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THE OTHER PLACE



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Performed at SVCT's NEW Limelight Theater
16300 Condit Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037

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The Other Place

by Sharr White
is presented by special
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Directed by Bryan Freeman

January 16-February 1, 2026

Limelight Theater, Morgan Hill, CA

The Other Place was originally developed in association with Matt Olin, and originally produced by MCC Theatre (Robert Lupone, Bernard Telsey, William Cantler, Artistic Directors; Blake West, Executive Director) in association with Marc Platt.

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Thank you for joining us for South Valley Civic Theatre's production of *The Other Place*.

At SVCT, we believe theatre has the power not only to entertain, but to create space for reflection, empathy, and shared experience. We are grateful to be able to bring thoughtful, challenging, and meaningful work like this to the South Valley, and even more grateful that you choose to be part of that journey with us.

Your continued support allows our all-volunteer organization to take artistic risks, tell important stories, and provide a home for performers, designers, technicians, and audiences who value live theatre as a vital part of community life. Productions like this one remind us why that support matters.

We hope you'll join us for the rest of our 2025–2026 season at the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse:

- **Disney's High School Musical On Stage** – A high-energy, family-friendly favorite filled with music, humor, and heart. (February 20–March 14)
- **Comic Potential** – A clever and thought-provoking comedy exploring creativity, technology, and connection. (April 24–May 16)
- **Groundhog Day** – A joyous and inventive musical about second chances and finding meaning in everyday moments. (June 20–July 12)

Thank you for supporting local theatre and for helping SVCT continue to bring bold, engaging work to the South Valley stage. We're glad you're here, and we hope to see you again throughout the season.

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Director's Note

Welcome,

The playwright does a remarkable job penning the broken world of the main character, Juliana, as well as putting her in the unique position of making her our tour guide through that chaos.

We do try and keep her realities sorted as best we can for you. But should you find yourself confused or lost at all during the performance, that's okay. So is Juliana. That is exactly the world of the play Juliana is living – confusing, non-linear, and (at times) broken.

What's tragic is that many of us may already be familiar with that feeling or someone who lives it daily. Here are some informative statistics of which you may not (though, tragically, far too many of you may) be aware:

- 1) Over 55 million people live with dementia worldwide.
- 2) Anywhere from 50% - 90% of cases globally are undiagnosed, depending on medical access.
- 3) 65% of dementia-related deaths are women.
- 4) By 2060 dementia cases are expected to double.

As always, we also try and keep our interpretation of the work and these characters' lives as honest as possible. So, for those who may find this piece upsetting or triggering, we apologize for your discomfort.

I am thankful to the cast and crew for all of their effort in this production. All have been remarkable. We hope you enjoy - and remember - the show.

“...many if not most of us have experienced the widespread
duress of this disease, the mortality rate of which
has been a devastating one hundred percent.”
– Sharr White, *The Other Place*

Bryan Freeman, Director

About the Playwright: Sharr White

Sharr White is an acclaimed American playwright and screenwriter whose work spans Broadway, Off-Broadway, and television. His Broadway play *Pictures from Home* premiered in 2023 at Studio 54, and *The Other Place* was produced by Manhattan Theatre Club, earning Laurie Metcalf a Tony Award nomination. Other notable theatre work includes *The Snow Geese*.



In television, White was a writer and producer on Showtime's *The Affair*, created the Emmy Award-winning Netflix limited series *Halston*, and most recently served as an executive producer on Apple TV+ series *Palm Royale* and *Presumed Innocent*. Known for his sharp dialogue and emotional depth, White frequently explores family, identity, and the fragile nature of memory—central themes in *The Other Place*.

Cast

Dr. Juliana Smithton.....Roberta Vinkhuyzen Rasmussen
Dr. Ian Smithton.....Peter Mandel
Laurel/The Woman.....Bri Hunter
Dr. Cindy Teller.....Amanda Ellis
The Man.....John Bernard De Leon

Crew

Producers.....Peter Mandel & Emily Shem-Tov
Director.....Bryan Freeman
Assistant Director.....Isabelle Polito
Technical Director.....Clara Shem-Tov
Lighting Operator.....Sada Bruhns
Graphic Design/Publicity.....Elizabeth Mandel
Photographer.....Chris Foster
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Special Thanks

The producers would like to extend special thanks to John Hopkins, Miriam Shem-Tov, Shachar Shem-Tov, The City of Morgan Hill, Starritt Construction, Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Bullet Wireless, Crown Site Services, our cast, crew, and lobby volunteers, and everyone else who help to make this and all of our SVCT shows possible!

Resources & Support

The Other Place may resonate for those who have personal experience with dementia or caregiving. If you would like more information or support, the following local and national resources are available.

Alzheimer's Association – Santa Clara County
Education, support groups, and a 24/7 Helpline
800-272-3900 www.alz.org

South County Dementia Caregivers Support Group
Email: caregivers@berghoff-foundation.org
www.berghoff-foundation.org

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Morgan Hill Senior Center
Phone: 408-782-1284
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If you or someone you love is navigating dementia or memory loss, you are not alone—support and connection are available.

Meet the Cast

John Bernard De Leon (The Man)

This is John's first production with South Valley Civic Theatre and he is so excited to be here! He loves spending any free time with his family. When he isn't with them, you can find him on the trails or road, riding or running or at the local aquatics center training for endurance races!



Amanda Ellis (Dr. Teller)

Amanda is thrilled to make her debut with Limelight! Most recently seen as The Motel Clerk in SVCT's *The Prom*, she returned to theater last year after a nearly 15-year hiatus. In addition to her onstage roles, Amanda has volunteered as assistant costumer for SVCT's *The Prom* and *Fun Home*. She would like to thank her husband, Keegan, for his endless encouragement and dedication to avoiding spoilers, even when helping her rehearse. Amanda dedicates this performance to her great-grandmother, Mildred, whose love for card games shined brighter than The Great Darkness.



Bri Hunter (Laurel/The Woman)

Bri is delighted to perform with Limelight Theater doing what she loves with such talented people! Her credits include: *Emma* (Silicon Valley Shakespeare); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Theatricum Botanicum); *King Lear, The True Chronicle History*, and *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (Madison Shakespeare Company); *A Tough Shell* (14/48 Hollywood Festival); and *Mortal Illusions* (Santa Monica Playhouse). In addition, she designed the makeup for *A Christmas Carol* (Valley Center Stage). She would like to thank her partner, family, and friends for their support.



Peter Mandel (Ian Smithton)

Peter performs around the Bay Area, as well as doing lighting and projection design. Most recently he performed in SVCT's *The Prom* (Sheldon), *Kinky Boots* (George) and *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Man in Chair), Limelight's production of *The Outsider* (Ned Newley), SVCT's production of *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), *Miracle on 34th Street* (Fred Gailey), and *Gypsy* (Herbie), among many wonderful roles.



Roberta Vinkhuyzen Rasmussen (Juliana Smithton)

Roberta is delighted to be back on the Limelight stage and honored to be part of this talented cast. She was most recently seen in SVS's *Richard III* as King Edward & Lord Stanley. In 2024 she performed in CityLights production of *Truce*. She is proud to be a long time member of the Limelight/SVCT family where she most recently appeared as Bob Hope in the Stage Door Canteen pre-show for *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*. She's also performed in *The 39 Steps*, *Ripcord* and many more at Limelight. At SVCT, she has appeared in *Curtains*, *Damn Yankees*, and *Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike*.



The Other Place has been an extraordinary experience for Roberta on many levels. It's a complex, challenging and searingly emotional story. She's extremely grateful to her director, Bryan Freeman for his creative, sensitive and nuanced approach to the script and his ability to find the light and laughter wherever it's hiding. She sends a heartfelt thanks to Producers Emily Shem-Tov & Peter Mandel. Hats off to tech genius Clara Shem-Tov. And a gigantic thx to my line learning buddies: Vov, Clara, Erik, Zak & Eric ❤️

Meet the Crew

Bryan Freeman (Director)

One day, Peter and Emily will ask Bryan to direct a comedy or farce. But this was not one of those shows... Nonetheless, Bryan was delighted to hear from them about directing *The Other Place*. This is Bryan's third time directing for Limelight/SVCT, having previously directed *On Golden Pond* for Limelight in 2024 and *God of Carnage* at SVCT in 2016. Additionally, some of his prior directing credits include *Closer* at Northside Theatre Co., Tom Stoppard's *The Real Thing* at Broadway West Theatre Co., *Night, Mother* with Woke AF Productions, as well as *Tuesdays With Morrie* at Center Stage Productions. Bryan would like to thank his wife, Sharon, for encouraging and supporting him in his endeavors outside of the house – and all of you for supporting live theatre.



Isabel Polito (Assistant Director)

Isabelle is excited to work with SVCT and Limelight for the first time for this production. This is also Isabelle's first time working with theater companies in the Bay Area, and she hopes to continue working with this wonderful community in the future.



Clara Shem-Tov (Technical Director)

Clara is excited to be back at Limelight with another South Valley Civic Theatre production and grateful to be working with director Bryan Freeman again, along with many familiar faces. For this production of *The Other Place*, Clara is serving as Technical Director, working across set, lighting, sound, and projections. She has previously stage managed SVCT productions including *Dear Jack*, *Dear Louise* and *A Comedy of Tenors*, and has worked on the technical side of several other shows, including as rehearsal stage manager and set designer for *The Prom*. She recently appeared onstage as Annie in *The Play that Goes Wrong* at Oakwood School. Outside of theatre, Clara enjoys baking, crafting puppets, creating edible (or convincingly edible) props, and participating in her school's robotics and tennis teams.



Emily Shem-Tov (Co-Producer)

This is the tenth SVCT show that Emily has co-produced, having previously worked on *The Outsider*, *Later Life*, *Becky's New Car*, *Wolves*, *A Christmas Carol*, *On Golden Pond*, *A Comedy of Tenors*, *The Prom*, and *Kimberly Akimbo*. Emily extends her sincere thanks to everyone who helped bring this production to life, especially her family for their support, and to you, our audience, for continuing to support local theatre and the shared experience it creates.



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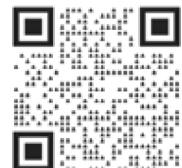


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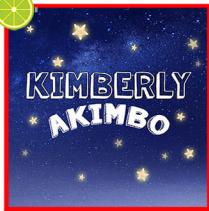
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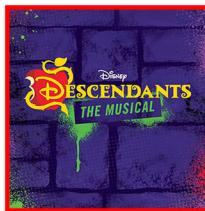
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