



Spotlight

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September 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

September 13th – OPENING NIGHT, *Life & Beth*

September 16th – BOARD MEETING, 6:30 at the Cobblestone Theatre

Volcano Theatre Company and
Pioneer Inn & Suites present
Alan Ayckbourn's

LIFE &



BETH

Directed by Jim Estes

September 13th-October 13th

Friday & Saturday Evenings, 8 p.m.

Sunday Matinees, 2 p.m.

In the Historic Cobblestone Theatre

Tickets: www.volcanotheatre.net

Or by calling 209-419-0744

\$20/General—\$18/Senior

Opening
September 13th

Life & Beth

The Volcano Theatre Company is tickled to announce the opening of their fall show, *Life & Beth*. This comedy, written by Alan Ayckbourn and sponsored by Pioneer Inn & Suites, will open Friday, September 13th in the historic Cobblestone Theatre.

Directed by VTC veteran Jim Estes, whose work you know on stage (*A Tuna Christmas*) and off (Director of 2017's *Harvey*) to name just a couple of his successes, is right in his wheelhouse with this sweet holiday themed play. Oh, is it too early to use the "H" word? (Holiday?) . . . Well, we are sure when you fondly anticipate the upcoming holidays, and yes, they are fast approaching, your thoughts of family and the holidays blend as beautifully as chocolate and peanut butter . . . Or is it oil and water? Whichever side of the fruitcake you stand, you will love this production. (continued next page . . .)

Life & Beth follows a recently widowed woman as she attempts to navigate her first Christmas without her spouse, but with the help (or is it hindrance) of family and friends. First her semi-drunken sister-in-law, Connie comes to stay and wants to cater to her every need, but is clueless how to do so. Next her over-concerned son Martin comes home for the holiday, dragging along his weirdly apathetic and strangely quiet chef-girlfriend, Ella, to do all the cooking. The Vicar who performed Beth's husband's eulogy comes to visit and makes a very interesting connection, but not with the one carrying the torch for him. As the evening progresses, Beth calmly deals with everything thrown her way, from excessive amounts of red wine, a yard display like no other, a feast of "salad", a surprise guest, and on the way comes to a clear understanding of what she wants in her life moving forward.

The *Life & Beth* cast is a mixture of VTC veterans and, proudly, three new actors. In the title role is Roxanne Fausett who has been with the company since 2013 and played in several shows including *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *Exit Laughing* and the award-winning *The Sunshine Boys*. Mitch Alaire, who was last seen as Aunt Spiker in this summer's *James and the Giant Peach*, continues her wickedly funny ways as sister Connie. James Dove, who plays son Martin, Jim Caudle who plays the Vicar, and Rich Dymmer, who plays . . . well, never mind, no spoiler here . . . are all new to the VTC and all come with varying degrees of theatre experience. And they are AWESOME! This cast has quickly become a tight-knit family, and a very funny one at that, in the very short time they've been working together. In fact, if rehearsals are any indication, *Life & Beth* will be another sold-out, award-winning production for the Volcano Theatre Company.

Shows run Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. from September 13th thru October 13th. The Cobblestone Theatre, with its limited seating, does tend to sell out, so advance tickets are highly recommended and are now available on line at www.volcanothatre.net. \$20 for general and \$18 for Senior. For up-to-the-minute VTC news, check out our website, like us on Facebook or sign up for our monthly newsletter by emailing volcanothatre@volcano.net. See you in Volcano!

CAST

Roxanne Fausett—Beth Timms

Rich Dymmer—Gordon Timms

Mitch Alaire—Connie Bunting

James Dove—Martin Timms

Jim Caudle—David Grinseed

Lindsay McCain—Ella Packer

Sid Cohen - Police Officer (male voice)

Judy Hunt - Police Officer (female voice)

CREW

Director - Jim Estes

Assistant Director - Sid Cohen

Stage Manager - Judy Hunt

Assistant Stage Manager - Jeff Fausett

Producer - Karen Rovane

Script Supervisor - Alicia Barber

Set Design - Alicia Barber & Jim Estes

Set Construction - Alan Clinton, Jim Caudle, Sid Cohen and Jim Estes

Set Decorator - Alicia Barber

Set Painting/Support - Alicia Barber, Jorja Perea, Mitch Alaire, Rich Dymmer, Lindsay McCain & Linda Estes

Costumer - Jorja Perea

Lighting/Sound Design - Alex Sharp

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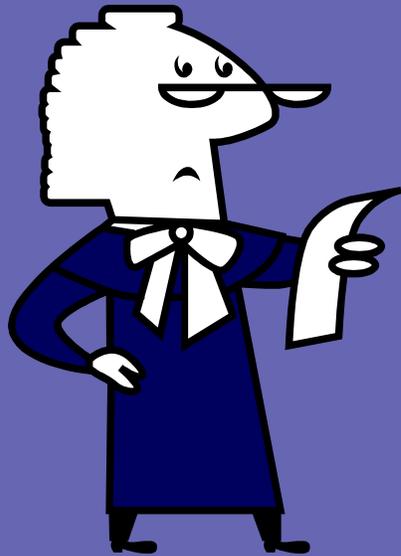
Poster/Marquee - Karen Rovane

All Rise . . .

After a lengthy process, many applicants and much consideration, we welcome long time VTC member and

Director, Vince Murdock to the committee of VTC Judges.

Many THANKS to those of you who expressed interest in being a Judge.



Oh NO, Say It Ain't So!!!

Long, long, long time VTC members, Margo & Jim Carr have made the big move. After years of community service and self-employment here in Amador, the Coast came a'calling and Jim & Margo couldn't resist. In a matter of a few short weeks, they sold their home (and Jim's amazing and HUGE organic garden) and put down new roots near the Santa Cruz area.

From their friends at the VTC, we wish them the best and every happiness on their new adventure!!

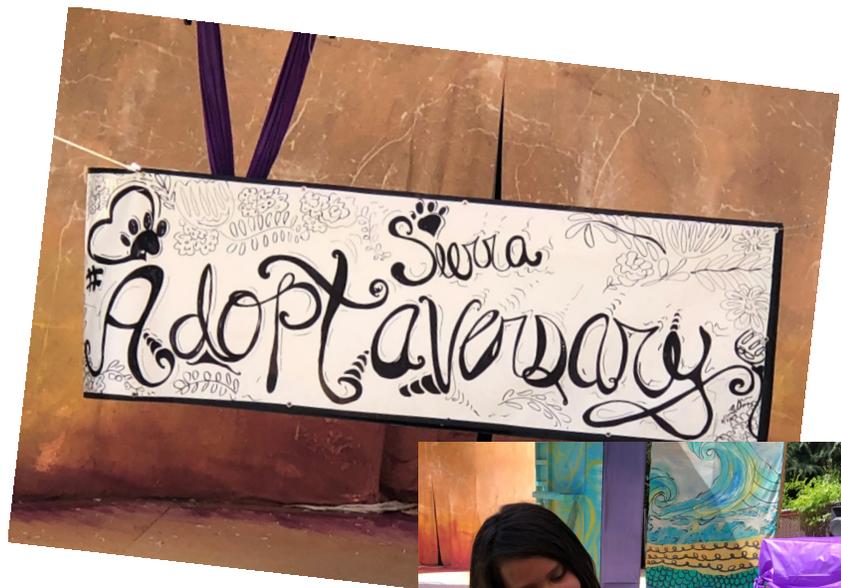
Happy Adopt-A-Versary to VTC's Best Girl

Friends of Sierra Fugere gathered at the Amphitheatre for a howling good time celebrating her 10 year Adopt-A-

Versary with papa Roger, VTC's tech-guy-extraordi-

naire. Despite the Dog-Day-of-Summer heat, the kibble & bits were yummy and the pack of Sierra pals all had fun!

Sierra was gifted a brick in her name, proclaiming her "VTC's Best Girl"!



BALANCING THE BOOKS CAN BE A CHALLENGE!

And never more so than during the winter months when the theatre is dark, but the expenses continue. Theatre maintenance, utilities, and production costs for our 2019 season are all issues which need to be addressed.

Any amount of financial support will be greatly appreciated, and of course, is tax-deductible. Thank you for supporting YOUR Community Theatre!

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Thanks to all of you who have donated money and time towards theatre improvements. However, maintaining and improving the Cobblestone and Amphitheatre properties is an on-going adventure. You can help by buying a brick. For each \$100 donation, a brick engraved with your name will be added to the walkway in the Amphitheatre!

Your tax-deductable donation will be greatly appreciated!

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