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Musical examines conflict between friendship, ideals

PRODUCTION WILL OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT

By Nora Villagrán
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Forsaking one's ideals exacts a high price on friendship in ``Merrily We Roll Along," a musical opening Friday at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre in Sunnyvale.

The cautionary tale -- written by George Furth with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim -- begins in the present with a jaded Broadway composer who's estranged from his two best friends.

Presented by the Sunnyvale Community Players, the poignant story then flashes back to the beginning when the three friends are just starting out.

The cast includes Keith Pennings, Kereli Jones, Daniel Rich, Geri Carlson Sauls, Ron Evans, Rebecca Wallace, Ed Sengstack, Kyle Jackson and James Seifert.

The musical, which runs through Nov. 21, is directed by Doug Brook with vocal direction by Diane Milo and production by Barbara Morgan, Darlene Halatek and Charles Seegel.

Performances: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: adults \$18, seniors and students \$13; Thursday shows \$13. Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale. For information and box office, contact (408) 733-6611 or www.sunnyvaleplayers.org.

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