



SOUTH VALLEY CIVIC THEATRE

PRODUCTION OF



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ON STAGE!

©Disney



FEB 20-MAR 14, 2026

WWW.SVCT.ORG



Resident Company of the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse

Oakwood School

Preschool | Elementary School | Middle School | High School

Bravo to Oakwood student Sienna Teel on her performance!



Schedule a TOUR!

- ✓ **Discover** our unique educational philosophy
- ✓ **Explore** our scenic Morgan Hill campus
- ✓ **Meet** dedicated teachers and engaged students
- ✓ **Observe** learning in action



 **MORGAN HILL**

www.visitoakwood.com

South Valley Civic Theatre's

Production of



Directed by Natalie Fitzgibbons

Book by
DAVID SIMPATICO

Songs by
Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham,
Greg Cham and Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen and Kevin
Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle;
David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by
Bryan Louiselle

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by
Peter Barsocchini

Disney's High School Musical
Is presented through special arrangement with
Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

ANY VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS PRODUCTION
IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Message from the SVCT Board

What a joy it is to welcome you to SVCT's production of *High School Musical On Stage!* and to celebrate the extraordinary young performers who have poured their hearts into this production. The talent, dedication, and enthusiasm these teens bring to the stage remind us exactly why youth theater matters—not just as entertainment, but as a place where confidence grows, friendships form, and young people discover the power of storytelling and collaboration.



Producing youth theater is one of the most meaningful ways we can serve our community. It gives students a safe, creative space to try something new, take risks, and shine. It also strengthens the future of live theater by nurturing the next generation of artists, technicians, and leaders. Watching these young performers step into the spotlight is both inspiring and a powerful reminder of what community support makes possible.

We are deeply grateful to the families, volunteers, educators, and patrons who make productions like this happen. Your encouragement and presence tell these young artists that their voices matter.

As you enjoy *High School Musical*, we hope you'll join us for the rest of the season and continue supporting SVCT and live theater in our community. Every ticket, every volunteer hour, and every round of applause helps keep the arts vibrant and accessible for all. Thank you for being here—and for believing in the magic of live theater.

Enjoy the show!

Thank you to SVCT's most recent grant providers!



Sidney Stern
Memorial Trust



SV Creates in
association with
the County of
Santa Clara



Message from the Producer

I was in high school when *High School Musical* first premiered on the Disney Channel in 2006. To be honest, it wasn't my cup of tea at the time. Teenage me was full of angst and rebelliousness that couldn't quite embrace the show's bright, optimistic spirit.



Imagine my surprise, though, when classmates started asking me about musicals. They loved the movie so much that they became curious about theater itself. *High School Musical* didn't just entertain, it introduced an entirely new generation to musical storytelling. It became a cultural phenomenon, sparking sequels, merchandise, and, nearly two decades later, a television series that helped launch pop sensation Olivia Rodrigo.

Eventually, nostalgia won over my millennial heart. When I was pregnant with my son, my husband constantly quoted, "We're All In This Together," to keep my spirits up. Maybe that's where my real fondness for the show began. Who knows, but somewhere along the way, I became a fan. So much so that during our production of *The Prom*, a familiar dance move inspired by *High School Musical* was affectionately renamed "The Tressa." It was only fitting I got involved in this show.

What makes *High School Musical* endure isn't just the catchy songs or bright energy. It's the reminder that people are more than the boxes they're placed in. Athletes can sing. Scholars can dance. Artists can surprise us. Most importantly, community happens when we choose to show up for one another exactly as we are.

That spirit has shone through every rehearsal of this production. Our cast has supported, encouraged, and lifted each other in ways that feel deeply true to the heart of the story. Watching these performers grow, not only as artists, but as friendships, has been one of the greatest joys of producing this show.

Programs like ours are both rare and deeply important. Our organization is committed to equal and equitable access to the arts, which means no one is charged to participate. Every costume, rehearsal, set piece, and performance is made possible by volunteers who give their time, talent, and heart simply because they believe in what theater can do for a community. Because of that mission, your presence here matters. Attendance, applause, and ticket sales are not just support for a single show, they are what make opportunities like this possible for the next young performer waiting to find their place onstage.

Thank you for being here, for believing in young artists, and for celebrating the power of live theater. When we come together with openness, courage, and a little bit of music, we really are all in this together.

Tressa Bender, Producer

Cast of Characters

Troy Bolton.....	Matthew Horta
Gabriella Montez.....	Kaileya de la Serna
Ryan Evans.....	Jude Lee
Sharpay Evans.....	Dara Hargreaves
Mrs. Darbus.....	Maisie Maiorino
Chad Danforth.....	Oliver Olson
Taylor McKessie.....	Lillian Asclipiadis
Kelsi Neilson.....	Sienna Teel
Zeke Baylor.....	Miles Casey
Coach Bolton.....	Ezrah Cortez
Martha Cox.....	Gabriella Horta
Jack Scott	Sergio Olivas
James.....	Gustavo Cardenas
Cathy.....	Grace Rogers
Susan.....	Kendall Prophet
Alan/Karaoke MC.....	Cruz Andrade
Cyndra.....	Sophie Lane
Ripper.....	Logan Walters
Ms. Tenny.....	Danee Harer
Mongo.....	Sophia Canudo
Jason/Zeke Understudy.....	Lucas Fleischer

Ensemble

Emma Aitken, Kensley Barlics, Leah Biscardi
Lucy Bringham, Natalie Castaneda, Maya Diaz
Mia Gibson, Madison Gilges, Vivienne Gulizia
Joselynn Klamo, Heidi Kruse, Suzie Lockhart
Kelsey MacDonald, Melia Magaña, Aurelia Mancini
Ava Meehan, Claire Oliphant, Chloe Olson,
Michal-Donna Sanchez, Tamy Ta,
Serenity Welch, Abby Wilcox, Lia Wolfson



Scenes & Songs

Act One

Scene 1: East High School Steps (& Ski Lodge) - Monday, 7:45 AM

"Wildcat Cheer"

Company

"Start of Something New"

Troy, Gabriella, Company

Scene 2: Ms. Darbus's Homeroom - Monday, 8:00 AM

Scene 3: Hallway - Monday, 8:15 AM

Scene 4: Gym - Monday, 8:30 AM

"Get'cha Head in the Game"

Troy, Jocks

"Get'cha Head in the Game (Reprise)"

Troy, Jocks

Scene 5: Chemistry Lab - Monday, 2:00 PM

Scene 6: Theater - Monday, 3:00 PM

Scene 7: Theater - Tuesday, 3:00 PM

"Auditions (Bop to the Top/What I've Been Looking For)"

Thespians, Ms. Darbus

"What I've Been Looking For"

Ryan, Sharpay

"What I've Been Looking For (Reprise)"

Troy, Gabriella

Scene 8: Various Places - Tuesday, Evening

"Cellular Fusion"

Taylor, Chad, Martha, Zeke,
Kelsi, Sharpay, Ryan, Company

Scene 9: Cafeteria - Wednesday, Noon

"Stick to the Status Quo"

Ryan, Sharpay, Zeke,
Martha, Ripper, Company



Act Two

Scene 1: Rooftop Garden - Wednesday, 12:30 PM

"I Can't Take My Eyes Off of You"

Troy, Gabriella

Scene 2: Sharpay's Locker - Wednesday, 12:30 PM

Scene 3: Study Hall - Wednesday, 1:00 PM

Scene 4: Gym - Wednesday, 3:30 PM

"Wildcat Cheer (Reprise)"

Cheerleaders

Scene 5: Locker Room/Lab - Wednesday, 4:00 PM

"Counting on You"

Chad, Taylor, Martha, Zeke,
Jocks, Brainiacs

"When There Was Me and You"

Troy, Gabriella,
Jocks, Brainiacs

Scene 6: Isolated Spaces - Wednesday, Evening

Scene 7: Rehearsal Room - Thursday, 12:30 PM

Scene 8: Theater - Thursday, 12:45 PM

"Start of Something New (Reprise)"

Troy, Gabriella

Scene 9: Study Hall - Thursday, 1:00 PM

"We're All in This Together"

Kelsi, Chad, Taylor,
Jocks, Brainiacs

Scene 10: Lab/Theater/Locker Room & Gym - Friday, 3:00 PM

"Bop to the Top"

Ryan, Sharpay, Company

"Breaking Free"

Troy, Gabriella, Company

Scene 11: Gym - Friday, 5:00 PM

"We're All in This Together (Reprise)"

Company

"High School Musical Megamix"

Company



Staff

Producer.....	Tressa Bender
Producer.....	Michael Horta
Director.....	Natalie Fitzgibbons
Vocal Director.....	Sophia Gonzalez
Choreographer.....	Natalie Fitzgibbons
Stage Manager.....	Alina Tomasco
Deck Manager.....	Sky Barraza
Lighting Designer.....	Jenn Oliphant
Lighting Consultant.....	Clara Shem-Tov
Set Design.....	Jenn Oliphant
Costumers.....	Natalie Fitzgibbons & Sophia Gonzalez
Graphic Designer.....	Omar de la Serna
Cast Photos.....	Omar de la Serna
Social Media Coordinators.....	Robin Harris & Natalie Fitzgibbons
Program Designer.....	Emily Shem-Tov
Lobby Designer.....	Maria Aitken
Concessions Manager.....	Trisha Gilges
House Manager.....	Gloria Horta



South Valley Civic Theatre is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. Your membership is important and is tax-deductible.

Your support enables us to provide high quality performing arts experiences for the residents of South Santa Clara County and surrounding communities. Your support is returned to the community in the form of live theater productions for the enjoyment of participants and audiences alike. Membership growth enables us to produce more ambitious shows and to reach more people.

Join today at www.svct.org/membership

Meet the Cast



Emma Aitken (Brainiac)

Emma is so excited to be in her first teen show! Her most recent productions with SVCT include *Descendants: The Musical* (Grimhilde) and *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Crush). Emma is so happy to be back on stage with her talented castmates, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Cruz Andrade (Alan/Karaoke MC)

Cruz is a 14-year-old aspiring actor. He is excited to be in his ninth musical and first teen production with SVCT. He loves singing and being with his friends. Cruz would like to thank his brother, Cristian, for being supportive.



Lillian Asclpiadis (Taylor McKessie)

Lilly, currently a junior, is excited to participate in her third show with SVCT! This is her first role outside of being part of the ensemble in *Mean Girls* and *The Prom*, and she is excited to expand her range by playing Taylor! She would like to thank her parents and her friends for helping with lines and being so supportive throughout the show!



Kensley Brielle Barlics (Brainiac)

Kensley is in 8th grade at Ocean Grove. She is very excited to be performing in SVCT's *Disney's High School Musical*. Her first performance with SVCT was *Disney's Descendants* and she loved being a part of that show as well! Kensley loves to sing and dance and is learning so much about being on stage. She would like to send love and a big thank you to her family and friends for their support!



Leah Biscardi (Brainiac)

Leah is a 7th grader at Charter School of Morgan Hill. This is her first time on stage! A longtime softball player, she used the off-season as a chance to try something new and fell in love with theater. She's thrilled to be part of this production and looks forward to many more shows ahead. Leah would like to thank her Mom, Dad, sister Zoe, friends, and family for all of their support.



**Lucy Bringham (Brainiac)**

Lucy is a freshman and is thrilled for her 12th show, *High School Musical!* Lucy recently played Jane in *Descendants*. Her favorite role was Mrs. Peterson in *Bye Bye Birdie*. She sends love to her family, friends, and her voice teacher the queen, Miss Sophia.

**Sophia Canudo (Mongo/Brainiac)**

This is Sophia 8th musical and her debut show with SVCT. Her latest roles were Mary in *Mary Poppins* and Wendy in *Peter Pan*. She is currently a freshman at Christopher High School where she does intermediate choir. She wants to thank the crew and hopes you enjoy this show as much as she does!

**Gustavo Cardenas (James)**

Gustavo is a 8th grader at Britton Middle School and he is very excited to be part of *High School Musical!* This is his 9th musical and second production with SVCT. You may recognize him from *Descendants the Musical* as Jafar in the Wicked Cast. Gustavo has been doing musical theatre since 2023. During his free time, he likes chatting with friends, doing puzzles, and most of all, being a thespian. He would like to shout out to his family and friends for supporting his theatre journey and he hopes you enjoy the show!

**Miles Casey (Zeke Baylor)**

Miles is in his second semester at Gavilan College and will be majoring in Theatre Arts. This is his 2nd show with SVCT (Kevin G., *Mean Girls*) but 16th show overall. He is thrilled to be part of such an amazing show and hopes you enjoy!

**Natalie Castaneda (Cheerleader)**

Natalie is an 8th grade musical theatre actress with a big love for the stage. She is excited to perform and be a part of SVCT for *High School Musical* and brings energy, passion, and heart to every role. When not acting, she's dancing; her favorite way to tell a story and express herself. Natalie would like to thank her family for their love & support.

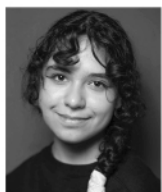
**Ezrah Cortez (Coach Bolton)**

Ezrah is 16 years old and a sophomore at Gilroy High. This is his 4th SVCT show; you could have previously seen him as Damian in *Mean Girls* (SVCT), Ugly in *Honk* (LTP), a lackey in *Frozen* (CMT), or as a worker in *Hadestown* (CMT). When not on stage, Ezrah likes to play football and run track at GHS. He also likes to hang out with friends and family and watch *I Love LA*. He hopes you enjoy the show!



**Kaileya de la Serna (Gabriella Montez)**

Kaileya is 13 years old and thrilled to be performing in her first teen show! You may have seen her in SVCT's production of *Descendants* (Evie), *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Peach), *Moana Jr.* (Ancestor 3) and *Matilda* (Lavender). She would like to thank everyone who continues to support her on stage, and hopes you enjoy this Disney classic!

**Maya Diaz (Brainiac)**

Maya is a freshman at Ann Sobrato High School where they are currently in their school's production of *Ranked*, and were in their first play, *26 Pebbles*, last semester. This is their 5th show with SVCT and 11th show overall. They would like to thank their friends and family for their support, and they hope you enjoy the show!

**Lucas Fleischer (Jason/ Zeke Understudy)**

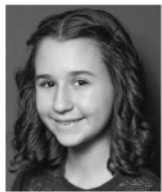
Lucas is a freshman at Ann Sobrato High School and is ecstatic to be a part of his first SVCT production. Stick to the Status Quo!

**Mia Gibson (Jock)**

Mia is a 7th grader at SVMS. This is her first show with South Valley Civic Theatre, but she has been in 2 school productions and in Little Theater Productions' *Frozen Jr.* She would like to thank Star Arts Education, which ran her school's plays, for introducing her into the sport of theater, along with her parents, friends, and cat for supporting her along the way.

**Madison Gilges (Cheerleader)**

Madison is a freshman at GECA who loves being in the theater community! She'd like to thank her parents for their support and her castmates for making this such a great experience!

**Vivienne Gulizia (Brainiac)**

Vivienne is thrilled to be in the ensemble of *High School Musical*. She has performed in many school performances but this is her first SVCT show. This new experience has been a great one, confirming her love for musical theater. Vivienne would like to thank her supportive family and friends! She hopes you enjoy the show.



**Danee Harer (Ms.Tenny/Cheerleader/Jock)**

Danée is 14 years old and a Freshman at Vine Academy. She is super excited to be a part of *High School Musical* as Ms. Tenny! This is her 4th production with SVCT and her 15th show overall. Past roles have included Mal (*Descendants*), Alice (*Alice in Wonderland*), Peter (*Peter Pan*) and many more exciting roles. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Dara Hargreaves (Sharpay Evans)**

Dara is 15 years old and thrilled to be in her first teen show with SVCT, and her 23rd show overall! Some of her past and favorite roles include Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof* (CMTSJ), Matilda in *Matilda* (SBSC), and Ida in *Honk* (LTP). She is very excited to be playing the ambitious and sassy role of Sharpay in this iconic musical! Big thanks to her family and friends for all their support and to the cast and crew for making this another amazing experience! She hopes you enjoy this fabulous show!

**Gabriella Horta (Martha Cox)**

Gabriella is a 17-year-old junior who is thrilled to be part of this production. She most recently appeared as Bullfrog in *Honk Jr.* (LTP) and Janis in *Mean Girls* (SVCT). Gabriella has been performing since age six in productions throughout Gilroy and Morgan Hill, with favorite past roles including Mrs. Gloop in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, Maureen in *Honk! Jr.*, and Player #8 in *The Wolves*, along with appearances in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *Gypsy*, *Oliver Jr.*, and *Grease Jr.* When she's not on stage, Gabriella enjoys spending time with her friends and supporting her family backstage. She has loved bringing Martha to life and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Matthew Horta (Troy Bolton)**

Matthew is a 13 year old 8th grader who loves being on stage. He is very excited to bring Troy Bolton to life. Most recently he appeared in Starting Arts' *13 Jr.* (Brett), SVCT's *Fun Home* (Christian), *Disney's Descendants* (Jay), and in LTP's *Honk! Jr.* (Ugly). Other notable roles include *Finding Nemo Jr* (Marlin), *Kinky Boots* (Young Lola), *Wonka Jr* (Augustus), *Frozen Jr* (Olaf), *A Christmas Story* (Ralphie), and *Beauty & the Beast* (Chip). Matthew wants to thank everyone who comes and watches his shows and appreciates your support. He hopes you enjoy this one!



**Joselynn Klamo (Cheerleader)**

Joselynn is an eighth grader at South Valley Middle School. This is Joselynn's first teen show, and she is excited to be a part of this production. Her most recent play was SVCT's *Descendants*. She would like to thank her friends and family for all of their support!

**Heidi Kruse (Brainiac)**

Heidi, in her freshman year of high school at Summit Tahoma, is excited to appear in her second production with SVCT. She recently performed in SVCT's *Descendants*, her debut show. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Sophie Lane (Cyndra)**

Sophie, now a junior, is excited to be back at SVCT for her second show! She was recently Dawn S. and Teary Girl in the *Mean Girls* production last year. She is ready to put on an amazing show and would like to thank her friends and family for always being supportive!

**Sergio Olivas Lara (Jack Scott/Jock)**

Sergio is very excited to present the on stage production of *High School Musical* as Jack Scott / Jock Ensemble! Sergio has loved rehearsing with all of his castmates and is so sad the show is coming to an end. Sergio will miss everybody in the cast and crew. Sergio hopes everybody enjoys the show that he and his castmates worked so hard on.



**Certified Personal
Trainer for Seniors**

**Sewing Lessons
for Kids and Adults**

408-835-5376

www.ClassesWithAmber.com



Jude Lee (Ryan Evans)

Jude is honored and excited to play the role of Ryan Evans. Jude is a 13 year old seventh grader at Monte Vista Christian, and has been involved in theater at SVCT, Little Theater in Gilroy, and Monte Vista. Some of Jude's favorite roles have been Charlie in *Wonka Jr.*, Young Tarzan in *Tarzan*, Sven in *Frozen Jr.*, and many other roles. In his free time, Jude enjoys spending time with friends and family, and working on his acting skills. Jude is involved in young thespians and dance at school, and looks forward to performing on the stage for years to come.



Suzie Lockhart (Cheerleader)

Suzie is a seventh grader at CSMH. This is her eleventh musical performance. Her favorite role so far was playing Miss Honey in *Matilda*. Suzie also plays the piano, does Lyrical dance at Lana's Dance, and advanced gymnastics at the CSC. She was previously a cheerleader for the Morgan Hill Raiders. Suzie loves her friends, family, and pets and enjoys listening to music, singing, and dancing. She thanks her family for always supporting her and hopes you enjoy the show!



Kelsey MacDonald (Cheerleader/Jock)

Kelsey has been enjoying her first time on stage in a musical. She is a senior at Gilroy High and has been a member of the Chamber Choir for 4 years. She is also currently the producer for GHS Drama Club's *CLUE: On Stage*. Kelsey would like to thank her family, friends, Jenn, Ollie, and Claire for being so supportive in this new adventure.



Melia Magaña (Cheerleader)

Melia is in 8th grade. This is her second show with SVCT and thirteenth show overall. Her most recent role was the Royal Page in *Descendants*. This is one of the most fun shows she's ever done, and she has loved being a dance captain alongside Danee. Melia takes vocal lessons and is a dancer at San Benito Dance Connection, where she is currently dancing as Woody in their performance team's production of *Toy Story*. In her free time, she loves playing piano, shopping, and volunteering at her church. She wants to thank her friends Ava, Serenity, Lia W. and her directors for making this show a fun experience. Melia dedicates this performance to her parents who support her every step of the way. "Go Wildcats!!"





Maisie Maiorino (Ms. Darbus)

Maisie is an 8th grader at Solorsano Middle School and has a vibrant, spunky personality. This is her 16th production overall and her 4th with SVCT. Some of her favorite past roles include Maureen in *Honk Jr.*, Carmen in *Fame Jr.*, and the Caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* When not on stage, Maisie enjoys singing, dancing, and horseback riding. She would like to thank her friends and family for being her biggest fans. Enjoy the show!



Aurelia Mancini (Brainiac)

Aurelia is 13 years old and very excited to be performing in her sixth musical, her second show with SVCT. Some of her favorite previous roles include Jovie in *Elf Jr.* and Vlad Vladikoff in *Seussical*. In her free time, she likes to cook, dance, play guitar, do theater, and hang out with her friends. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and she dedicates it to her family and friends. "We're all in this together!"



Ava Meehan (Jock)

Ava is thrilled to be part of the Jocks in *High School Musical!* She recently turned 14 years old and attends Jackson Academy of Math and Music. Last year, she played the roles of Winkie General in *Wizard of Oz* at Roberta Jones Junior Theatre, and Brigitta von Trapp in the *Sound of Music* at San Benito Stage Company. This is her 6th show with SVCT; her favorite roles were Greylag in *Honk Jr.*, Amanda Thripp in *Matilda*, and Maleficent in *Descendants*. Outside of theater, she likes to play in the band, draw, and listen to music. She would like to thank all of the people she's met in her theatrical journey.



Claire Oliphant (Brainiac)

Claire is thrilled to be part of the ensemble in *High School Musical!* She attends Gavilan College where she loves her theatre appreciation and music ensemble classes, and she enjoys playing both piano and guitar. Claire has previously appeared in *Honk! Jr.* (dir. Tressa Bender), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (with Natalie Fitzgibbon), *Moana, Jr.* as Te Fiti, and *The Lightning Thief: A Percy Jackson Musical* as Bianca. When not onstage, Claire loves reading, crafting with resin, snuggling with her mom, and spending time with her girlfriend, Ella, who has been an amazing support!



**Chloe Olson (Cheerleader)**

Chloe is a 7th grader at CSMH. This is her 2nd show ever and she is so excited for it to be this one. Chloe enjoys playing volleyball, hanging out with friends, and watching *Stranger Things*. She wants to give a shout out to Leah, Suzie, and Lucy, her best friends on set. She wants to give a special shout out to The Ibarra family who she hopes to see in the crowd. Enjoy the show and GO WILDCATS!!

**Oliver Olson (Chad Danforth)**

Oliver is a Freshman at Ann Sobrato High School, and is really excited to bring this show to life! What team! Go Wildcats!

**Kendall Prophet (Susan/Cheerleader)**

This is Kendall's 2nd performance with SVCT and her 5th performance overall. She had a great time playing Audrey recently in *Disney's Descendants*, and looks forward to doing more shows in the future. She thanks all of her friends and family for their support and hopes you all enjoy the show!

**Grace Rogers (Cathy/Cheerleader)**

Grace is an 8th grader at Solarsano Middle School and is delighted to participate in her 13th production. Her favorite roles include Veruca Salt (*Wonka Jr.*) and Middle Anna (*Frozen Jr.*). Grace loves to sing and perform in all ways possible and has enjoyed her first teen production at SVCT. She also enjoys playing club volleyball for the Morgan Hill Volleyball Club and spending time with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Michal-Donna Sanchez (Cheerleader)**

Michal-Donna is a sophomore who is excited to be in her first show with SVCT. She loves to sing and act and is grateful for the new friends she has made along the way. She can't wait to continue working with SVCT and create many more memorable experiences.

**Tamy Ta (Cheerleader)**

Tamy, who will be graduating Gilroy High School this year, is excited to be part of SVCT's production of *High School Musical*! This is Tamy's first time doing a theatre production and she is looking forward to doing many others in the future. Tamy thanks her friends and family for supporting her through a new stage in life!

**Sienna Teel (Kelsi Nielsen)**

Sienna is a sophomore at Oakwood High School. She is excited to be on stage for a second time with SVCT. Her past roles include Mrs. Gloop in *Willy Wonka*, Annie in *Annie the Musical*, DJ Cerberus in *The Lightning Thief*, and Jafar in *Aladdin*. Sienna is on the Oakwood Speech & Debate team. She competes by acting in Dramatic Interpretation tournaments. She has also performed in the summer choir series of the I Cantori de Carmel concert production of "*Opera Under the Stars*". Sienna is grateful for the support of her family and friends and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Logan Walters (Ripper)**

Logan is a young man that has mostly just started in theater. He has been in a few plays with Live Oak Drama Guild and has started going into SVCT plays. He has started getting better and better from his starting point and is very excited to continue his journey in theater.

**Serenity Welch (Cheerleader)**

Serenity is 13 years old and in 8th grade. This is her second performance with SVCT and her eighth show overall. Serenity is very excited to be in her first teen show along with her friends Melia and Ava. Enjoy the show!

**Abby Wilcox (Cheerleader)**

Abby, a freshman at Sobrato High School, is thrilled to be part of *High School Musical* as a cheerleader in this year's production. Abby has been in more than a dozen musicals and has previously appeared on stage as the unforgettable (and fabulously put-out) Mrs. Mops in *A Christmas Carol*, which remains one of her favorite roles. When not performing, Abby stays busy with Marching Band (saxophone), Girl Scouts (cookies anyone?), and finding any excuse to sing show tunes at home. She loves being part of the energy and fun of musical theater and will soon be performing as Lily in Sobrato's upcoming version of *Ranked*. Abby would like to thank her family, friends, castmates, and directors for all their love, encouragement, and support.

**Lia Wolfson (Cheerleader)**

Lia moved to Gilroy from Flagstaff, Arizona three years ago and has been bitten by the acting bug! This is her sixth show and she looks forward to future opportunities to shine in community theater.



Meet the Staff



Tressa Bender (Producer)

Tressa Bender is back for another one! Having just directed *Fun Home* at SVCT she is so excited to be producing *High School Musical*. She is endlessly grateful to Gloria and Michael Horta—dear friends, tireless problem-solvers, and the best teammate she could ever ask for. She also thanks Jenn Oliphant for her sharp eye and remarkable ability to never drop the ball. And to her partner Ron, who knows that “just helping out” is never actually just helping out, thank you for the patience, love, and support. Enjoy the show!



Natalie Fitzgibbons (Director/Choreographer)

Natalie Fitzgibbons is thrilled and deeply grateful to be making her directorial debut with this production. While this is her first time directing, Natalie has previously served as choreographer for SVCT's *Mean Girls* (2025) and *Pippin* (2024), where she had the joy of helping bring dynamic movement and storytelling to the stage. Stepping into the role of director has been an incredibly rewarding opportunity, and she is so thankful for the trust, collaboration, and dedication of this talented cast and crew.



Sophia Gonzalez (Vocal Director)

Sophia Gonzalez is a south Bay Area based mezzo-soprano and music educator. She is the Executive Director of the In Flow Music Studio, a Gilroy based music school focused on artistic and musical excellence. As a performer, she performs as a classical soloist in the Bay Area and Monterey Peninsula. She holds a B.M. in Vocal Performance from San Diego State University.



Michael Horta (Producer)

Michael Horta is excited to be producing another show with SVCT. He has really enjoyed working with his fellow producer, Tressa. The entire production team has worked hard to bring the show to life, and Michael is confident you will all enjoy this Disney Channel movie brought to life on stage. You may have seen him on stage in various SVCT shows. He especially loves helping with shows that his kids are involved in. He wants to say a special thank you to his wife, Gloria for always jumping in and helping where ever is needed. Now sit back, get your head in the game and remember we're all in this together.



Jenn Oliphant (Set Design/Lighting Design)

Jenn is “soaring” at the opportunity to be part of this production of *High School Musical*—loving every minute of being with some of her favorite friends while making new ones. She’s especially proud of her very own Brainiac, Claire, whose hard work and giant heart shine brighter than the stage lights. She’s also cheering for her sons, Oliver and Brenden, who embraced their tech roles like true Wildcats— these dudes know how to “get their head in the game”! A standing ovation goes to her three youngest kiddos for their constant love and encouragement (and patience during rehearsal season). And finally, a huge shoutout to her very own leading man, Brian—her stud, her rock, and the ultimate MVP of the home team. After all, we’re all in this together—and Jenn is endlessly grateful for how magical this all has been!



Oliver Oliphant (Sound Design)

Oliver is excited to be back running audio for *High School Musical*, especially since his sister, Claire, is part of the cast! Previous sound credits include *Unnecessary Farce*, *A Comedy of Tenors*, *On Golden Pond*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, and *100 Years of Broadway*. When he’s not behind the soundboard, Ollie attends Gavilan College and is an avid musician who plays bass guitar, ukulele, and piano.



Alina Tomasco (Stage Manager)

Alina Tomasco is 24 years old and excited to be a part of High School Musical as the Stage Manager. This is her 15th show since she started in high school and she is looking forward to being a part of more in the future. In her free time, she enjoys Karate, baking, and hanging out with her cat.

2025-2026 South Valley Civic Theatre Board of Directors

President
Peter Mandel

Secretary
Katherine Ares

VP Membership
Billy Tindall

Senior VP
Tressa Bender

VP Box Office
Marilyn Pifer

General Board
Ashley Bortolussi
Lori Foster

Treasurer
Jenn Eichholtz

VP Publicity
Elizabeth Mandel

Reggie Reynolds
Emily Shem-Tov

SVCT MEMBERS

Maestro

Jan & Mike Bergkamp

Director

Robert & Ginny Christopher
Carl & Gerrie Reinhardt

Carol O'Hare
Marilyn & Steve Pifer

Benefactor

Susan Hines
Joanne Kraemer
Shem-Tov Family
Rene Spring & Mark Hoffmann
Weston Miles Family

Sponsor

Bortolussi Family
Brown Family
Marsha Eichholtz & Douglas Low
Hargreaves Family

Jenkins Family
R. Scott Lynch
Peter & Elizabeth Mandel
Snook Family

Patron

Aitkin Family
Kelley and Howard Barnes
Theresa Bradshaw
Carrillo Family
Scott and Debbie Downs
Jennifer Dunham
Jennifer Eichholtz
Foster Family
Danielle Harer

Rev. Dr. Linda A. Holbrook
Horta Family
Josie Burgin Lawson
Leong Family
Michael Grimm
David Matuszak &
Maureen Hunter
Jeff Ota
Whitney Pintello and
Charley Gilmore

Read Family
Robin Shepherd
JLAEO Stebbins
Stites Family
Billy Tindall
Tracy Family
Valerie Vanni
Ligaya Yrastorza

Artist

Ahlin Family, Katherine Ares, Joyce & Alden Bedard, Tressa Bender,
Maxwell Eichholtz Cale, Hardy & Cindy Childers,
Christian Family, Molly Crowe, George Crow, de la Serna Family,
Diaz Family, Cyra Gomez-Seki, Grant Family,
Jillian, Chloe, and Liam Grotz,
Vanessa Hecht, The Hoiberg Family,
Ashlen and Alexis Hsu and Family, Katie Khara,
Kelly Klotzbach, Christine McElroy, Ava Meehan,
Ann & Bruce Pember, Petroff Family, Jilian Puente
Reggie and David Reynolds, Clara Shem-Tov, Linda Ayers Tarvin

Join Us!

Your membership keeps SVCT LIVE!

Support the excitement of the performing arts by becoming a member of the South County's community theater, South Valley Civic Theatre. Your tax-deductible donation makes it possible to bring live plays and musicals featuring children, teens, and adults to our performance venues in the South County. Check out our membership table in the lobby to learn about membership benefits.

Membership is for a household,
including dependent children or students.

Membership benefits are effective
for a year from the date of purchase.

Producer	\$5,000 or more	\$ _____
Maestro	\$2,500 to \$4,999	\$ _____
Director	\$1,000 to \$2,499	\$ _____
Benefactor	\$ 500 to \$ 999	\$ _____
Sponsor	\$ 250 to \$ 499	\$ _____
Patron	\$ 150 to \$ 249	\$ _____
Artist	\$ 50 to \$ 149	\$ _____

Membership Purchaser:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Name to appear in our program:

*You may also join/renew
your membership online
or print and mail a
membership application
from our website.*

Go to www.SVCT.org/membership

Mail this order form with
your check payable to:

South Valley Civic Theatre
Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1555
Gilroy, CA 95021.

SVCT is proud
to be a member ...



CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE



RAINBOW
CHAMBER

SILICON VALLEY

and thankful for
the support we
receive...



GILROY
DISPATCH



Special Thanks

Thank you to all the parents, friends, and volunteers who helped out in so many ways to bring this show to the stage!

Special Shout Outs to:

- Tressa Bender for your willingness to step in and produce a teen show- simply because you love theater and believe in our teens, peaks volumes. Thank you for making sure they didn't miss out on this experience. You are so very appreciated.
- Omar de la Serna for taking promotion pictures, headshots, editing and creating some amazing graphics!
- Ollie Oliphant for taking on the huge task of sound and making sure all our actors sound amazing!
- Jenn Oliphant for every long day & late night spent perfecting the sets and lighting, you helped turn a stage into magic. We couldn't have done it without you.
- Tim Ahlin for assisting in graphics for posters and recording our fabulous show!
- San Benito Stage Co. for lending us some awesome costume pieces.
- Santi Prado for stepping in and making our kids shine in production photos
- Maria Aitken for always willing to take on anything- our Lobby looks incredible.
- Emily Shem-Tov for always willing to squeeze us in your beyond busy schedule and willing to create our fabulous program and step in for Elizabeth for all things publicity.
- Ken Christopher for graciously lending us a few more mics.
- Shachar Shem-Tov for assisting with some of our set pieces. Your expertise is invaluable.
- Clara Shem-Tov for your prop expertise, lighting prowess, and beautiful baking skills.
- Megan Christian for helping with stage drapery.
- Peter Mandel for your continued guidance, assisting with sets and always picking up the phone when we call.
- Elizabeth Mandel for always making sure we have what we need for publicity.
- Bill Tindall for being an amazing warehouse manager and always there when needed.
- Hargreaves Family for all the extra contributions and going above and beyond.
- Ron Bowman for lending a gong and also doing whatever he is asked to support a show!
- Gloria Horta for making sure we got down to business when we needed to and providing a laugh when it was equally needed.
- Bella Tankersley for her work on painting the sets and designing the posters.
- Family Volunteers -- we could not have done this show without each and every one of you. Your willingness to support where needed does not go unnoticed.



In Loving Memory Stacia & Andrew Stuart

January 2026



Stacia and Andrew were pure light.

Their love for one another was steady and radiant —
the kind that filled every room with warmth.

They were devoted parents, generous
friends, and constants in our community.

Stacia brought fearless joy to every stage she stepped onto.

Whether in laughter, song, or full theatrical
flourish, she gave her whole heart —
and invited all of us to do the same.

Andrew shared Stacia's love for life and theater. He was
a devoted husband, father, and friend whose
warmth and humor made
every gathering brighter.

Their partnership was rooted in joy—and it showed.

Forever taking center stage in our hearts.

This performance is dedicated to their memory.

BookSmart
Books • Cards • Gifts

BookSmart
EASTRIDGE
Books • Toys • Cards • Community

YA favorites. Manga series. Graphic novels. Staff picks you'll devour.
If you loved the stories onstage, wait until you see what's on our shelves.



BookSmart Morgan Hill
421 Vineyard Town Center
Morgan Hill, CA 95037-7066
408-778-6467
Sun-Sat 9am-5pm
Located between Nob Hill & TJ Maxx

BookSmart Eastridge
2200 Eastridge Loop, Suite 2056
San Jose, CA 95122
408-883-BOOK
Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12pm-7pm
Located on the 2nd floor near Cinnabon

The Tradition of the Legacy Robe

Each SVCT production awards the “Legacy Robe” to one or several ensemble cast members who have made special contributions of time and energy toward the good of the show. It is presented to recipients on opening night, at which time they don the robe and bless the stage before the opening curtain. It is the recipient’s charge to affix to the robe a patch that signifies this show. The Legacy Robe is then returned closing night to await another show and to continue its tradition.

The producers of



are pleased to present the Legacy Robe to

Lucas Fleischer





LOS GATOS ROOFING

10% off bookings in Feb & March
with code HSM10

We're All in This Together.

*And sometimes...
locked in a room together!*



Scan Me!

Downtown MORGAN HILL ★ 2nd & Monterey ★



Pinnacle Bank proudly supports South Valley Civic Theatre

Pinnacle Bank proudly supports the arts and other non-profit organizations in our community—and we are dedicated to helping local businesses grow and thrive.

We are pleased to partner with South Valley Civic Theatre and look forward to enjoying another wonderful season!

Serving Santa Clara, San Benito
and Monterey Counties.

 **Member FDIC** SBA Preferred Provider

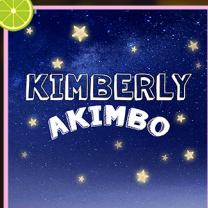
PINNACLE BANK

PREMIER BUSINESS BANKING VALLEY TO VALLEY

(888) 485-7050 • www.pinnacle.bank

SOUTH VALLEY CIVIC THEATRE

2025-2026 SEASON



Kimberly Akimbo
Quirky Comedy
Aug 29 - Sep 14, 2025



Disney's Descendants
Youth Musical
Oct 3 - 18, 2025



Fun Home
Musical Memoir
Nov 7 - 23, 2025



The Other Place
Psychological Mystery
Jan 16 - Feb 1, 2026



High School Musical
Teen Musical
Feb 20 - Mar 14, 2026



Comic Potential
Romantic Comedy
Apr 24 - May 16, 2026



Groundhog Day
'Timeless' Comedy
Jun 19 - Jul 18, 2026

Resident Company of the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse
with additional productions at SVCT's Limelight Theater