

The Stage Door

Merrily We Roll Along is Sunnyvale offering

Opening Friday, October 29, the Sunnyvale Community Players present "Merrily We Roll Along," a Stephen Sondheim musical about 20 years in the life of three friends. The show runs through November 21 at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theater at 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale.

The cast includes Elana Ron as starlet Meg Kincaid, and Jennie Floyd as Mrs. Spencer.

Composer Frank Shepard (Daniel Rich/Keith Pennings) is at the pinnacle of Hollywood success, but he's embittered and exhausted. As the opening number asks, how did he get there from here?

Moving backwards in time, "Merrily We Roll Along" shows what has happened to Frank's friendship with lyricist Charley Kringas (Ron Evans) and novelist Mary Flynn (Kereli Jones) since the 1950s. The road they've traveled has been filled with marriage, adultery and divorce; the invention of the answering machine; a ridiculous number of Kennedys; and the lingering question of what to do with your youthful ideals when life entices you along a different path.

Doug Brook directs, with musical direction by Roberta Howe and vocal direction by Diane Milo. Choreography is by Rebecca Lipon.

Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors. All seats are \$13 on Thursdays.

For more information, call the box office at (408) 733-6611 or go to www.sunnyvaleplayers.org.



Cast members from Sunnyvale's *Merrily We Roll Along* rehearse for this weekend's opening.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe opens

The Tabard Theater Company of San Jose will open with *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, a timeless adventure fantasy on Friday, November 5 at Joint Venture Churches, 6581 Camden Ave., San Jose. The show will play weekends until November 20. Ticket information 979-0231.

The story follows the adventures of four young people (Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmund) as they magically make their way through a wardrobe and end up in Narnia, a world frozen in Winter by the White Witch (*she thinks she's a Queen*). On their journey the children meet fantastical creatures like Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, Mr. Tumnus (a faun), Mr. Centaur, a unicorn, white stag, troll, dwarf, elf (*don't call him a dwarf!*), Father Christmas and a host of other wonderful and mysterious creatures. But the most impressive of all is the majestic and courageous lion Aslan who has come to save the children and the creatures from the spell of the White Witch (Queen).

During the run of the show, there will be a donation bin in which to place coats, jackets, sweaters and blankets for the Emergency Housing consortium.

Montalvo Fall Offerings

Holiday Tea at Villa Montalvo

Saturday, Nov 20 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 21 1-3:30 p.m.

Villa Montalvo, 15400

Montalvo Rd, Saratoga (408) 961-5858 or

www.villamontalvo.org

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with a special Holiday Tea at Montalvo, presented by the Montalvo Service Group. Held in the festively-decorated Main Hall of the historic Villa, guests may enjoy tea, sandwiches and cookies, along with live entertainment, raffles and a silent auction. Saturday guests will be treated to special guest Santa--making a special trip from the North Pole in order to be available for photos with young guests. Families are also invited to enjoy "Pippi Longstocking" in the Carriage House Theatre with special Tea & Performance packages through the Montalvo Box Office. Sunday guests may enjoy the experience of a traditional High Tea.

A showing of the movie *American Splendor* plus discussion with Harvey Pekar **Wednesday, November 3 7:00 p.m.**

Carriage House Theatre, Villa Montalvo, \$40/\$50. Author of the autobiographical comic book series *American Splendor*, Harvey Pekar "lets all of life flood into his panels: the humdrum and the heroic, the gritty and the grand." Harvey's first graphic novel is due out fall 2004. The movie, based on Harvey's life, is the winner of Grand Prize Awards at the Sundance and Cannes Film Festivals and was nominated for Best Screenplay Adaptation at the Academy Awards.



In the *Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Heidi Kobara plays the White Witch. Photo by Edmond Kwong

Tellabration!

Saturday, November 6 7:00 p.m.

Carriage House Theatre, \$15 Ages 14 and up Celebrate the spirit of storytelling in our first Tellabration! Featured tellers are: Diane Ferlatte, whose multicultural tales earned her the National Storytelling Network Oracle Circle of Excellence Award; Gay Ducey, co-founder of the Bay Area Storytelling Festival, who tells stories from the Southern Appalachians as well as from a range of cultures and traditions; and ETH-NOH-TEC, whose alchemy of music, theater, dance and spoken word challenge the borders between theater, movement, mime and storytelling.

David Benoit with The Asia-America Youth Honor Orchestra and The San Jose Youth Symphony Saturday, November 13 7 p.m.

Carriage House Theatre, \$25/\$30

Jazz legend David Benoit returns to conduct members of the San Jose Youth Symphony with his own Asia-America Youth Honor Orchestra in a special night of music benefiting the San Jose Youth Symphony. The evening's program features local 15-year-old piano prodigy Yuma Sung.

PERFORMING ARTS:

Kronos Quartet Thursday, November 4 7:30 p.m. Carriage House Theatre, Villa Montalvo, \$30/\$40

Tickets On Sale Now!

Crystal Gayle

Friday, November 12, 7:30 P.M.

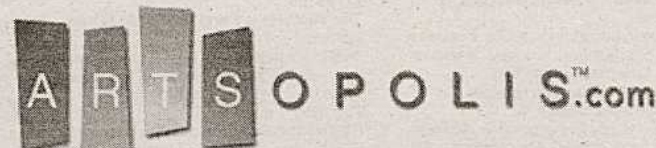


1 W Campbell Ave Campbell (408) 866-2700 or online at www.cityofcampbell.com/communityandarts/heritagetheatre

Introducing the Low-Carb Ticket



All the Arts, Half the Price!



All Arts. Online. Anytime.

www.artsopolis.com