

# SUNOL REPERTORY THEATRE

*Celebrating 42 Years  
of Comedy and Melodrama*

~ PROUDLY PRESENTS ~



## ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

*written by Richard Gremel*

**March 8, 14, 15, 22, 28, 29  
2025**

**Evenings at 7:30 pm**

**Matinee March 22 at 2:00 pm**

**Sunol Glen School Theater**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SUNOL GLEN SCHOOL**

## Robin Hood And His Merry Men

In this thrilling tale, the villainous Prince John decrees that the citizens of Nottingham must pay exorbitant taxes or face a grim fate. With the evil Sheriff of Nottingham at his side, all hope seems lost for the townsfolk. Enter the dashing and valiant Robin Hood and his merry band of outlaws! Robin robs the rich and gives to the poor while attempting to rescue the lovely Maid Marian. Will Robin and his band triumph over Prince John and his Sheriff and save the town?

Directed by Meredith Sarboraria and Chris Bobertz  
Produced by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing

### ACT ONE

SCENE 1: All Quiet on the Set?

SCENE 2: We Have a Moat?

SCENE 3: Gross, Stop Crying!

SCENE 4: Damsel in Distress

SCENE 5: Duncan Needs an Adventure

### INTERMISSION

### ACT TWO

SCENE 1: Merry Men?

SCENE 2: Questionable Forest Policies

### REFRESHMENTS

**Sunol community groups offer refreshments during  
intermission to raise funds for their worthwhile projects.**

**Please join them in the cafeteria for a delicious variety of desserts.**

March 7 ..... SRT Donations  
March 8 ..... Sunol Glen Community Club  
March 14 ..... Sunol 4-H  
March 15..... Main Street Banner Painters  
March 22 matinee..... Cub Scouts Pack 912  
March 22 evening..... Girl Scouts Troop 30869  
March 28 ..... Little Brown Church  
MARCH 29 ..... Sunol Business Guild

## THE CAST OF CHARACTERS IN ORDER OF SPEAKING

Robin Hood .....	Peter Grayson
Maid Marian .....	Claire Leick
Prince John .....	Aaron Bobertz
Sheriff of Nottingham .....	Donna Blevins
Narrator/King Richard .....	Ron Smith
Kevin .....	Patti Balch
Matilda .....	Stephanie Granados
Little John .....	Seth Leick
Friar Tuck .....	Steven Paradise
Duncan/Tech Guy .....	Derek Johnson
Woodsman .....	Klay Kunkel
Lady Gwen/Merry Man 3 .....	Robin Spindler
Lady Helena/Merry Man 4/Sweeper .....	Lea Blevins
Guard 1/Merry Man 5 .....	Rowan Bobertz
Guard 2/Costumer .....	Phil Mumford
Mac/Merry Man 2 .....	Diane Tiessen
Stage Manager/Merry Man 1 .....	Denise Kent Romo
Throne Guy 1 .....	Irv Tiessen
Throne Guy 2 .....	Dan Ricard
Lighting Guy .....	Finn Gallagher
Sign Girl/Citizen .....	Mia Roster Ricard
Citizen .....	Mike Telang
Citizen .....	Sandi Bohner
Citizen .....	Judy Fenton

# THE CREW

Producer .....	Robin Spindler
Producer .....	Mary Conant
Director .....	Meredith Sarboraria
Director .....	Chris Bobertz
Technical Director .....	Derek Johnson
Musical Director .....	Maretha Davel
Costume & Set Director.....	Patti Balch
Publicity .....	Diana Rohini LaVigne, Lea Blevins
Treasurer .....	Klay Kunkel
Secretary .....	Donna Blevins
Stage Manager .....	Barbara Egbert
House Manager .....	Diana Rohini LaVigne
Set Construction.....	Irv Tiessen, Phil Mumford, Patti Balch, Diane Tiessen, Chris Sehenuk, Klay Kunkel, Stephanie Granados, Robin Spindler, Mary Conant Andrea Telang, Tim Bennett, Patty and Bob Canning
Set Crew .....	Dan Ricard, Irv Tiessen, Klay Kunkel
Light & Sound.....	Patti Canning, Orv Barr, Erlinda Dearborn
Videographer .....	Mary Conant
Ticket Sales .....	Klay Kunkel
Graphic Designs .....	Chris Sehenuk
Photographer .....	Alex Vlacos

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Sunol Repertory Theatre is a program of the  
Sunol Business Guild, a 501c3 nonprofit organization

# WHO'S WHO

**Patti Balch** (Kevin, Sets & Costumes) This is Patti's 39th season playing fun and memorable roles such as Otis Crummy, Pistol Pearl, Roller Derby Grandma, Terrible Tilly, Crazy Nannette, Purity Snow and so many more. Among her favorite adventures are sharing a couch with a dead guy, roller skating, riding a coal car, being tied to the railroad tracks and being blown up in a sawmill. She is Gramma to Eli, Owinn, Olivia and Tyler. Patti enjoys deep sea fishing, flying and boating. As a faux artist, muralist she is the owner of PBW Designs. She thanks the casts, crews and audiences throughout all the years. She especially grateful for the support of Chris Sehenuk and the volunteers who helped build and paint the sets this year. SRT is an amazing family of special friends. Thank you all!

**Chris Sehenuk** (Graphic Artist, Set Designer) Chris Sehenuk is new to SRT. He's a local freelance illustrator and designer living in Sunol. This year he helped the SRT team create sets, props, the logo and printed media. Chris created and illustrated a card game called Monstrosity which is available online (it's really fun, check it out at monstrositygame.com). He founded Happy Shadow Studio in 2024. You can find more of his work at csehenuk.com

**Chris Bobertz** (Co-Director) Chris is in his third year of SRT. In addition to his role as an actor, he is a father of three (sons Rowan, Aaron and daughter Olivia). Prior to joining our SRT family, Chris performed Stand Up Comedy across Northern California for six years or so. He once performed for 1500 people at the "Keep Chico Weird" event in one of Chico's original theaters. On another memorable occasion, he performed at Chico Comedy Festival at the Sierra Nevada Brewery, two venues that were on his bucket list. He owes his presence with us to his wife Kristen who encouraged the two boys and him to try out and has provided all the support anyone could hope for.

**Aaron Bobertz** (Prince John) This is Aaron's second time performing with SRT. He originally acted in "Caught in the Villain's Gaze. Aaron has also performed with the Pleasanton Youth Theatre and taken part in Foothill High School plays. Aaron is a freshman at Foothill High School.

**Rowan Bobertz** (Guard 1, Merry Man 5) This is Rowan's third season performing with SRT. Last year he had great fun playing "Little

Trembler” in “The Rise of the Super Heros.” Rowan has also taken part in school talent shows. He is a 5th grade student at Sunol Glen School.

**Donna Blevins** (Sheriff of Nottingham, SRT Secretary) This is Donna’s 10th play with SRT. She has played detectives, villains, a clairvoyant, and a Sneaky Skunk! Donna’s favorite thing about SRT is performing with creative people who like to have fun, and especially with her daughter, Lea.

**Lea Blevins** (Lady Helena, Merry Man 4, Sweeper) This is Lea’s 10th show with SRT. She had a blast playing six characters in one in last year’s “The Rise of the Super Hero’s” as the up-and- coming supervillain, Cam Eleon. Lea also played a murderess, a snooty French desk clerk and a Sneaky Skunk along with her mother, Donna. Lea has also performed with the Encore Player, Asbury Players and Las Positas College in Livermore. Outside of the theater, Lea is a communications specialist. She thanks her loyal friends for their support!

**Sandi Bohner** (Prompter, Citizen 2) Sandi has been with SRT for 21 years. She has served as Publicity Manager, Director, Producer, prompter and curtains. She has also acted in many plays. Sandi’s most memorable moments were performing on stage with her granddaughter! Sandi has also performed with the Encore Players, done Improv at the Firehouse and Reader’s Theater. She manages the Stanley Junction Senior Apartments in Pleasanton and pours wine at the Fenestra Winery in Livermore on weekends!

**Patty Canning** (Light & Sound) Patti has been volunteering for SRT since 2017 and we are so happy she has found us. She got started as a prompter and worked her way up to helping and then being the center of lights and sound. “SRT has a great group of people, working for a worthy cause.”

**Mary Conant** (Co-Producer) Mary has been a volunteer for SRT for about a decade. While mostly avoiding the limelight (except when she played a minister officiating at Jack the Ripper’s marriage in “How The Other Half Dies”!) Mary has been the videographer many times and will always help with any job that needs to be done. Just retired from her full time job, Mary continues to serve as Pastor of the Little Brown Church of Sunol.

**Maretha Davel** (Musical Director) Maretha is a classically trained music teacher, composer and musician (piano and flute). She performs regularly at Sunol Glen School, in the classroom for her lovely students and

at our music concerts. She loves to make beautiful music in many places, playing flute and piccolo for two productions, Allegiance (Palo Alto Players) and Big Fish (Sunnyvale Community Players) and has lots of fun exploring musical theater. Maretha loves all types of music and especially building community through music.

**Connie De Grange** (Refreshment Coordinator) Over many years, Connie has been involved with SRT in many ways. Connie has been the house manager, the original designer of the SRT programs, and the refreshments coordinator. According to Connie, “The SRT gives me the opportunity to meet and get to know new Sunolians and make new friends. One year, when I was house manager, my 7-year old son had the job of renting chair cushions for 25 cents. On his first night at the job, I was surprised to see him with his head resting on the table sound asleep. Audience members just left quarters on the table”. Connie’s day job is Chair of the Sunol Citizens Advisory Council.

**Barbara Egbert** (Stage Manager) In past productions, Barbara has taken on many backstage roles, serving as Stage Manager, House Manager and Dresser. She has also played Dr. Joanna Vanderveer in the 2013 production “Murder in the House of Horrors”. Barbara was Stage Manager for the debut production of “Caught in the Villain’s Gaze” twenty years ago, when her daughter Mary played the Sign Girl! She was part of the same play exactly 20 years later. Barbara is a freelance editor. She also participates in many other community organizations.

**Judy Fenton** (Citizen 3) This is Judy’s 5th appearance in an SRT production. Judy knows how to embrace the silliness that is SRT! She has many other performing experiences, taking part in Children’s Theater, Civic Arts, productions at the FireHouse Theater, Las Positas College, and the Encore Players.

**Sean Gallagher** (Stage Tech, Audio & Lighting) Sean is new to SRT this year. He has provided much appreciated support to the crew and the school with his technical expertise and via a donation of stage lighting. Sean works in corporate video and conference room technology.

**Finn Gallagher** (Lighting Tech) This is Finn’s very first performance experience (yeah Finn!). Finn is active in Cub Scouts. He enjoys playing Beyblades, Battle Tops, and traveling with his family.

**Stephanie Granados** (Matilda) Stephanie’s first appearance with SRT was last year when she rocked the role of Bluebird in “The Last of the Super Hero’s”. She is thrilled to be a part of the SRT family and enjoys every

minute of fun. Stephanie is a recently retired educator. While teaching, she directed and produced many history-based musicals and plays with her students. Stephanie is an aerobics instructor in Fremont.

**Peter Grayson** (Robin Hood) This is Peter's 2nd year with SRT. In 2024 he was part of the Stage Crew for "The Rise of the Super Hero's". Peter has also played Theseus in "A Midsummer's Night Dream". Peter works as a Space Management Director onsite at Google.

**Derek Johnson** (Duncan, Tech Director) Derek Johnson (Guard, Technical Director) Derek enjoys the physical nature of the show. From being a ridiculous character onstage, to the process of turning an empty stage into a unique and joyful event that we call Theatre. Off stage, Derek is an engineer/scientist who works out of his basement in Sunol.

**Klay Kunkel** (The Woodsman, Treasurer, Ticketing) In Klay's own words – "Given 23+ years working with SRT, there are just too many moments to keep track of. The constant though are the good people. Whether on stage, the crew, the audience or the staff at Sunol Glen, we are surrounded by great people that give their time, talents and donations. Everyone involved spends their time supporting the community and the kids while having a great time creating and entertaining! Klay retired in 2021 after 33 years at Lam Research in Fremont.

**Diana Rohini LaVigne** (Director of Publicity) Diana is returning for a second season. She has spent time as the lead in the "Tina & Tony's Wedding" spin-off, "Nina & Nathan's", an interactive live theater production in Boston, MA. Additionally, she has been in commercials for Disney, Budweiser, and Tiffany's. Diana was also the host of a few cable shows including "It's All Art" and "Bay Area Bikes."

**Claire Leick** (Maid Marion) Claire makes her debut with SRT this year as our leading lady, the lovely Maid Marian! She is returning to the theater after a long break. Claire played many roles in high school and college. Claire describes her day job as "Creative Type"!

**Seth Leick** (Little John) This is Seth's first year with SRT. He previously acted in plays both in high school and college. During the day, Seth is an Information Systems specialist.

**Phil Mumford** (Costumer, Guard 2) Phil began with SRT in 1984 and took the starring role as Jack Swan in Dark Deeds at Swan's Place the following year. His favorite play as director was "Zorro's Back in Town" and his favorite roles were the ship's captain in "Peril on the High Seas" and

Captain Dimples in "How the Other Half Dies". His only other performing experience was being a teacher at Sunol Glen School for 32 years!

**Denise Kent Romo** (Stage Manager, Merry Man 1) Sidetracked for years by her dedication to the Sunol Glen School and her (now grown) children's exciting pursuits, Denise is thrilled to finally be a part of the local drama on stage (rather than real life for a change :) Throughout her life, she has enjoyed being a part of numerous theater and dance productions. After briefly majoring in dance and theater in college, she switched her focus and ended up working on Wall Street (rather than tap dancing on 42nd !) After all these years, she still pursues her love of dance in classes around the Bay Area and is having a blast in her first SRT melodrama.

**Mia Madeleine Roster Ricard** (Sign Girl) Mia has been sign girl for the last two years, first in "Shiver River" and second in "The Rise of the Super Hero's". She also played the Fox Girl in that production. Mia lives in Sunol with her parents, Dan and Jessica. She attends Sunol Glen as a fourth grader. Mia is nine years old and active in 4-H and Girl Scouts. Mia enjoys reading, making art, and caring for animals, both big and small.

**Steven Paradise** (Friar Tuck) Steven is an optical engineer who lives in Livermore. He is excited to be in his first SRT show! His last performance was in 2021 as Bissett the Butcher in "Scrooge". He also played in "The Musical" along with 3 of his 4 children. Ask Steven about the time he practiced his Scottish accent on a business trip! He enjoys making people smile and laugh – preferably laughing with him, but laughing at him will work too!

**Meredith Sarboraria** (Co-Director) Meredith has played many acting roles for SRT since 2018, but Director is a new role! She enjoyed it immensely. One of her favorite memories was performing as the Heroine for SRT's play in the town park with our sign girl, Mia. It was Mia's first time onstage, and as Meredith is friends with her parents, she has known Mia since birth, so it was a special moment to be able to share the stage with her. Meredith has also acted with the Encore Players in Livermore since 2017 and has taken acting classes at Las Positas College. During the day, Meredith is a Consulting Winemaker and College Instructor at Las Positas College and lives in Livermore with her husband, Mark. She dedicates her directorial debut to her friend and mentor, Ken Ross, who passed away in 2023.

**Conover (Ron) Smith** (Narrator, King Richard) Since playing the villain in "Dogsbreath Deveraux" in 1994, this is Ron's 26th year of playing

with the SRT family at the wonderful Sunol Glen School. Ron has acted in several corporate films, PSAs and live appearances as well. Over the years, while his kids were growing up, they both participated in SRT productions. Ron described those shows as being the most fun ever! He's had the pleasure of playing the villain 10 times, the hero 6 times, and other interesting characters over the years. He feels very lucky to have worked with a tremendous group of creative, enthusiastic and hardworking folks. "Enjoy the show – we always do!"

**Robin Spindler** (Co-Producer, Merry Man 3, Lady Gwen) Robin has been involved with SRT for 11 years. She has loved being on stage and would be hard pressed to pick a favorite moment – it's all good! Last year Robin is co-directed for the first time and learned a lot about herding cats, and considering different perspectives. This year she is co-producing - also a growth experience! Robin truly enjoys working with the SRT cast and crew. They are generous, hardworking and a whole lot of fun! Robin recently retired from school administration.

**Mike Telang** (Citizen 1) This is Mike's first appearance with SRT. He has acted and directed several plays professionally in India throughout high school and college. Mike was also a leading television commentator for the Common Wealth games while in college. He did play by play broadcasting for several sporting events.

**Diane Tiessen** (Mac, Merry Man 2) Diane joined SRT in 1996 and has had countless enjoyable jobs and roles over the many seasons. They include prompting, set painting, costuming, and acting. Throughout the years, Diane has also served on the SRT Board as treasurer, director, producer, and overall vigorous encourager and supporter of SRT and the school. For Diane, being involved in SRT is very rewarding and makes for a very positive retirement experience!

**Irvin Tiessen** (Throne Guy, Props & Sets) For many years, Irv has been active in SRT. He has been known as the props creator. His given SRT name is "The Irvolini Magic Company"! Some of Irv's creations include a magic saw box where a girl was "successfully" sawed in half, broad swords, cleavers, pistols, front desks, folding screens, and this year's throne. Doing sets and illusions for the various productions is a challenge Irv loves. A memorable role for him was playing a dead man on a couch for an entire play. The challenge was trying not to laugh as he was heckled by the audience! Irv describes himself as a retired bureaucrat.

## PAST PERFORMANCES

**1982 The Miller and His Men**

Director: Tom Harland

**1983 Dirty Work at the Crossroads**

Director: Tom Harland

**1984 A Bad Day at Gopher's Breath**

Director: Laurie Foster

**1985 Dark Deeds at Swan's Place**

Director: Laurie Foster

**1986 Egad! The Woman in White**

Director: Tom Harland

**1987 Pure as the Driven Snow**

Director: Wayne Zimmerman

**1988 Dirty Work in High Places**

Director: Wayne Zimmerman

**1989 Caught in the Villain's Web**

Director: Laurie Foster

**1990 Egad What a Cad! And**

**The Ballad of Gopher Gap**

Director: Brenda DuCharme

**1991 The Miller and His Men**

Director: Tom Harland

**1992 Song of the Mounties**

Director: Wayne Zimmerman

**1993 A Golden Fleecing**

Director: Laurie Foster

**1994 Dogsbreath Devereaux the**

**Dastardly Doctor**

Director: Stephan Doyle

**1995 Who Threw the Overalls in**

**Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?**

Director: Wayne Zimmerman

**1996 Lily, the Felon's Daughter**

Director: Stephan Doyle

**1997 Zorro's Back in Town**

Director: Phil Mumford

**1998 Peril on the High Seas**

Director: Stephan Doyle

**1999 The Face on the Barroom Floor**

Directors: Phil Mumford & Chari Xenakis

**2000 The Saga of the Prospector's**

**Daughter**

Directors: Bree James & Lynn Kozma

**2001 Dogsbreath Devereaux,**

**the Dastardly Doctor**

Director: Stephan Doyle

**2002 Caught in the Villain's Gaze**

Writer/Director: Tom Harland

**2003 The Vile Veterinarian**

Director: Phil Mumford

**2004 Trapped in a Villain's Web**

Directors: Stephan Doyle & Lynn Kozma

**2005 Curses, Foiled Again!**

Director: Diane Tiessen

**2006 Caught in the Villain's Grasp**

Director: Tom Harland

**2007 Taming the Wild, Wild**

**West in a Dress**

Director: Klay Kunkel

**2008 Wagon Wheels a-Rollin'**

Director: Wells Twombly

**2009 Million Dollar Baby**

Directors: Kari Davis & Klay Kunkel

**2010 She was only Marginally Modest**

Director: Sue Marshall

**2011 Trouble Bubbles at the Hot Springs**

Director: Kathy Morris

**2012 Rogue of the Railway**

Director: Tom Harland

**2013 Murder in the House of Horrors**

Director: Lynn Kozma

**2014 Hotel Escargot**

Directors: Klay Kunkel & Diane Tiessen

**2015 How the Other Half Dies**

Directors: Lea Blevins & Klay Kunkel

**2016 Axe of Murder**

Directors: Donna Blevins & Phil Mumford

**2017 Shakespeare Goes to Gravel Gulch**

Director: John Ruzicka

**2018 One in A Million**

Directors: Klay Kunkel & Diane Tiessen

**2019 Caught in the Act**

Directors: Ray Spooner & Sandi Bohner

**2020/2022 The Treasure of Shiver**

**River**

Directors: Georgia Ball, Klay Kunkel, Diane Tiessen

**2023 Caught in the Villain's Gaze**

Written and Directed by Tom Harland

**2024 The Rise of the SUPERHEROS**

Directors: Klay Kunkel & Robin Spindler

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Diane & Irv Tiessen  
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Sunol Business Guild  
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Derek Johnson & Lynn Kozma	Van Dyke Ranch
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