

A Note From The Director

From the moment hundreds of thousands of years ago when those primitive cavemen first started acting out stories of their hunt, people have been participating in community theatre. Theatre is not just a form of entertainment it's a form of enrichment, bringing stories from different backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives to the forefront, offering audiences a rich tapestry of narratives they might not encounter elsewhere.

Community theatre can be, however, a different animal. This play is a love letter to that concept and to the artists who endeavour, sometimes against all odds, to bring a story to life for appreciative audiences. You see, community theatre relies on volunteer actors and technicians directly from the community. This director refuses to use the word "amateur" as it implies a certain level of incompetence which certainly does not apply here. Having said that, I've worked with professionals in New York City who can't hold a candle to our actors on this stage tonight.

Tonight's performance is dedicated to all those wonderful crafts-people who struggle to bring stories to life purely out of their enjoyment of the activity. Community theatre allows actors to pursue their passion and creative interests outside of any monetary or career-related goals. The joy of performing and collaborating with a local artistic community can be deeply fulfilling.

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Starbright Theatre

2215 Thomas Ryan Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89134

February 22, 2025 - 6 pm

February 23, 2025 - 2 pm

Directed by Greg Korin

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production is strictly prohibited.**

RUMORS

By Neil Simon

OUR CAST of CHARACTERS

In Order of Appearance

Chris Gorman – Lynne Smith

Ken Gorman – Timothy Nolan

Claire Ganz – Happy Buonanno

Lenny Ganz – Paul Beilman

Ernie Cusack – Greg Hoffspiegel

Cookie Cusack – Kim Fannin

Glenn Cooper – Neal Kirshner

Cassie Cooper – Victoria Ochoa

Officer Welch – Joel Raiman

Officer Wendy – Sybil Raiman

Officer Pudney – Trish McKinzie

Myra Brock – Denise Altruda

Director: Greg Korin

Assistant Director: Victoria Ochoa

TIME – The Present

PLACE – Sneden's Landing, New York



Our mission is to create a community theater group where members can come together to provide high-quality theatre and entertainment to the Sun City Summerlin community.

We strive to foster a spirit of teamwork and camaraderie among members encouraging everyone to contribute their unique talents and skills to the creative process. Above all, we aim to create a welcoming and enjoyable environment where all members can have fun making lasting memories through their participation in our club.

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Lynne Marie Smith – Chris Gorman

Rumors is Lynne’s first show with SCS Community theatre, after taking a 40+ year break from community theatre. Discovering a one-act play festival in high school and playing the crazy maid in Eugene Ionesco’s **The Bald Soprano** gave Lynne the acting bug. She went on to play a variety of non-singing parts including Piglet, Dodo the Clown, a werewolf, and other fun roles. She wishes to come back in her next life with a beautiful singing voice



Timothy Nolan – Ken Gorman

A recent Summerlin arrival, **Rumors** is his first role with the SCS Community Theater. He is honored to be a cast member, and appreciates the tremendous support of the entire cast and crew during their time together. He hopes you enjoy our show!!



Happy Buonanno – Claire Ganz

This is Happy’s 7th production. After retiring, Happy joined the club in 2021 and debuted as Miss Maple in our production of **The Butler Did It**. Since then, Happy has performed in our productions of **CHICAGO**, **HARVEY**, **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum & PLAY ON!**



Paul Beilman – Lenny Ganz

Paul is very excited working with the SCS Community Theatre. He’s performed in LV Fringe Festivals as well as several local theaters throughout the LV Valley. Performing credits include: **The Woman Who Came to Dinner**, **House of Tomorrow**, **Grease & Jack Benny’s Not 39 Anymore & CHICAGO**. Paul is very happy to return to

Starbright’s stage.

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Greg Hoffspiegel - Ernie Cusack

Growing up on the East Coast, Greg was immersed in the vibrant world of Broadway, sparking a lifelong appreciation for the performing arts. Now, he's making his debut performance on the Starbright stage, as Ernie, the therapist. When he's not enjoying IMPROV classes, he works in the health field, providing support for patients wishing to remain comfortably in their home.



Kim Fannin - Cookie Cusack

Rumors is Kim's 17th performance with SCS Community Theatre. Since 2013, she's performed in **The Woman Who Came to Dinner**, **GREASE**, **CHICAGO**, **HARVEY**, **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, **PLAY ON!**, etc.. Kim's a professional artist, greeting card designer & a humor writer for *Grinderzz 24/7* magazine. She also leads the club's IMPROV & Comedy Skit Writing classes.

Neal Kirshner - Glenn Cooper



This is Neal's 2nd show with SCS Theatre, recently seen in **PLAY ON!** He was born in NYC and moved to CA, where his mom was a professional singer. He's lived in Washington DC, Cleveland, LA, San Diego and now, Las Vegas. Never a professional actor, he's been in **Arsenic and Old Lace**, **How To Be A Jewish Mother**, etc. He enjoys writing & performing comedy at open mics. He's a trained DJ and loves making people laugh. He plans to be an active member of the club.

Victoria Ochoa - Cassie Cooper



Victoria started on TV at the age 5, dancing on a children's show. From there it was commercials, walk on parts and theatre. Although she returned to her chosen career in medicine, she kept her dramatic spirit alive in community theatre. She's played Maggie in **The Woman Who Came to Dinner**, Laura Carlyle in **The Butler Did It**, Veta Simmons in **HARVEY**, The M.C. in **CHICAGO** & Madame Lycus in **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** & Assistant Director for **PLAY ON!**

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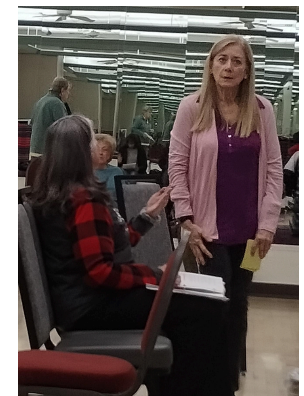
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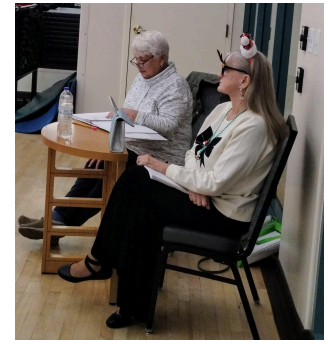
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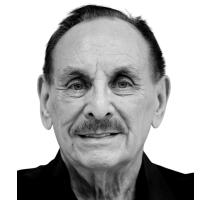
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Joel Raiman - Officer Welch



This is Joel's third production with the SCS Community Theatre. He was the Dream Husband in **GREASE** and played Fred Casely in **CHICAGO**. He is a member of the Dance Connection Dancing and Drumming Performance group and the Sun City Dance Company. Joel is a Standardized Patient for the UNLV School of Medicine and School of Nursing. He had a 50-year career as a registered pharmacist and now works as a background actor for movies and TV shows and is a content creation actor on social media.

Sybil Raiman - Officer Wendy



This is Sybil's fourth production with the SCS Theatre Community. She was a student/dancer in **GREASE**, Liz in **CHICAGO**, and Vibrata in **A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum**. After a 30-year teaching career, she now works as a content creation actor on social media and as a background actor for several movies and TV shows. Sybil is a member of Dance Connection and the Sun City Dance Company. She has a BFA from UCONN where she was a Theatre major and an M. Ed. from UNLV.



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Trish McKinzie - Officer Connie Pudney



Rumors is Trish's third performance with SCS Community Theatre. Her first was playing a Protean in **A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum**, then followed up playing Smitty in **Play On!** She also experienced her first stage performance as a dancer (tap and jazz) in Sun City Dance Company's last show "Dance Into Spring" and will continue dancing as well. Trish absolutely loves living here with her two cats, but if she must go on vacation, cruising is her favorite way to go.



Greg Korin – Director

A Montana native, Greg spent 4½ years as a cast member and tech director of **Evil Dead, The Musical** on The LV Strip. He’s also a puppeteer for the **Las Vegas Family Puppet Company** and founder of the Shakespeare group, **Bard at the Bar**. A Screen Actors Guild member, he is serving his third term on the Nevada board. While he DID play Paul Rudd’s dad in **Wet Hot American Summer**, there’s no truth to the rumor he was

Kathy Bates’ body double for the Nude scenes in **About Schmidt**. As a guest actor, he played Pseudolus in our production of **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**.

Denise Altruda – Myra Brock/Stage Manager



Denise is a retired paralegal from New York. She came to Las Vegas because there was a “shortage of white-haired show girls” and she is filling the void. You may have seen her in tap shows and ushering at the Starbright and also as a Protean in “**A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum**”. She also served as our Stage Manager for”**PLAY ON!**”

OUR FABULOUS CREW:

SET DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION:

Jerry Jensen, Phil Avello, Marla Lagattuta, Chip Hanson

PAINTING, SETUP & CONSTRUCTION:

Lynne Smith, Kathy Zanghi, Joann Hess, Jerry Rabasca

STAGE MANAGER:

Denise Altruda

PROPS MISTRESSES:

Joann Hess & Kathy Zanghi

MAKEUP:

Danette Carter, Nancy Murphy, JJ Barker, Donna Hanson

COSTUMES:

Victoria Ochoa

SORRY WE COULD NOT PARTICIPATE THIS TIME, BUT WE KNOW YOU'LL HAVE ANOTHER GREAT PRODUCTION - BREAK A LEG! LOVE, JOEY & RUDY



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