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# MESSAGE FROM THE SVCT PRESIDENT

A Night to Remember: Welcome to *The Prom*!



Welcome, theater lovers, to a night of laughter, love, and liberation! We are so incredibly thrilled you've joined us for our production of *The Prom*.

This show is more than just a dazzling musical; it's a heartfelt story that reminds us all of the importance of acceptance, the power of speaking up, and the simple joy of being true to yourself. As you watch Emma navigate the challenges of wanting to take her girlfriend to the prom, you'll witness the transformative power of a community coming together for what's right.

Bringing *The Prom* to life has been a labor of love for our entire cast and crew. Dedication, talent, and passion shine through in every song and dance number. We are immensely proud of the hard work and the vibrant energy that's been poured into this production.

Thank you for supporting live theater and for being a part of this special SVCT evening. We hope you leave tonight with a smile on your face, a song in your heart, and an appreciation for how South Valley Civic Theatre brings thoughtful entertainment to our community.

Enjoy the show!

Peter Mandel, President, SVCT

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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to *The Prom* at SVCT.

Right now, as LGBTQ+ stories face renewed scrutiny and censorship across the country, telling this one feels especially vital. *The Prom* isn't just sequins, jokes, and big musical numbers (though we've got a bucket of those!); it's a joyful declaration of love, authenticity, and the right to belong. It's a reminder that acceptance should never be controversial, and that every young person deserves to dance, love, and live out loud.

One of the things I love most about this show is how it tackles a difficult topic with humor, warmth, and an unapologetically lighthearted spirit. It reminds us that laughter can be a powerful form of resistance. That joy is an act of courage.

This show has been a labor of passion, grit, and genuine, unruly, hearts. The entire company, cast, crew, orchestra and each of the volunteers involved have shown up with everything they have, pouring in time, energy, emotion, and care to build a prom. In doing so, every costume stitch, set piece, light cue, dance step, and rehearsal hour is a testament to what happens when people believe in a story and each other.

I am beyond proud of what we've created. Thank you for joining us and for supporting live theatre; theater that dares to say: You are seen. You are loved. You are welcome here.

With gratitude and pride,

Tressa Bender, Director

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# CAST OF CHARACTERS

Emma Nolan.....	Kaitlyn Scadina
Barry Glickman.....	Michael Cuddy
Dee Dee Allen.....	Jen Wheatonfox
Trent Oliver.....	AJ Jaffari
Angie Dickinson.....	Natalie Fitzgibbons
Alyssa Greene.....	Megan Dake-Merklinghaus
Sheldon Saperstein.....	Peter Mandel
Mrs. Greene.....	Robin Harris
Mr. Hawkins.....	Mark Alexander
Kaylee.....	Kia Jones
Shelby.....	Kai Skye
Nick.....	Maxwell Cale
Kevin.....	Sean Dariano
Young Barry.....	Graham Bowman

## Ensemble:

Lillian Asclipiadis, Graham Bortolussi,  
Amanda Fitzgerald, Idalia Gutierrez, Juan Gonzalez,  
Jayda Lamar, Oliver Olson, Lindsay Petroff,  
Calista Roberts, Miriam Shem-Tov,  
Chris Souza, Rachel Stites,  
Katherine Thomassen,  
Giacomo Vaccaro, Logan Walters,  
Richard Yin

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and are reaching out to the community to join us...

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connection with your community?

To get an idea of the types of volunteer roles we have,  
learn more at [www.svct.org/volunteer](http://www.svct.org/volunteer).

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## Act One

"Overture" .....	Orchestra
"Changing Lives" .....	Dee Dee, Barry, Ensemble
"Changing Lives (mini Reprise)" .....	Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Trent
"Changing Lives (Reprise)" .....	Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Trent
"Just Breathe" .....	Emma
"It's Not About Me" .....	Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Trent, Sheldon, Ensemble
"Dance with You" .....	Emma, Alyssa
"The Acceptance Song" .....	Trent, Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Ensemble
"You Happened" .....	Kevin, Nick, Shelby, Kaylee, Emma, Alyssa, Ensemble
"We Look to You" .....	Mr. Hawkins
"Tonight Belongs to You" .....	Barry, Emma, Mrs. Greene, Mr. Hawkins, Alyssa, Kaylee, Shelby, Ensemble
"Act I Finale" .....	Barry, Emma, Mrs. Greene, Mr. Hawkins, Alyssa, Kaylee, Shelby, Ensemble

## Act Two

"Entr'acte" .....	Orchestra
"Zazz" .....	Angie, Emma
"The Lady's Improving" .....	Dee Dee
"Love Thy Neighbor" .....	Trent, Shelby, Kaylee, Ensemble
"Alyssa Greene" .....	Alyssa
"Barry Is Going to Prom" .....	Barry
"Changing Lives Act II" .....	Barry, Dee Dee, Trent, Angie, Sheldon, Mr. Hawkins
"Unruly Heart" .....	Emma, Ensemble
"It's Time to Dance" .....	Company

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts



# STAFF

Producer.....Ashley Bortolussi  
Producer.....Emily Shem-Tov  
Director.....Tressa Bender  
Vocal Director.....Mark Alexander  
Music Director.....Miguel Ledezma  
Choreography..... Tressa Bender, Ashley Bortolussi,  
Megan Dake-Merklinghaus,  
Natalie Fitzgibbon, Kaitlyn Scadina  
Rehearsal Stage Manager.....Clara Shem-Tov  
Back Stage Manager.....Kelly Kobata  
Lighting Designer.....Mykal Philbin  
Sound Operator.....Clay Bortolussi  
Lighting Operators.....Archita Satapathy, Annika Cummings  
Spotlight Operator.....Orion Benson/Tyler Rempel  
Set Design.....Clara Shem-Tov  
Costuming.....Ashley Bortolussi & Amanda Fitzgerald  
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Miguel Ledezma

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Reed 2: Mark Beyer

## Brass

Trumpet 1: Gavin Sezen

Trumpet 2: Laura Shea-Clark / Antonio Trujillo

Trombone: Rich Macleod

## Strings

Violin 1: May Yoneyama / Jamie Yuen

Violin 2: Ellie Lyle / Jamie Yuen

Violin III / Viola: Silvio Rocha / Susan Hogben / Nathan Mailoa

Cello: Karmen Peng / Deb Fenzel-Alexander

Bass: Tommy Calamia / Parsa Khajavi

## Rhythm Section

Piano: Samuel Cisneros / Val Zvinyatskovsky

Guitar: Dylan Escudero / Thinh Nguyen

Percussion: Tanner Vandecoevering / Dana Parker



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# MEET THE CAST



## **MARK ANTHONY ALEXANDER (MR. HAWKINS)**

Mark (he/they) is honored to make his acting and directing debut for SVCT. Mark's previous roles include the narrator (*Rocky Horror*), Angus (*Macbeth*) and he has vocal directed for shows like *Matilda* and *The Seussical*. He is also an aspiring playwright and is currently pursuing a path to be a professor. He gives a special thanks to his supportive fiancée, Taylor. Life happens once, do what you love!



## **LILLY ASCLIADIS (ENSEMBLE)**

Lilly (she/her) is excited to be apart of her second production with SVCT! She is a junior in high school and currently getting an associates in theater. Thank you to her parents who put in a lot of effort in getting her to and from rehearsals each week. Hope you enjoy!



## **GRAHAM BORTOLUSSI (ENSEMBLE)**

Graham (he/him) is thrilled to be part of *The Prom*! This is his 11th show. Some of his most notable role include Theo in *Pippin* (SVCT), Sam Harper in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (CMT) and Mike Teevee in *Willy Wonka Jr* (Little Theater). He hopes you enjoy the show and that you "Love thy neighbor!"



## **GRAHAM BOWMAN (YOUNG BARRY)**

At just 6 years old, Graham is the youngest member of the cast and beyond excited to make his SVCT debut! Last year he was in *Fiddler on the Roof* with Lyric Theatre, which was his first musical. When he's not performing, Graham loves practicing taekwondo, drawing cool things, and making people laugh. He sends a giant THANK YOU to his amazing castmates for being so kind, supportive, and fun. And one more thing—Graham says he'd be super happy if you came up and said "hi" after the show!



## **MAXWELL EICHHOLTZ-CALE (NICK)**

Maxwell (he/him) is a rising junior at Oakwood High School and is very excited to be in SVCT's *The Prom*! Maxwell could have been seen in 28 other performances, his most notable being CMT's *Hadestown* (Ensemble), SVCT's *Mean Girls* (Mr. Duvall), SVCT's *Lightning Thief* (Gabe) and OHS' *Radium Girls* (Dr. Knef). He hopes you all enjoy this show, as it is a very special one with a powerful message that needs to be told.





### **MICHAEL CUDDY (BARRY GLICKMAN)**

Michael (he/him) is thrilled to bring Barry Glickman's glittery drama to life! A South-Bay stage regular, Michael's past roles include Chief Inspector Pinckney (*Gentleman's Guide*), Harvey Wilkes (*Big River*), Dwight Babcock (*Mame*), and nearly every Patter Baritone in the Gilbert & Sullivan canon. He thanks SVCT for the sparkle, his castmates for the laughs, and his friends and family for their endless support.



### **MEGAN DAKE-MERKLINGHAUS (ALYSSA GREENE)**

Megan (she/her) is honored to be returning to SVCT for the second time to play Alyssa Greene. She is a dance major and all-around theater enthusiast. Some favorite past roles include Judy (*A Chorus Line*), Chiffon (*Little Shop of Horrors*), and featured dancer (*Rent*). Megan wants to thank her friends and family for their unwavering support, as well as her cast mates for all the laughter and encouragement (and putting up with her shenanigans). She hopes you enjoy the show!



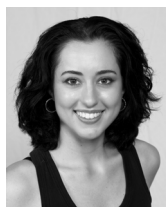
### **SEAN DARIANO (KEVIN)**

Sean (he/him) is a graduating senior who wants to explore and build his love for theatre into a career. He's done two shows with SVCT -- *Kinky Boots* and *Mean Girls*. He's also done four musicals at his school and four plays too. *The Prom* has brought Sean something to look forward to everyday and he is ecstatic that he can perform for the audience. His dreams are to go to Broadway or Hollywood and hopefully pursue a degree in Political Sciences to help achieve his goal to help others.



### **AMANDA FITZGERALD (ENSEMBLE)**

Amanda (she/her) is thrilled to return to the stage for the first time since high school! Her day job is program management, but by night, she's working on a sewing project or chasing her two dogs, Moose & Aria. Amanda wants to thank her husband for his unwavering support. She wouldn't have made it through the rehearsal process without his home-cooked meals, saint-like patience, and joyful attentiveness to her rehearsing. Cheers to finding love filled with zazz!



### **NATALIE FITZGIBBONS (ANGIE DICKINSON)**

Natalie (she/her) is thrilled to be back on the SVCT stage as Angie Dickinson. She most recently worked behind the scenes choreographing SVCT's *Mean Girls* (2025) and *Pippin* (2024). She also assisted in choreographing a handful of numbers for *The Prom*! She'd like to thank her friends and family for their endless support, and she hopes you'll enjoy the show!



### **JUAN RAMON GONZALEZ (ENSEMBLE)**

Juan (he/they) is elated to be part of SVCT's *The Prom*. Previous credits include Don Rodrigo (*House of Desires*); Lewis (*Pippin*) and Cliff Bradshaw (*Cabaret*). When he is not on stage Juan loves to read and listen to podcasts about movies, Paris, history and Titanic. Juan would like to thank his mother and his friend, Shane, for their infinite love and support.



### **IDALIA GUTIERREZ (ENSEMBLE)**

Idalia (she/her) is excited to be making her musical debut in *The Prom*! She is so grateful to SVCT for giving her the opportunity to perform! Offstage she's a 3rd year art major at CSU Long Beach and nail tech! She gives her thanks to all her family and friends for supporting her!! Extra special thanks to Jared for helping her out with vocals <33 And of course a big thanks to all of the cast/team of *The Prom* for being so kind and welcoming!



### **ROBIN HARRIS (MRS. GREENE)**

Robin (she/her) is thrilled to FINALLY go to *The Prom*!! She is honored to be a part of this amazing, supportive and ultra talented cast! Her favorite roles at SVCT include Mary Meekly (*Unnecessary Face*), Granny (*Into the Woods*) and Miss Gulch (*The Wizard of Oz*). She has been a dramaturg and is part of the social media marketing team at SVCT. She enjoys fan girling over her favorite actor, her hubby! Jason - "I just want to dance with you!!! "

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### AJ JAFFARI (TRENT)

AJ (he/him) is happy to be playing the role of an overly confident Broadway star. Recent credits: Eric in *Unnecessary Farce*, Emmett in *Legally Blonde* and Motel in *Fiddler On the Roof* (SF Bay Area BroadwayWorld Nominee). When not on stage, AJ enjoys working on his own music as well as hosting a weekly theater podcast "Broadway with AJ and Sarah." Endless thanks to his family for their support and for taking special care of his pup Daisy while he spends countless nights at rehearsal.  
@ajjaffari



### KIA JONES (KAYLEE)

Kia is a sophomore at Oakwood High School and very excited to be making her SVCT debut as Kaylee in *The Prom*! Kia has been doing theater for about three years and she has a very strong passion for it. Some of her past roles include Sina in *Moana Jr.*, Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and Wendy Jo in *Footloose*. Outside of theater, Kia loves to sing, draw, crochet, and play tennis. Enjoy the show!



### JAYDA LAMAR (ENSEMBLE)

Jayda (she/her) is excited to play a sassy and spunky teenage girl in the teen ensemble! Her past credits include Charon (*Percy Jackson The Lightning Thief*), Pamela (*39 Steps Abridged*) and Sally (*Wild Dust*). About to leave the nest and start her new journey at Cal State Fullerton, Jayda would like to partake in one more production before she sets her wings to fly. Ready to take to the floor, Jayda hopes you enjoy the show!

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### PETER MANDEL (SHELDON SAPERSTEIN)

Peter (he/him) performs as well as doing lighting and projection design. He recently performed in SVCT's *Kinky Boots* (George) and *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Man in Chair), Limelight's production of *The Outsider* (Ned Newley), SVCT's *Cabaret* (Herr Schultz), and Los Altos Stage's production of *Oslo* (Egeland/Pundak). Previously he has performed in *1776* (John Adams), *The Producers* (Max Biaystock), *Guys and Dolls* (Nathan Detroit), and *Gypsy* (Herbie), among many wonderful roles.



### OLIVER OLSON (ENSEMBLE)

Oliver (he/him) is 14 years old, and recently graduated from the Charter School of Morgan Hill. He will be attending Ann Sobrato High School in August. This is his third show with South Valley Civic Theatre, with the previous two being *The Lightning Thief: A Percy Jackson Musical*, and *Finding Nemo. Jr.* He is really excited to continue acting while in High School.



### LINDSAY PETROFF (ENSEMBLE)

Lindsay (she/her) is zazzed to be dancing through life (and Indiana) in *The Prom!* This marks her 19th production. When she's not performing she loves to read romance novels and listen to Taylor Swift. She sends love and glitter to her fellow cast and crew and anyone who knows all the lyrics to "Love Thy Neighbor." It's time to dance!!!



### CALISTA ROBERTS (ENSEMBLE)

Calista (she/her) is an incoming senior as well as cheerleader at Ann Sobrato High School. She has been participating in local productions since 4th grade and this is her 13th community production! She'd like to thank her Mom, Dad, friends, and family for all of their love and support, and hopes you all enjoy the show!

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### **KAITLYN SCADINA (EMMA)**

Kaitlyn (she/her) is honored to be returning to SVCT as Emma. Her favorite past roles include Fay Apple (*Anyone Can Whistle*), Sharpay (*HSM*), and Sheila (*A Chorus Line*). When not performing locally, she works as a dance teacher/choreographer in San Jose with various students aged PreK-12. She wants to thank all her friends, family, and the *Prom* team for this opportunity! You can find her @kaitscadina on insta and @kaitdxnce on TikTok <3



### **MIRIAM SHEM-TOV (ENSEMBLE)**

Miriam (she/her), 14, is a rising freshman at Oakwood and has been in 50+ shows, this being her 10th with SVCT. Favorite roles include Nick Bottom in *Something Rotten Jr* (Oakwood), Woodstock in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Pintello), Billy Ray Jr. in *On Golden Pond* (Limelight), and *Ugly in Honk! Jr* (SVCT). Offstage, she enjoys crochet and playing volleyball. She is forever grateful to her family, friends, and this dazzling cast & crew for their support. Now strike a pose—it's time to dance!



### **KAI SKYE (SHELBY)**

Kai (she/her) is thrilled to join her first production with SVCT as Shelby! Her favorite past roles include Guha (*The Ramayana*) and Buddy the Elf (*Elf Jr.*). Kai is a 15 year old who just finished her freshman at Christopher High School in Gilroy, where she participated in varsity dance and track and field this year. She would like to thank her family for getting her to and from rehearsals and for always offering their loving support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### **CHRIS SOUZA (ENSEMBLE)**

This is Chris's 38th show with SVCT. He started way back in 1984 with *South Pacific*. Through the years he's played memorable characters like Mortimer in *The Fantastiks*, the Father in *Secret Garden*, and most recently Mr. Price in *Kinky Boots*.



### **RACHEL STITES (ENSEMBLE)**

Rachel (she/her) is delighted to make her stage return after a 26 year hiatus! She spends most of her days playing cruise director and chauffeur to her two children, and has been thrilled to have time for herself during the play. Extra thanks and love to her husband David for holding down the fort, to Avery for learning the songs with Mom, and to Jack for putting up with the extra singing. Thanks to her parents, Jane, Shannon and Stacey for their support. "Get ready folks, cuz it's showtime!"



### **KATHERINE THOMASSEN (ENSEMBLE)**

Katherine (she/her) is an enthusiastic performer who most recently acted in her first play, *God of Carnage*, as Veronica U/S. Her ensemble credits include *American Psycho* (B.A.D. MT), *Addams Family* (WVLO) and *Anything Goes* (SJMT). Over quarantine, she hosted a weekly virtual karaoke cabaret show on Facebook in partnership with another weekly show (on which she also performed and worked "backstage"). She would like to thank her friends, family, co-workers, and singing teacher for their support.



### **GIACOMO VACCARO (ENSEMBLE)**

Giacomo (he/him) is thrilled to be back! This marks his 18th production and third with SVCT. Some of his previous roles include Angel in *Kinky Boots* (SVCT), Ensemble in *Godspell* (SJMT), Henchman/Ensemble in *Matilda* (SVCT), Mike Costa in *A Chorus Line* (STHS), and Jason W. in *Mean Girls* (STHS). Giacomo would like to thank the amazing Prom Staff/Team for the opportunity to be a part of such an incredible production.



### **LOGAN WALTERS (ENSEMBLE)**

Logan (he/him) is a kid that is just starting out acting -- he just got finished his first year of high school has been in one play. So far he's doing fine and acting isn't his only hobby. He also know how to play ice hockey and tennis. He also is able to make friends with other people easily if he vibes with them or if he's in the mood. He is a fan of a lot of things in media and trust me, he will go into rants of lore since he is such a nerd.

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### JEN WHEATONFOX (DEE DEE ALLEN)

Jen makes her SVCT debut in *The Prom*! Favorite roles include Roxie (*Chicago*), Trina (*Falsettos*), Meredith (*Bat Boy*), and Lola (*Damn Yankees*). A Bay Area native, Jen earned a BFA in Drama from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. When not rehearsing, Jen spends time with her kids, Zoë and Jack, enjoys gardening, and works at Stanford Medical School. She dedicates both her performance and her unruly heart to Steve.



### RICHARD YIN (ENSEMBLE)

Richard (he/him) is excited to be back for his second production with SVCT! He previously appeared in *Pippin* as an (enormously tall!) ensemble member and has also done two shows at WVLO. Sperm whales accept fresh sea air through their blowhole things!



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# ★ MEET THE STAFF ★



## **ASHLEY BORTOLUSSI (PRODUCER)**

Ashley (she/her) jumped headfirst from theater mom to first-time producer—and what a show to start with! She's the proud mom of Clay (sound wizard), Graham (ensemble superstar), and Amelia (tiny but mighty tech sass machine), and has loved every minute of producing alongside her kids. Huge thanks to her amazing husband Andy for holding down the fort at home and pitching in on set construction while she dove into this new adventure. Ashley is thrilled to be producing SVCT's upcoming production of *Disney's Descendants: The Musical* this fall. Ashley hopes the message of *The Prom*—that everyone deserves love, acceptance, and a place to shine—resonates with audiences as deeply as it did with this incredible cast and crew.



## **TRESSA BENDER (DIRECTOR)**

Tressa (she/her) was last seen on the SVCT stage as King Charles in *Pippin*. Recent directing credits include *Fiddler on the Roof* and *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. She serves on the SVCT Board and is incoming VP for the 2025–26 season. Endless love to Ron—her rock, best friend, and endless supporter—who somehow manages to play seven instruments in this show and still cheer the loudest.



## **MIGUEL LEDEZMA (MUSIC DIRECTOR)**

Miguel (he/him) is a dedicated music educator and accomplished trombonist based in San Jose, CA. He holds degrees from West Valley College and the University of Puget Sound. Miguel serves as Director of Bands at LeyVa Middle School and performs widely across the Bay Area. His work emphasizes community, collaboration, and the transformative power of music in students' lives.



## **CLARA SHEM-TOV (STAGE MANAGER/SET DESIGNER)**

Clara (she/her) is a rising high school senior and thrilled to have stage managed and designed the set for *The Prom*. Though she's missing all the performances to attend a summer tech theater program at Carnegie Mellon University, she's so grateful for this amazing cast and crew and the chance to make magic behind the scenes.



## **EMILY SHEM-TOV (PRODUCER)**

Emily (she/her) has loved being part of the SVCT community over the past few years, co-producing eight Limelight plays and now her first musical. Getting to bring *The Prom* to life alongside her daughters Clara (behind the scenes) and Miriam (onstage) made it extra special. Huge thank you to Ashley, Tressa, and Clara for making this the best prom committee experience ever, to Shachar for all the endless support, and to the entire cast and crew for making this such a glittery, joyful adventure! Up next: *Kimberly Akimbo*!



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# LOCAL RESOURCES

*The Prom* is a celebration of love, acceptance, and the power of showing up for one another. While the story is fictional, the challenges that LGBTQI+ teens and their families face are very real—and ongoing.

In the spirit of the show, we've compiled a list of local organizations and resources dedicated to supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender + (LGBTQIA+) youth and those who love them. Whether you're looking for a place to connect, guidance on navigating tough conversations, or simply a reminder that you're not alone—these resources are here to help.

We hope this section serves as a bridge to community, support, and pride.

## **Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center**

The Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center provides community, leadership, advocacy, services and support to the Silicon Valley's LGBTQ People and their Allies striving to be the community's premier resource hub and a recognized leader in promoting health, strength, diversity and inclusiveness.

<https://www.defrankcenter.org/> [fabulous@defrank.org](mailto:fabulous@defrank.org) (408) 293-3040



## **The LGBTQ Youth Space**

The LGBTQ Youth Space is a supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and ally youth aged 13-25 in Santa Clara County. It offers a range of services including drop-in counseling, support groups, art workshops, and leadership opportunities. The space aims to provide a safe and confidential area for LGBTQ youth to connect and access resources. Additionally, it offers crisis and suicide prevention resources for those in need.

<https://youthspace.org/> [YouthSpace@FCServices.org](mailto:YouthSpace@FCServices.org) (408) 343-7940



## **Outlet**

Founded in 1997, Outlet empowers LGBTQIA+ youth and builds safe and accepting communities through support, education, and advocacy. Outlet envisions a world that embraces, empowers, and celebrates LGBTQIA+ youth. Outlet is youth-centered, respecting all individuals and honoring their differences. Outlet program staff provide a safe environment that is confidential, inclusive, and non-judgmental. Striving for social justice and engaging youth in achieving freedom, fairness, and equality for all are the core elements of the program. Outlet services support the emotional, physical, and social development of youth as whole individuals.

<https://www.acs-teens.org/what-we-do/outlet/>  
[info@acs-teens.org](mailto:info@acs-teens.org) 650.424.0852



## **PFLAG San Jose (Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays)**

Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families. Started in 1985, the PFLAG San Jose / Peninsula chapter meets people where they are and collaborates with others to realize its vision through <https://pflagsanjose.org/> (408) 270-8182



[info@pflagsanjose.org](mailto:info@pflagsanjose.org)

## **Pride Social South County**

Pride Social South County is an adult (18 and over), all volunteer LGBTQ+ non-profit organization. We offer peer support and provide resources for services such as seeking a referral for therapy, seeking a volunteer to support our elderly LGBTQ+, etc. In addition, we are Pride organizers. We plan and bring Pride events to our local South County communities. The Pride event allows non profits and health resources to be brought to our underserved LGBTQ+ communities. We also advocate for our LGBTQ+ communities from Gilroy, San Martin, Morgan Hill and the unincorporated areas of South County. [www.pridesocialsouthcounty.com/](http://www.pridesocialsouthcounty.com/)



## **The Q Corner**

The Q Corner is a peer-driven, Behavioral Health Services Department program dedicated to supporting the LGBTQ+ community and their friends, families, and allies, in Santa Clara County. This safe, welcoming, and affirming team is committed to making community services and resources available to everyone. <https://bhscd.santaclaracounty.gov/q-corner> [schoolqnection@hhs.sccgov.org](mailto:schoolqnection@hhs.sccgov.org) (408) 961-4497



## **Safe Space @ the Morgan Hill Public Library**

Safe Space welcomes queer & trans youth and their allies, ages 13-25.

Join us every 2nd and 4th Friday at the Morgan Hill Public Library for in-person hangouts, games, community-building, information and resources, workshops, linkage to care and services, and much more!

For questions or more info, please contact our South County Outreach Coordinator, Simon (He/Him), at: [spichayaphinyo@fcservices.org](mailto:spichayaphinyo@fcservices.org) or (408) 343-7944.





# SPECIAL THANKS

A show like *The Prom* doesn't happen without a whole lot of love, time, creativity, and community spirit. We are endlessly grateful to the incredible team of volunteers, families, friends, and theater lovers who lent their hands, hearts, and talents to bring this production to life.

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