

Contra Costa Christian Theatre Brings Robert Fulghum's "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" to Life!

Walnut Creek, CA - Aug 14, 2006 Contra Costa Christian Theatre's production of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* will play at the Del Valle Theater in Walnut Creek September 15 - October 1. This thought provoking show will open CCCT's seventh season. For tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW (7469).

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten takes a funny, insightful and heartwarming look at what is profound in everyday life. This tightly woven stage adaptation is an evening of theatrical storytelling that utilizes a revue format, with monologues, dialogues, and multiple voice narration with some original songs. The performance mood is enhanced through the use of live piano underscoring throughout the show.

About the Cast and Crew:

Contra Costa Christian Theatre, in an effort to tell the story of Robert Fulghum's *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, has enlisted the help of executive director, **Kimberley James**, as well as four other scene directors. Kim is a seasoned director and stage manager for Contra Costa Christian Theatre. "I am delighted to be able to bring "Kindergarten" to life with Contra Costa Christian Theatre! We use comedy and drama, woven together with wonderful piano interludes, to help the audience laugh and cry with us as we examine what is truly important in life."

Although *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* was originally written for a cast of 5 adults, Contra Costa Christian Theatre has implemented an alternate casting option that includes 10 adults, 7 teenagers and 10 children in the cast. This alternative casting option has created a perfect opportunity for several families to be involved in the cast of the show.

Several parent-child combinations are in the cast and crew, allowing multi-generational viewpoints and hilarity to invade both the rehearsals and the show. Greg Brandt with daughter Zoey Brandt; David Ericksen with twin sons Ryan and Jared Ericksen; Maggie and Julia Franks; Michele Lewandowski with daughter Brooke Lewandowski; Jana McDowell with Shelly McDowell; Dan Murphy with son Alex Murphy; and Shawn Robinson with daughter Rachel Robinson all allow the kid and the "all-growed-up" versions of the kid to see both sides of the proverbial coin of life experiences. Other cast members include the husband and wife team of Don and Joyce Tubb busting a move in the favorite vignette "Geek Dancing," as choreographed by Kate Leland. The cast also includes Sydney Blatt, Terry Eseltine, Debra Grainger, Abigail Kramer, Alex Kurnow, William Ludtke, Elizabeth Rago, Taylor Strand, Rose Marie Sweeney, Alicia Thomas, Jeremiah Whitfield-Pearson, McKenna William and Linda Wolf. You will enjoy the entire cast as they recreate the wonder of childhood, focusing on a retelling of the timeless Cinderella story -- but this time with a pig added to the fable! Contra Costa Christian is thrilled to be able to create this opportunity for families to enjoy working in the performing arts together, while maintaining our goal of delivering shows with a positive message. Shows you can bring your family to enjoy.

Contra Costa Christian Theatre is blessed to have costumer, **Cindy Sarmiento** share her original designs and sewing skills to bring Kindergarten to life. Cindy says, "This production shows views from three different age groups: kindergarten (children), teens, and adults. I want to show the audience the time gap between the groups as traveling back in time with the 50's for the Kindergartners, the ever popular 70-80's for the teens, to present day for the adults. It will be as if you are in a time machine, experiencing the venues in that time period." It's an opportunity to laugh and reminisce about how much some things can change while recognizing the truly important items which are timeless.

High resolution rehearsal photos are available. To request them, please email info@ccchristiantheatre.org or call Michele at (925) 639-7052.

Special Opportunity:

September 16 is **Scout Night** where all Bay Area boy and girl scouts are invited to come at 6:30 for pre-show activities and then stay for the show. Special Scout pricing is available. This opportunity will help the Scouts learn about various aspects of theatre that are important for them to earn their badges.

Show Details:

September 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:30 pm
September 17, 24, October 1 at 2pm

Place: Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek

Ticket Prices:

Regular: \$22

Senior: \$20

Youth (18 & under): \$15

Group (8 or more): \$20

For Tickets: Call 943-SHOW (7469) or visit www.ccchristiantheatre.org

About Contra Costa Christian Theatre

Contra Costa Christian Theatre is a non-profit 501(c)3 quality theatre company/ministry and has been delivering inspired performances in the Walnut Creek area since 2000. We continue to search for and deliver shows with a positive message. Shows you can bring your family to enjoy. We bring great stories to life!

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