian-Po, Ling, Yao, Mushu, Mulan, Soldiers

Intermission

Act Two

A Girl Worth Fighting For.....Ling, Mulan, Yao, Mushu,
Chi-Fu, Shang, Qian-Po
A Girl Worth Fighting For (Reprise)Mulan, Soldiers
Written in Stone / Reflection (Reprise).....Ancestors, Mulan
Written in Stone (Reprise)Mulan
Keep 'Em Guessin' (Reprise)Mulan, Mushu, Yao, Ling,
Qian-Po, Shang
A Girl Worth Fighting For (Reprise) / Coming Home ... Emperor,
Shang, Yao, Ling, Qian-Po
Honor to Us All (Finale).....Ancestors, Company
Keep 'Em Guessin' (Bows).....All



Special Thanks

South Valley Civic Theatre is a not-for-profit organization run by dedicated volunteers and is funded by ticket sales, memberships, and generous sponsors and advertisers. Their combined contributions of money, talent, and time bring great theater to the South Valley. We thank them all. But mostly, we thank you, our audience!

Suzanne Colbert & Marianne Snook, Producers

Jason Leong for extraordinary graphic design of our promotion and advertising materials.

David & Tracy Pyke of Tatgraphics, Inc. for the layout of the program.

Rosso's Furniture for their long-standing support of SVCT.

Morgan Hill Community Center and staff for the use of the Community Playhouse
and for their ongoing support.

Martin Baccaglio for making warehouse space available ~ affordably.

Mainstreet Media (The Gilroy Dispatch, The Morgan Hill Times and Out & About Magazine)
& Morgan Hill Life for giving our shows special consideration in their publications.

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Cast

Mulan.....	Julia Millward
	Angeline Madriaga
Mushu, Dragon	Tegan Leong
Captain Shang	Justin Bautista
Chi Fu, a Chinese Bureaucrat.....	Emily Deakin
	Emma Beck
Laozi, Ancestor	Leah Grifall
Yun, Ancestor	Emily Pember
Lin, Ancestor	Noelle Salcido
Hong, Ancestor.....	Kendall Eves
Zhang, Ancestor	McKenzie Colbert
Qian-Po, Chinese Soldier.....	Peyton Squires
Ling, Chinese Soldier	Nathan Foster
Yao, Chinese Soldier	Lauren DeRosa
Shan-Yu, Hun Leader	Gannon Janisch
Fa Zhou, Mulan's Father.....	Paul Maack
Emperor.....	Tessa Zhang
Grandmother Fa.....	Maddie Schriefer
Fa Li, Mulan's mother.....	Kelsey Beard
Matchmaker.....	Becca Snook
Subar-Tu, Hun soldier.....	Gianna Tawney
Magyar, Hun soldier.....	Robert Harnett
Liu.....	Emma Beck
	Emily Deakin
Chen	Timmy Piper
Young Yi	Cooper Jardine
Xiao	Melanie Chipman

Mothers' Chorus

Becca Snook
Catherine Drayton
Emma Beck
Emma Squires
Gianna Tawney
Isabella Beninger
Jillian Puente
Kelsey Beard
Maddie Schriefer
McKenna Baldwin
Sammy Barnes
Sierra Heinrich
Tessa Zhang

Daughters' Chorus

Avalon Beninger
Cambria Pace
Caroline Drayton
Keely Davis
Kiera Gallagher
Lizzy Piper
Makena Willis
Paige DeRosa
Zoe Hargreaves

Fathers' Chorus

Alexander Beckner
Austin Vandercoevering
Gannon Janisch
Lauren DeRosa
Lexi Barnes
Paul Maack
Peyton Squires
Robert Harnett
Timmy Piper



Sons' Chorus

Angelina Tawney • Ethan Komrosky • Melanie Chipman
Nathan Foster • Presley Calisi • Riley Brown • Suzet Tawney

Mushu Dancers

Becca Snook • Caroline Drayton • Catherine Drayton • Cooper Jardine
Isabella Beninger • Jillian Puente • Lexi Barnes • Maddie Schriefer • Paige DeRosa
Riley Brown • Sammy Barnes • Tessa Zhang

Hairdressers, Dressmakers & Groomers

Cambria Pace • Caroline Drayton • Isabella Beninger • Jillian Puente
Keely Davis • Kiera Gallagher • Lizzy Piper • Paige DeRosa
Riley Brown • Zoe Hargreaves

Salesperson - Alexander Beckner

Chinese Army

Austin Vandercoevering • Cambria Pace • Caroline Drayton • Catherine Drayton
Cooper Jardine • Emma Beck • Emma Squires • Ethan Komrosky • Kelsey Beard
Kiera Gallagher • Lauren DeRosa • Lexi Barnes • Maddie Schriefer
McKenna Baldwin • Melanie Chipman • Nathan Foster
Peyton Squires • Riley Brown • Timmy Piper • Zoe Hargreaves

Great Wall

Cambria Pace • Emily Deakin • Emma Beck • Ethan Komrosky
Kelsey Beard • McKenna Baldwin • Melanie Chipman

Huns

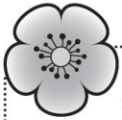
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Lizzy Piper • Max Goller • Makena Willis • Paige DeRosa • Paul Maack • Presley Calisi
Robert Harnett • Sammy Barnes • Sierra Heinrich • Suzet Tawney • Tessa Zhang

Forbidden City Chorus

Alexander Beckner • Angelina Tawney • Avalon Beninger • Becca Snook
Gianna Tawney • Isabella Beninger • Jillian Puente • Keely Davis • Lizzy Piper
Makena Willis • Paige DeRosa • Paul Maack • Presley Calisi • Sammy Barnes
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Assistant Choreographer	Nikki Cendreda
Scenic Designer.....	Jason Leong
Costume Designer	Mary Dokter
Stage Manager.....	Travis Blanchard
All Around Awesome	Kelly Lovell
Hair and Make Up	Tiffany Goller Cathy Squires



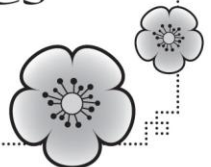
The Tradition of the Gypsy Robe

Each SVCT production awards the "Gypsy Robe" to a chorus member who has made special contributions of time and energy towards the good of the show. The robe is presented to the recipient on opening night; the cast member puts on the robe and blesses the stage before the performance. It is then the duty of the recipient to affix to the robe a patch that signifies the show. The Gypsy Robe is then returned closing night to perform its duty for another show and carry on the tradition.



The producers of *Mulan Jr.* is pleased
to present the Gypsy Robe to:

Emma Squires



The Taiko Drum

The Taiko drum makes so powerful a sound that in ancient times it was said the boundaries of a Japanese village were determined by how far the sound of the village drum would carry. Villages had at least one drum and it was used for several forms of performance and communication. Some examples are a warning of danger, honoring ancestors, awakening the spirits of rain, calling the fisherman back from the sea, performance at both festivals and Japanese theater. It has been said that Taiko is the heartbeat of Japan. Taiko drumming may have been in existence for over 4000 years. There is much similarity of Japanese Taiko drumming to other Asian countries such as China and Korea. This influence is suggested from the Silk Road.

Sandoshin Taiko

Sandoshin Taiko, meaning “dragon mountain pass”, was formed in 2000 as a means of blending traditional Japanese Taiko drumming with various martial art styles. This community group is affiliated with Renkishin Dojo in Morgan Hill. Ikuyo (“e-koo-yo”) Conant serves as the Sensei (“sen-say”) for the group. Virtually all Sandoshin Taiko members have constructed their own Taiko Drums. We feel that each member should put their time and energy into building a drum so they have a much deeper respect for Taiko. Almost all the drums that you see on the stage have been hand crafted by the group members.

Niseishin Daiko

Niseishin Daiko, meaning “second generation dragon”, was formed in 2008 by Rebecca Shingai. This is Sandoshin Taiko’s performing youth group and their Sensei is also Ikuyo Conant. These members are dedicated and a mix of middle and high school students.

Sandoshin Taiko:

Joyce Bedard	Karen Kokubun
Colleen Blanchard	Mike Lawson
Bryan Burkhart	Sharon Morozumi
Gary and Poppy Ceaser	Elieen Sendry
Patty Frankfort	Becky Shingai

Niseishin Daiko:

Rebecca Shingai
Evan Le
Jacynda Nguyen
Justin Nguyen
Brigid Renfrow
Julianna Tamayo
Mykaela Van Roekel

Cast Biographies



McKenna Baldwin (Mother, Chinese Army, Great Wall)

McKenna is in 9th grade at Pacific Point Christian Academy. She is very excited to have Mulan Jr. as her first theatrical performance.

"I would like to thank my family and all my friends for their support and encouragement."



Lexi Barnes (Chinese Army, Mushu Dancer, Father)

Lexi is a sixth grader at Barrett. She is having a wonderful time performing in her fourth SVCT Children's Musical. She was last seen as a Who in "Seussical, Jr." She also played Princess Eve in "Twelve Dancing Princesses" and First Mate in "James & the Giant Peach." She loves doing crafts, drawing dragons, playing video games like Minecraft and Jurassic World and hanging with her friends. "Sit back, get comfortable, and enjoy this fabulous show!"



Sammy Barnes (Mother, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus, Mushu Dancer)

Sammy is an eighth grader at Martin Murphy Middle School where she is a member of the Drama Club. The past three years she has performed for SVCT in "Shrek", "James and the Giant Peach" and "The Twelve Dancing Princesses." She is sad that this will be her last Children's Show, but thrilled that she got to be in such an amazing musical like "Mulan, Jr." In her spare time she likes to draw, play Minecraft, laugh and play with her guinea pig. "I hope you like the show. I had a lot of fun."



Justin Bautista (Captain Shang)

Justin is 13 years old and is an 8th grader at Oakwood. This is his first play with SVCT. In 2012, he was the Stowaway in the middle school production of Pirates. Justin loves to play basketball and enjoys playing the drums. Justin would like to give a special shout-out to his family. Enjoy the show!



Kelsey Beard (Fa Li, Mulan's Mother, Mother, Chinese Army, Great Wall)

Mulan is Kelsey's 3rd production with SVCT. She previously played in Oliver! and Seussical. Kelsey has also performed in several school and church productions. She is a member of the drama club at Martin Murphy Middle School. She enjoys writing and performing music and is a member of the Morgan Hill Clovers Lacrosse team. Kelsey is thrilled to be part of this production.



Emma Beck (Liu, Mother, Chi Fu, Chinese Army, Great Wall)

Emma Beck is in 8th grade at South Valley Middle School. This is Emma's second show with SVCT, her first was Miracle on 34th Street. She has done many school shows and starred in a STAR play in Gilroy. Emma would like to send a special shout out to all her fellow actors and actresses. She would also like to thank her best friend, Ches, for her support.



Alexander Beckner (Hun, Salesperson, Father)

Alexander is in 5th grade at Nordstrom Elementary. He has been in Promised Land (Royal Addersuppteo), and Rotten Hoods (Prince John Main). He would like to send a big thank you to his first director for inspiring him and thanks his family for being with him.



Avalon Beninger (Daughter, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Avalon is in 3rd grade at Las Animas Elementary School in the DI program. Her past shows include - Peter Pan Jr., The Wizard of Oz, Aladdin Jr., and Little Mermaid Jr. Outside of the theater, she is active in Girl Scouts and loves gymnastics, to sing and ride her bike. Avalon is thankful to her parents and sister for their support. Enjoy the Show!



Isabella Beninger (Mother, Mushu Dancer, Groomer, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Isabella is in 7th grade at South Valley Middle School in the Duel Immersion program. Her past performances include the roll of Smea in Peter Pan Jr., the TinMan in the Wizard of Oz, Magic Carpet in Aladdin Jr., Sea Chorus in Little Mermaid Jr., and as a Jungle Creature in Seussical, as well as 6 school plays. Outside of theater, she is active in Girl Scouts and loves to read, sing and dance. Isabella is thankful to her parents and sister for their support.



Riley Brown (Son, Hairdresser, Mushu Dancer, Chinese Army)

Riley is performing in her third production with SVCT and has done nearly a dozen musicals. She loves the stage, especially musical theater and has been seen before in Seussical as well as Oliver with SVCT and this summer as Annie in Annie Jr with Gilroy Star. She is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Gilroy Prep School. When not on stage she enjoys swim team, jumping on the trampoline with her sister and reading. She's so excited to be part of this show and hopes you enjoy the journey.



Presley Calisi (Son, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Presley is pleased to be performing in one of her favorite Disney stories! Her past SVCT credits include Wizard of Oz, Fiddler on the Roof, and Seussical. She's enjoyed scouts for several years and is now a Brownie. Presley is 9, loves soccer, reading and making new friends. She's also a very talented artist, amazing sister, the best daughter... and all around sweetest girl on the planet!

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Melanie Chipman (Xaio, Son, Chinese Army)

Melanie Chipman is enjoying being onstage for her seventh production with SVCT. Most recently she performed as the Young Kangaroo in Seussical Jr. She is excited to be learning karate this year and loves being able to use those skills onstage as a soldier. Melanie would like to dedicate her performance to her little brother Hamilton .



McKenzie Colbert (Zhang, Ancestor)

McKenzie Colbert is 12 years old in 7th grade at Solorsano Middle School in Gilroy. This is her 13th play and some of the plays she has been in include Oliver (Fagin's Crew), Peter Pan (Hop), 12 Dancing Princesses (Rose Laurel, Ensemble – Gypsy Robe Winner), James and the Giant Peach (Glow Worm), and Charlotte's Web (Lamb). She enjoys reading, dancing, and singing. At home, you would find her playing with her dogs (Simone, Wendy, and Jasmine), cat (Mickey), and 2 new foster kittens (Mulan and Mushu). She hopes you enjoy the show.



Keely Davis (Daughter, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus, Groomer)

Keely is in 4th grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. Keely has done Church plays, MAD Friday, and school plays. Keely is thankful for the love, encouragement, and support from her family, friends and teachers.



Emily Deakin (Chi Fu, Liu, Chinese Army)

Emily is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Nordstrom Elementary. This is her first play with SVCT. She has performed in many of Nordstrom's productions and is looking forward to performing at the community playhouse. Emily loves to sing and act. She is currently learning to play the piano. Emily is grateful to her parents and 4 siblings who are looking forward to the show.



Paige DeRosa (Mushu Dancer, Groomer, Hun, Daughter, Forbidden City Chorus)

Paige is in 3rd grade at El Roble Elementary. Paige is a precocious 8 year old who has been bit by the acting bug! This is her second performance and she previously appeared as a Tiny Fairy in Peter Pan Jr. She is thankful to her family for their support and the staff and cast for believing in her!



Lauren DeRosa (Yao, Chinese Soldier, Father)

Lauren is in 8th grade at Brownell Middle School. At 13 years old, Lauren has really taken to acting! This is her third production and first with SVCT. Lauren recently starred as Peter Pan in Peter Pan Jr. and Cathy in her school play, Hawaii calls. She is grateful to the staff, crew and cast for an amazing production and to her parents and grandparents.



Caroline Drayton (Daughter, Mushu Dancer, Dressmaker, Chinese Army)

Caroline is in the fifth grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. Mulan Jr. is her third SVCT show. Her appearances include numerous Advent Lutheran CMT shows (most recently in Esther this Summer) and she appeared as Barrister in City of Gilroy Children's Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz. Her past SVCT shows include Princess Florinda in Twelve Dancing Princesses and she was an Orphan in 2014's Oliver! Caroline enjoys singing and coding as well as playing softball with the Spirit of Morgan Hill. She hopes to be a veterinarian when she grows up! She is delighted to be back at SVCT - enjoy the show!



Catherine Drayton (Mother, Mushu Dancer, Chinese Army)

Catherine is in the seventh grade and attends Charter School of Morgan Hill. Mulan Jr. will be her third SVCT show. Most recently she was seen this Summer in Advent Lutheran CMT's Esther and also appeared last Fall as Miss Gulch in City of Gilroy Children Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz. Her past SVCT shows include Oliver (Orphan) and Twelve Dancing Princesses (Youngblood). When not acting, Catherine enjoys playing softball with Spirit of Morgan Hill, coding and photography. She is honored to be in Mulan Jr. and hopes you like the show!



Kendall Eves (Hong, Ancestor)

Kendall is in 7th grade at Brownell Middle School. She has participated in Wizard of Oz (munchkin), Fiddler on the Roof (townsperson), 12 Dancing Princesses (ensemble), Oliver! (orphan & Fagan's gang), and Seussical the Musical (Wickersham brother #1). Kendall enjoys singing in choir and playing percussion in band as well as playing video games with her dad and brothers. She also likes hanging out with her friends and playing her DS. She hopes you enjoy the play that is "Written in Stone".



Nathan Foster (Ling, Son, Chinese Army)

Nathan has had roles in 4 different plays with SVCT. His first outing in theater landed him the lead role in *James and the Giant Peach*. He won his first award ever in the category of Best Actor in a Leading Role (Youth). His second role found him also playing “James” as James Mara Jr. in *Miracle on 34th Street* along with his four year old brother Daylen. He played an orphan in the Musical *Oliver*. Nathan won Best Actor in a Minor Role (Youth) for *Miracle* and Best Male Chorus (Youth) for *Oliver*. He was cast in the lead role in *Seussical Jr.* as Horton the “singing” Elephant – a very difficult but fun role in which he won his 2nd Best Actor in a Leading Role (Youth) award. When not acting and singing, Nathan loves to swim and is an avid Minecraft, Roblox and Star Wars connoisseur. He is a home-schooled 7th grader.



Kiera Gallagher (Chinese Army, Dressmaker, Daughter)

Kiera is 8 and in 3rd grade at Nordstrom Elementary. This is her 2nd show with SVCT, her first being *Seussical Jr.* She enjoys art, soccer and all things theater and puppies! She has a little sister named Kourtney and is blessed to have some really great friends, in addition to all the new ones she has made at SVCT. She is excited to be a part of this *Mulan Jr.* cast. Enjoy the show!



Max Goller (Hun)

Max Goller is 14 years old and enjoys Elmo, bacon and making movies out of his artwork. He is excited to be making his second appearance with SVCT, and would like to thank the *Mulan* staff and cast for being included in this beautiful show!



Leah Grifall (Laozi, Ancestor)

Leah joined the fun at SVCT last year when she was cast as an Orphan in *Oliver!* She is “honored” to play Laozi in *Mulan* and wants to thank SVCT for giving her the opportunity. Leah has enjoyed performing with local choir *New Dimensions*, and is in plays at school and with the CMT Summer Theater Program. When not performing she enjoys painting, softball, mountain biking & backpacking, as well as down-time with friends & family. Leah is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade at Charter School Morgan Hill.



Zoe Hargreaves (Daughter, Chinese Army, Dressmaker)

Zoe is in 3rd grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. This is Zoe's 2nd play with SVCT. She loved playing a Jungle Animal (Cheetah) in Seussical Jr. Zoe has always loved theater and is excited about performing. She has really enjoyed working with the staff and her cast mates at SVCT. Zoe would like to thank her friends and family for coming to support her. Enjoy the Show!



Robert Harnett (Magyar, Father, Hun)

Robert is a Freshman at Live Oak High School and is excited to be in his fifth show with SVCT. Most recently he appeared as a Wickersham Brother in Suessical. He is also involved with theater at Live Oak and will be appearing in their upcoming musical, The Addams Family.



Sierra Heinrich (Mother, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Sierra is in 7th grade at Martin Murphy. She has been in one school play before this. "I would like to send a special shout-out to my mom for helping me the whole way through."



Gannon Janisch (Shan-Yu, Hun Leader, Father)

Gannon is an 8th grader at St Mary School where he is President of the Student Body. He enjoys the smiles on people's faces and the sounds of laughter they express. He is determined to put a smile on the faces and warm the hearts of everyone he meets. Gannon's theater career started in 2011 in 101 Dalmatians, where he played a Chihuahua. He has had the privilege of working with

various Directors through the City of Gilroy Recreation Department, starring in Aristocats, Wizard of Oz, and Peter Pan. He is proud to be a part of South Valley Civic Theater's production of Mulan.



Cooper Jardine (Young Yi, Son, Mushu Dancer, Chinese Army)

Cooper is 9 years old and in fourth grade. Mulan Jr. is his second production with SVCT, with Suessical Jr. being his first. He absolutely loves performing on stage and being a part of Musical Theater. He plans on continuing and looks forward to being in many more productions. In his free time Cooper loves to spend time with his family, playing

with his 2 dogs, gymnastics, and starting dance class soon. Cooper has had an amazing time rehearsing for this show and hopes you enjoy it as much as he does!



Ethan Komrosky (Son, Chinese Army, Great Wall)

Ethan is a proud 8-year-old third grader at Shadow Mountain Baptist School. This is his second SVCT production having played a "Who" in *Seussical Jr.* He is enthusiastically enjoying his new role and looks forward to continuing to grow with each show. Ethan loves performing with all of the talent in this production and hopes that you love it, too. Ethan wants to give a shout out to his best friend and little brother, Noah, who keeps him on his toes! "Believe you can, then you will!"



Tegan Leong (Mushu)

Mulan Jr. marks Tegan's 3rd SVCT play and she is extremely happy to be working again with the Cat in the Hat (Julia) and her fellow cast mates. She is thrilled for this opportunity to be a sassy dragon: a contrast from her dreamy JoJo persona from *Seussical*, and melancholy orphan from *Oliver!* Tegan is a 5th grader at Nordstrom Elementary School. She loves her books, drawing and participating in every school activity she can get involved with.



Paul Maack (Fa Zhou, Mulan's Father, Father, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

This is Paul's third show with SVCT. He recently won the award for Best Actor in a Minor Role for a Wickersham Brother in *Seussical*. He is 13 years old and goes to Britton. It has been a great experience. He thanks his directors and producers. And he'd like to thank his brother for working backstage. He likes playing father roles.



Angeline Madriaga (Mulan)

Angelina is 13 years old and an 8th grade student at St. Catherine School in Morgan Hill. Singing is her passion and she loves sharing her gift by performing in front of people. She has done a couple of shows at SJCMT and now looking forward playing as Mulan on her first show here at SVCT! Besides singing, Angeline loves acting, dancing, playing guitar/piano and reading. She also

enjoys playing basketball in her free time. She is thankful to be part of SVCT and for giving her the opportunity to play as Mulan and for her parents and brother for all their support.



Julia Millward (Mulan)

Who is that girl you see? It's Julia Millward, an 8th grader at Oakwood School and a dedicated actress. Julia has a very interesting personality consisting of craziness, kindness, goofiness, and acting. She thinks she has been bitten by the theatre bug, because she can't stop doing shows. Her first show with SVCT was Oliver! where she appeared as a Fagin's boy and what started her love of theatre. Then Seussical Jr. was next, where she was the Cat in the Hat. Now she is thrilled once again to be in Mulan Jr. as Mulan and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Cambria Pace (Daughter, Hairdresser, Chinese Army, Great Wall)

Cambria is happy to be a part of this production of Mulan, Jr. Cambria has previously been in six other productions including: Twelve Dancing Princesses (SVCT), Aladdin Jr., Oliver! (SVCT), Wizard of Oz, Readin', Ritin' and Rockin' (Oakwood), Suessical Jr. (SVCT) and other choral performances. Cambria loves to be on stage singing and dancing in front of audiences and bringing life on to the stage. Cambria is in 4th grade at Oakwood School and drama is one of her favorite classes. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Lizzy Piper (Daughter, Hairdresser, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Lizzy is so excited to be in Mulan! This is her very first appearance with SVCT, but will surely not be the last. Lizzy loves singing, dancing, playing all kinds of games, and making all kinds of crafts. She has taken gymnastics for the last two years and sung in the Oakwood Holiday Show Choir for two years as well. Lizzy loves dogs and wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.



Timmy Piper (Chen, Father, Chinese Army)

This is Timmy's SVCT debut. He has loved all the fighting he gets to do in the show, especially because his mom doesn't yell at him for it! Timmy loves gymnastics, football, building games, art, and picking on his sisters. He has taken piano for four years and plays "Heart and Soul" every time he gets a chance. Timmy was a Cub Scout and earned his Arrow of Light Award before moving on to the Boy Scout program last summer.





Emily Pember (Yun, Ancestor)

Emily has performed in three SVCT shows prior to Mulan. Most recently she played a Bird Girl and The Cat in the Hat Understudy in Seussical. Her most favorite part was when she played Young Fiona in SVCT's production of Shrek. She thanks you for supporting SVCT and hopes you enjoy the show!



Jillian Puente (Mother, Hun, Dressmaker, Mushu Dancer, Forbidden City Chorus)

Jillian is in 4th grade at Pacific Point Christian Academy. Jillian is excited to join the cast of "Mulan Jr." for her first show with SVCT. Past experiences include "Annie Jr." with STAR and "Disney Spectacular" with CMT. Jillian loves singing, dancing, puppies and American Girl dolls. Jillian is thankful for the support of her family and hopes that you enjoy the show!



Noelle Salcido (Lin, Ancestor)

Noelle is an 8th grade honor roll student at Brownell Middle School. Noelle has been singing since she was two and has been in many City of Gilroy productions and musicals throughout the years, since she was 5 years old. She has performed in many school talent shows and plays. Noelle is also the lead singer of an all kid local acoustic rock band, Headstrong. Noelle is first Soprano in choir at

her school and performed at Disneyland last year. In her spare time Noelle likes to draw, sing karaoke, teach herself how to play new instruments, tumbling class and loves to buy cheer bows on Etsy! This is her first experience with SVCT and is having a great time!



Maddie Schriefer (Grandmother Fa, Mother, Mushu Dancer, Chinese Army)

Maddie is extremely passionate about theater. This is Maddie's 5th play in SVCT. Maddie is a eighth grader at Martin Murphy Middle School. Her last performance was Seussical the Musical, she played the role as Dr. Dake. Loving the comedian roles, Maddie is now performing as Grandmother Fa, which is also a comedian role. If

Maddie could describe herself in three words, those three words would be creative, outgoing and devoted. She would like to thank SVCT for noticing her in Seussical, and she was honored when she received the award for best actress in a minor role.



Becca Snook (Matchmaker, Mother, Mushu Dancer, Forbidden City Chorus)

Becca is 13 years old. This is her 5th show with SVCT. She enjoys bright colors, books, and being yourself. The three B's. She would like to thank you for buying a ticket and hopes you enjoy the show! This will be her last kids show.



Emma Squires (Mother, Chinese Army)

Emma is in 8th grade at Silicon Valley Flex Academy. "As this is my first real play production, I've had a fun and exciting time learning the routines and being a part of the show, as cliché as that sounds. Thanks to my family as well as the cast and crew, I'm ready to see the end result and am looking forward to joining the upcoming teen show. This is just my first step in my theater journey. I hope to see you at the next audition"



Peyton Squires (Father, Qian-Po, Chinese Army)

Peyton is in 9th grade at Live Oak High School. He likes reading in general. This is his very first show ever! He would like to send a special shout-out to the director and the people who taught us the blocking and how to sing the songs.



Angelina Tawney (Son, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Angelina is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Paradise Valley School. This is her second show with SVCT. Last year, she could be seen as an orphan in Oliver. Angelina has also performed with Gilroy Children's Musical Theater in Forever Broadway and Popular. Angelina is happy to be performing for the first time with her older sisters Gianna and Suzet.



Gianna Tawney (Mother, Subar-Tu, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Gianna is 15 years old and a freshman at Ann Sobrato High School. This is Gianna's first play with SVCT. She loves to sing, dance and play softball. Gianna is just joining the theater and has signed up for drama classes at her school. Enjoy the show!



Suzet Tawney (Son, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

Suzet is 13 years old and is an 8th grader at Britton Middle School. In her spare time Suzet loves drawing, reading and spending time with friends. Although this is her first time on stage she is not a newcomer to theater. She is usually working back stage doing stage crew but is happy to have her onstage debut in *Mulan*. She is also accompanied by both her older sister Gianna and her younger sister Angelina who are also in the show. Suzet says she's been bitten by the theater bug and we may find her onstage again sometime in another show!



Makena Willis (Daughter, Hun, Forbidden City Chorus)

I am in 3rd grade at Jackson. This is my first show with SVCT. I have been in the *Nutcracker* and *La Fille Mal Gardée* with South Valley Dance Arts. I enjoy being on stage and look forward to many more shows. "Thank you to my family for your support and to my Grampa Jon for helping me."



Austin Vandecoevering (Father, Chinese Army)

Austin is in 6th grade at El Toro Elementary. Austin has been in three SVCT productions- *James and the Giant Peach*, *12 Dancing Princesses*, and *Seussical*. He has also been in *MAD- Camp Heart and Soul*, *Blast Off* and *We're here for the Gold*. "Learning the songs and dances was so much fun! Thanks to everyone who helped me learn and came to support me"



Tessa Zhang (Emperor, Mother, Mushu Dancer, Hun)

Tessa is an 8th grader at Martin Murphy Middle School. This is her 4th SVCT show. She was in *Twelve Dancing Princesses*, *Shrek*, and *Seussical Jr.* Besides dancing and singing, Tessa runs cross country and plays tennis. She hopes you will sit back, relax, and enjoy the show as you transport back to Ancient China.



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Colleen Blanchard (Director)

Colleen has been active in theater as an actress, director, and lighting designer for many years. Her first SVCT appearance was in the pit orchestra for "The Music Man" in 1997. She was on-stage as Laurie in "Oklahoma!" in 2000, followed by many more shows such as "The Fantasticks", "Guys and Dolls", "Music Man" and "Into the Woods". She has directed shows for all age groups throughout the Bay Area, 14 of those being with SVCT including "the Wizard of Oz", "Peter Pan", "Disney's Aladdin Jr.", and most recently "Seussical". She is thrilled to be working with the talented cast of Mulan Jr.



Travis Blanchard (Stage Manager)

Travis has been involved with theatre around the Bay Area for over 10 years, with experience in acting, stage management, direction, choreography, and lighting, sound, and set design. Having spent most of the past few years onstage, Mulan Jr. marks his return behind the scenes. Past credits include Scarecrow (*The Wizard of Oz*, SVCT), Sir Lionel (*Camelot*, Lyric Theatre), Jack (*Into The Woods*, SVCT), Barbershop Quartet (*Music Man*, SBSC), stage manager (*Scrooge*, SVCT), and choreographer (*H.M.S. Pinafore*, Lyric Theatre).



Suzanne Colbert (Co-Producer)

Suzanne has been involved with the SVCT Children's shows since *Jungle Book, Jr* in 2008. She has 3 children who have graced the SVCT stage. She has produced *Charlotte's Web*, *James & the Giant Peach* and choreographed 12 *Dancing Princesses*. Last fall, she performed for the first time in the chorus of *Oliver*. When not hanging out with really creative kids, you will find her working as a Veterinarian at Princevalle Pet Hospital in Gilroy where she has practiced small animal and exotic medicine for the last 20 years. She would like to thank Greg Colbert who has been her loving husband and support in ...everything.



Alice Gracey (Assistant Director)

Alice began working with SVCT since she had to learn how to pronounce the word “ubiquitous” fifteen years ago as the Old Sheep in “Charlotte’s Web.” Since then, she has participated in dozens of shows both in the cast and on the tech crew with SVCT and other local theatre companies.

She has most recently been seen as Ethel Toffelmier in SBSC’s production of “The Music Man.” When she isn’t

in the theatre, she can be found writing the myriad books, screenplays, and shows her overactive imagination plagues her with. She hopes to see her shows performed locally and to give like-minded creative people opportunities to explore unique stories and characters on the stage.



Liana Kishi (Choreographer)

Liana is thrilled to be working under the guidance and talent of Director Colleen, as well as the fabulous SVCT Community. She returned to performance as ensemble in last year’s production of *Oliver!* alongside her daughter Tegan. This is her debut as choreographer. It was not long ago when she turned to her daughter during an intermission, and asked the simple question that began it

all: “so, do you want to give it a try?” And what an amazing experience it’s been since. Liana extends her heartfelt thanks to the SVCT Board for their encouragement and granting her this opportunity.



Tami Piper (Vocal Director)

Tami is a regular with SVCT, both on and off stage. Her favorite roles have been Abigail Adams in 1776 and The Witch in Into the Woods. She has been the Assistant Director for Music Man, Noises Off, and Fiddler on the Roof. Most recently she was the vocal director for Oakwood High School’s Hairspray. In her spare time she raises her five fabulous kids. Many thanks to her husband

Jeff for supporting her theatre habit!



Marianne Snook (Co-Producer)

Marianne has been involved with SVCT for 4 years and this is her 3rd time as a producer. She loves being involved with the theatre as it’s a great way to spend time sharing an interest with her entire family including her husband, Kris, who has stage managed a few shows in the past and 24-year old daughter, Jessica, who has acted in and directed many shows. It has been fun being part of Mulan

as the kids have grown so much in a very short time. Thank you to all of you for making this a fantastic experience!

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"We are so proud of you Paige and can't believe the difference a year makes in your confidence! Reach for the stars and may all your dreams come true!"
— Love, Mommy and Daddy

"Lauren, you have become an amazing actress and we are so happy that you have found your calling! May your stars always shine bright!"

"We are all proud of you, Zoe, and love to watch you shine on stage."
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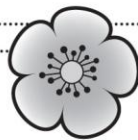


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"Congratulations Isabella!" We are so proud of you and your commitment to theater. You are amazing in all of your roles and a true Superstar!
—Love Mommy, Daddy and Avalon.

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