

# SPOTLIGHT



Volcano Theatre Company's Monthly Newsletter

## **Volcano Theatre Company**

and ACE HARDWARE of PLYMOUTH



Sunday, January 15th, 2 pm & Monday, January 16th, 6:30 pm

Need: 2 men & 4 women (middle ages)

For More Info, call Bob @ 209.419.0744

### It's Time to PLAY!

The holidays are behind us and now it's time to begin our 2023 fun! With 2023 being our 50th season and with FIVE fabulous productions on our calendar, it's no wonder we are hitting the ground running this January!

First on the schedule is our Volunteer Open House to be held Saturday, January 14th from 4:30-6:30 at the Cobblestone Theatre (see next page for details!). This Open House is open to the public and will showcase all the volunteer opportunities for 2023 and beyond. There is more to putting on a play than just directing and acting oh SO MUCH MORE-and these behind the scenes positions can be just as creative, challenging and rewarding as being on stage! Are you good at construction? Painting and decorating? Do fabrics and sewing inspire you? Maybe you like tech stuff and would be interested in how stage lights are set and sound cues developed? Do you know the difference between a Stage Manager and a Maybe you'd like to "hold script" House Manager? through rehearsals or become a Producer? So many diverse tasks and all while meeting new people and becoming one of the Volcano Theatre "family" of volunteers! It is inspiring! It is rewarding! And there is no prior experience required! So, come on down to the Cobblestone Theatre on the 14th and check it all out!

Our 2nd January event will be auditions for our spring show, *Prisoner of Second Avenue*. This classic Neil Simon (dark) comedy was the very first show ever produced by the then named Volcano Pioneer Community Theatre and will kick off our 50th anniversary season! Veteran Director Bob Duzdevich will be looking for 2 men and 4 women, all "middle-aged" to portray Mel & Edna Edison who live on Second Avenue in Manhattan, and their siblings, Harry, Pearl, Jessie and Pauline! The plot follows a totally stressed out Mel as he hilariously attempts—and massively fails-to navigate a constant flow of bad luck during a summer heat wave in New York City.

Auditions will be Sunday, January 15th at 2 p.m. and Monday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cobblestone Theatre in Volcano. For more information about this production, contact Director Bob Duzdevich at 209.419.0744



You are invited to

### **VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE**



At the Cobblestone Theater 16121 Main Street Volcano, CA

> On January 14, 2023 4:30-6:00 pm



Learn about all the volunteer opportunities with Volcano Theatre Company. You might think it is all about acting and directing (which is obviously necessary for some) but there are a host of other jobs behind the scenes that are fun and challenging. You might be good at set construction, painting and decorating. You may have skills in costuming. You may be interested in how lights are set and sound cues developed – and then managed through the production. Do you know what a house manager is or a stage manager – both very important tasks? Do you know what a producer does? Could you help with rehearsals in giving prompts and reading lines?

Come and find out the opportunities and connect with our excellent cohort of volunteers. Find out what "roles" are good for you!

RSVP or questions may be directed to the VTC President: 209-304-1535, jimbob2x2@gmail.com.

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## **Coming Attractions:**



January 10th - BOARD MEETING, 6:30 p.m. at the Cobblestone Theatre!

January 14th - VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE at the Cobblestone Theatre! See Page 2 for details!

January 15-16 - <u>AUDITIONS</u> for *Prisoner of Second Avenue* by Neil Simon directed by

Bob Duzdevich at the Cobblestone Theatre. 2 p.m. on the 15th; 6:30 p.m. on the 16th

February 18th - SAVE THE DATE for our 2023 KICK OFF PARTY! Theme: Enchanted Forest





# Volcano Theatre Company's HELP US "SET THE STAGE"

We are a 501(C)3 not-for-profit theatrical corporation run ENTIRELY by volunteers! For almost 50 years! We love what we do - putting on fabulous award-winning theatrical productions for our community - and we're pretty darn good at it, if we do say so ourselves. And we do this while also preserving the historic character of our venues: the Cobblestone Theatre, originally built as a cigar emporium in 1855 and the Amphitheatre, the façade of which was a saloon and a law school.

The proceeds from ticket sales fund future productions, paying for utilities, taxes and general maintenance of our theatre venues. But we have plans for significant improvements that will affect the quality of our performances and "set the stage" for the future.

Our current "wish list" for big ticket projects will make everyone's Volcano Theatre experience much better - for our patrons, actors and volunteers. If you are in ANY POSITION to "adopt a project", make a general donation, or if you can donate your time, materials and/or talents, PLEASE HELP!

Our current "wish list" includes:

- Re-wiring all the electrical in the Cobblestone Theatre! As we upgrade sound and lighting systems, we find that the current (very old) wiring needs complete replacement. Estimate: \$20,000
- Adding two new 10' x 10' barn-style sheds for storage of props and costumes on a base rock pad. Estimate: \$3,000-\$5,000 EACH
- Extending the light booth in the Amphitheatre to allow more effective placement of light and sound equipment. Estimate: \$3,000-\$5,000
- Updating HVAC system in the Cobblestone Theatre to a more efficient system for the comfort of our patrons and actors. Estimate: \$15,000 or more!

If you can help in any way, please contact us through our website: www.volcanotheatre.net

or via email at: volcanotheatrecompany@yahoo.com We THANK YOU for supporting YOUR community theatre! We were gifted with "free" theatre chairs and tore out the old chairs and the old carpeting.

Under that old carpeting we discovered ROT and the ENTIRE AUDIENCE AREA had to be re-built, including relocating a beautiful not-seen-in-years stone floor, tons of cement, piles of wood, thousands of screws and gallons of paint!

Basically a TON of hard work and a BUNCH of unplanned expenses . . .

And all during a year we were closed for business due to the pandemic!

You can support this remodel effort by Adopting A Chair through Project Cushy Tushy!

Your chair will have a plaque with your name and choice of brief comment or dedication (for example: "in memory of . . . ", a favorite quote, or just something silly . . . Have fun with it!)

Visit us online at www.volcanotheatre.net to adopt your chair today! Only \$150

#### AMPHITHEATRE: STONE BY STONE, BRICK BY BRICK

Maintaining and improving our beautiful outdoor Amphitheatre 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! Complete below and mail with your check to VTC, P.O. Box 88, Volcano, CA 95689 OR visit us online at www.volcanotheatre.net Your tax-deductable donation will be greatly appreciated!

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