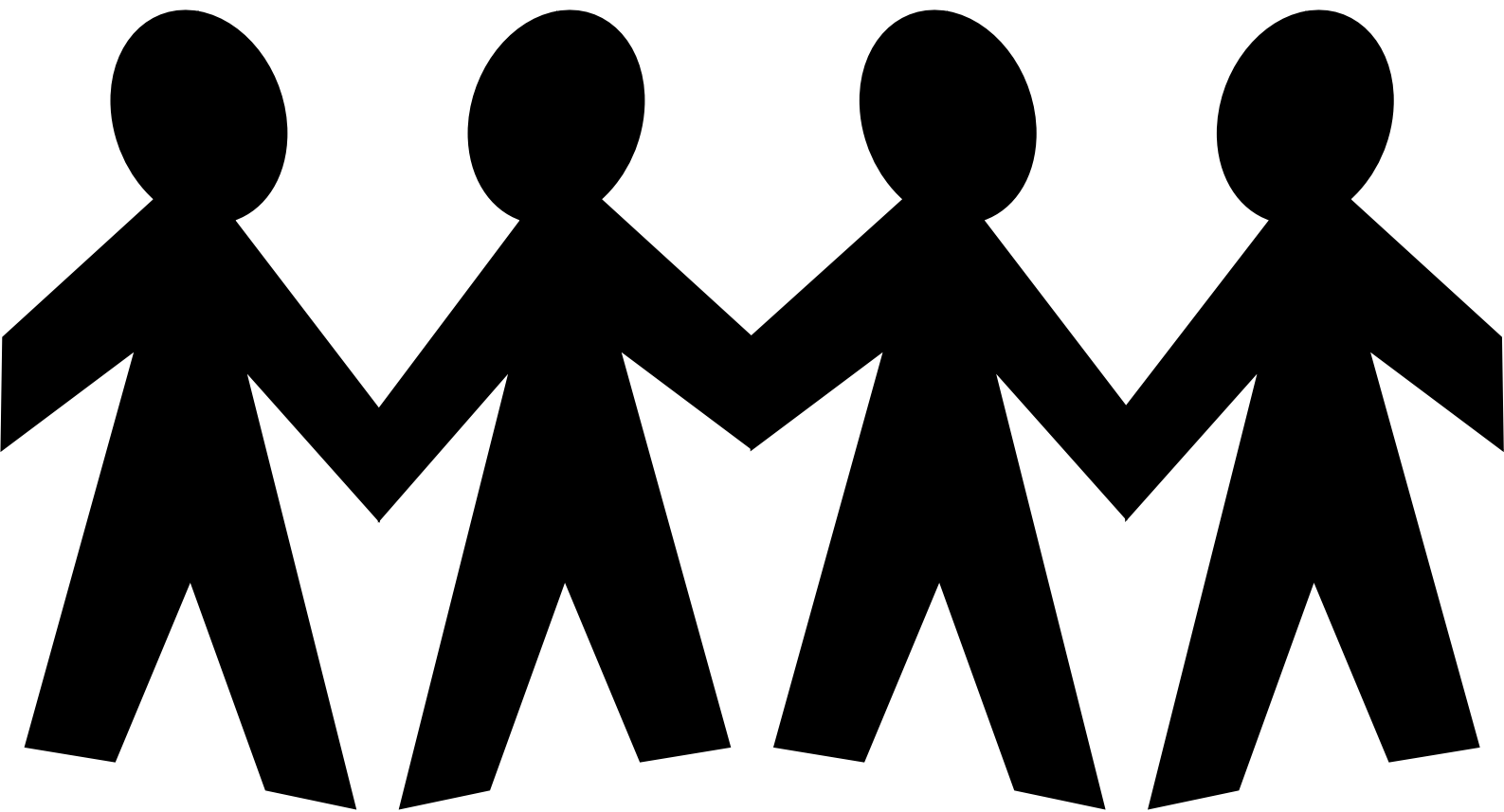


SAN JUAN COMMUNITY THEATRE
SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT EVENT 2023-24

THE FAMILY WE FIND



TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

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For many, Family means the home and relationships into which we are born. For others, Family is the group of people we decide to welcome into our lives—the closest relationships we have. For most, it is some combination. In San Juan Community Theatre's 2023-24 Season, we are exploring The Family We Find. Family can be the tight-knit group of women who support each other or two sets of spouses protecting their shared hidden truth. Family can even be the good-hearted group of pirates to which one has been apprenticed! Many of us know the joy of finding family on this island, myself included. We see each other at King's. We know everyone's business. We laugh, cry, rejoice, and grieve together. We argue and enable and support each other. And we each must make difficult decisions about what we will pursue individually and collectively. So this season is an opportunity to examine the questions of The Family We Find. How do we live in a way that balances individual and collective good? Can we show both kindness and courage in our daily communication? How do we reconcile when Family is broken or lost? What do we value most? It is bound to be a season of discoveries, conversations, laughter, stories, and joy. I hope you will join us.

- Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey
Executive Artistic Director



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FALL

The Hallelujah Girls

Written by Jones Hope Wooten

Directed by Joy Van Camp

October 6 - October 22

Hilarity abounds when the feisty females of Eden Falls, Georgia, decide to shake up their lives. The action in this rollicking Southern comedy takes place in SPA-DEE-DAH!, the abandoned church-turned-day-spa where this group of friends gathers every Friday afternoon. After the loss of a dear friend, the women realize time is precious, and if they're going to change their lives and achieve their dreams, they have to get on it now!

SJCT Family Theatre presents:

Martina y Pérez: A Bilingual Tale

Book & Lyrics by Lisa Adams and John Heath

Music by Mike Fishell

You Are Special

By Mark, Helen & Naomi Johnson

Script by Sue Langwade

Directed by Penelope Haskew

November 16 - November 19

SJCT's Family Theatre will present two stories this year. The first, *Martina y Pérez* is a traditional Latin American and Spanish tale about a beautiful little cockroach courted by a Cat, Dog, Rooster, and Mouse -- and later cooks a very dangerous pot of onion soup! Our bilingual version features all the familiar characters (including *Ratón Pérez*, the "Tooth Fairy" of Latin America) singing catchy songs full of Spanish and English vocabulary. The second is a heartwarming musical with a timeless message.

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WINTER

SJCT Annual Holiday Festival

December 2

San Juan Singers Holiday Concert

December 9 - 10

FHHS Drama presents: *The Lightning Thief*

Book by Joe Tracz, Music & Lyrics by Rob Rokicki

*Adapted from the book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan*

Directed by Lindsey Saarie

January 18 - 21

As the half-blood son of a Greek god, Percy Jackson has newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a mythology textbook's worth of monsters on his trail. When Zeus's master lightning bolt is stolen and Percy becomes the prime suspect, he has to find and return the bolt to prove his innocence and prevent a war between the gods. But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the thief. He must travel to the Underworld and back; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and come to terms with the father who abandoned him.

Perfect Arrangement

Written by Topher Payne

Directed by Brandon Cadwell

February 16 - March 3

Inspired by the true story of the earliest stirrings of the gay rights movement, *Perfect Arrangement* merges madcap sitcom-style laughs with provocative drama as two closeted U.S. State Department employees struggle to maintain their cover - and their sanity - in 1950s America.

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SPRING

FHMS: *Women Who Weave* by J.S Puller

Directed by Lindsey Saarie

March 21 - 24

When the plucky, ambitious twelve-year-old Atalanta is excluded from the men's boar hunt, she is convinced that being female means giving up any chance at being heroic. But her mother comforts her with the stories of the Fates, the three goddesses who weave the destiny of all human beings. A skeptical Atalanta dozes off and drifts into a bizarre dream that carries her to the loom of the Fates, where she lives the stories of three great Greek heroines and discovers that heroism has more to do with the decisions we make than the fate we're born into.

Melodious Notes Over the Harbor

April 6

San Juan Island's premiere chamber music group presents its annual concert.

San Juan Singers Spring Concert

April 12 - 13

San Juan Island's community chorus returns with songs from a wide variety of musical styles & eras.

The Pirates of Penzance

Book & Lyrics by Sir William Schwenk Gilbert

Music by Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan

Directed by Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey

May 10 - 26

Gilbert and Sullivan's hilarious, hopeful farce follows young Frederic, an orphan who has mistakenly been apprenticed to an ineffectual but raucous band of pirates. He disavows the pirates' way of life and falls for the beautiful Mabel. Frederic's melodious tones win over the heart of Major-General Stanley's songbird daughter, Mabel, but when the Pirate King discovers that General Stanley has lied about being an orphan to keep the pirates from stealing all of his belongings and carrying off his bevy of beautiful daughters, an "ingenious paradox" may prevent the budding romance and lead to the death of "The very model of a modern Major-General."

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SUMMER

Luca Stricagnoli

June 15

An Italian fingerstyle guitar player known for his unconventional playing style, innovative techniques, and guitar inventions (Soprano Guitar, Reversed Triple Neck Guitar, Reversed Slide Neck).

Dirty Cello

June 22

A five-piece string ensemble that truly pushes the envelope and breaks the barriers, they blend blues, bluegrass, and world music sounds with roots in the world of European classical music in a style that is unique and refreshing.

Cosmic Charlie

July 5

A Dead cover band for folks that are ambivalent about Dead cover bands. Rather than mimicking the Dead exactly, Cosmic Charlie chooses to tap into the Dead's energy and style as a foundation on which to build.

Sturtz

July 7

The acoustic quartet - Andrew Sturtz [vocals, guitar], Jim Herlihy [banjo], Courtlyn Carpenter [cello, and Will Kuepper [bass]- falls somewhere at the intersection of folk and soul, with lead singer Andrew Sturtz's melodic vocals soaring over the lower string instrumentals.

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SUMMER, cont'd

Summer Camp Performance: *Guys & Dolls, Jr.*

Music & Lyrics by Frank Loesser, Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

Directed by Chiara Power, Musical Director Presley Clark

Camp Dates July 22nd - Aug. 9th

Performances Aug. 8th - 11th

Set in Damon Runyon's New York City, *Guys & Dolls JR.* follows gambler, Nathan Detroit, as he tries to find the cash to set up the biggest crap game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck. Meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years without ever getting married. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, but Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown. *Guys and Dolls JR.* takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, but everyone eventually ends up right where they belong.

West My Friend

September 14

In the modern musical landscape, it's rare to hear something as put-together as three-piece Cascadian folk outfit West My Friend - something so layered, deeply symphonic, baroque, and mysterious in its own winking way while still courting an edge of disaster. Simple is safe, but complex is fiery, intricate, and ultimately more rewarding.

2022-23 Season
"GROWTH THROUGH DISRUPTION"
Comes to a Close

Spring Musical: *Shrek, The Musical!*

May 5th - 21st

Pearl Django

June 3rd

Locarno

June 17th

Karan Casey

June 24th

Summer Play: *Fully Committed*

June 30th - July 30th

SJCT Summer Film Series

Tuesday evenings in July & August

Summer Musical Theatre Camp: *Xanadu, Jr.*

August 3rd-6th

An Evening with Tony Furtado

August 13th

Shook Twins

August 26th

An Evening with Barron Ryan

September 15th