

Manhattan Beach Community Church Theatre Presents Our 2019 Fall Production



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BUS STOP is presented by special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York

October 11, 12, 18 & 19 – 8:00 pm
October 13 and 20 – 2:00 pm matinee

MBCC Community Hall Theatre
303 South Peck Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Manhattan Beach Community Church

We are an inclusive Christian church that equips each generation, through spiritual growth and fellowship, to serve the South Bay. We invite you to join us in celebration of God's infinite love.

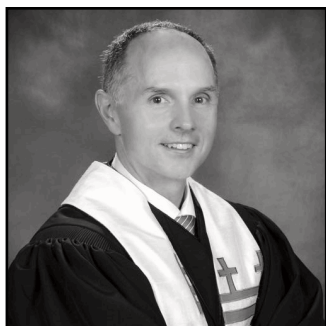
No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Join us Sunday Mornings at 10 am for Worship

OUR CORE VALUES

- *Being spiritually inclusive and socially accepting*
- *Being a caring and supportive Christian congregation*
- *Maintaining continuity by honoring our history and traditions*
- *Serving those in need in our greater community through grass roots efforts*
- *Promoting fellowship through lively, creative, and educational activities*





Welcome to the Manhattan Beach Community Church Theatre's presentation of *Bus Stop*! Our congregation has been in existence for almost 115 years, and for the past 60 or so, theater has been a vital part of our

ministry. MBCC is truly a "Community Church," and MBCC's theater ministry has long reflected the values of our congregation...promoting fellowship and encouraging people to share their God-given gifts. Amazing and wonderful things can happen when we come together to share time together and to share our gifts.

Speaking of what can happen when people come together, this fall's production of *Bus Stop* offers a wonderfully entertaining take on that idea. Our cast and crew have put in countless hours to be able to bring this classic show to our stage. What can happen when people are stuck together, waiting for the storm to pass, as their lives collide?

We know you will enjoy our production of *Bus Stop*.

Thank you for your support of our theater ministry, and we invite you to join us here at MBCC on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. to experience the sense of community we have here at MBCC!

Shalom,

Rev. Mark Pettis, Senior Minister

SETTING

The play is set in 1955 inside a diner in a small Kansas town about 30 miles west of Kansas City. The diner also serves as an occasional rest stop for bus lines. It is 1:00 a.m. on a night in early March with a near blizzard raging outside.

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Come celebrate over 63 years of Manhattan Beach Community Church Theatre, the longest running live theater in the South Bay! It's always a treat to be a part of the MBCC productions, the church is so wonderful to support the shows we put on here.

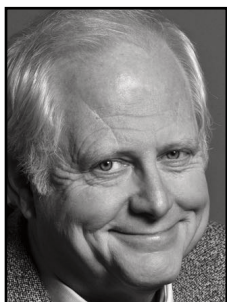
Thank you for coming tonight and supporting MBCC Theatre!

MBCC THEATRE BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Manning,
President
Karen Hill
Denise Stehney
Victoria Bailer Alfvín

Steve Norris
Michael Thorpe
Lyn Coulter
Susan Norris
Don Warburton





Dan Adams (Dr. Gerald Lyman)

If you are a regular patron of the MBCC Theatre, you might remember Dan from his roles in *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Lovers and Other Strangers*, *The Rainmaker*, *Blithe Spirit* and *Kismet*. Some of his favorite roles over the years are the Doctor in *The Good Doctor*, Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Selsdon in *Noises Off*, and George in *Same Time Next Year*. Dan would like to thank the entire cast and crew and you, the audience. Without all

of you, the production would not be possible.



Victoria Bailer Alfvén (Grace Hoylard)

Victoria is pleased to be on the MBCC Theatre stage with this gifted and talented cast of *Bus Stop*. You may have seen her last fall as Elvira, mischievously haunting her husband in Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. Some of her favorite roles include April (*Company*), Virginia Poe (*An Evening with Poe*), Miss Watson (*Big River*), and The Scream (*Dracula*). Victoria would like to acknowledge the artistic efforts of Dale

Townsend and our director, Bob Manning, for the fabulous set you see before you. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.



Tracy Dye (Elma Duckworth)

Tracy is thrilled to make her debut at MBCC Theatre after moving to Los Angeles from Baltimore, Maryland in November. She has performed in community theater for over a decade on the East Coast. Some of her favorite roles include Marty (*Grease*), Claire (*Proof*), and Maggie Cutler (*The Man Who Came to Dinner*). Offstage, Tracy works as a Veterinary Receptionist and Exam Room Technician. She would like to thank her wonderful

friends, family and coworkers for their support, as well as the talented cast and crew of *Bus Stop* for making her feel immediately at home and inspired at MBCC.



Jessica Lombardozzi (Cherie)

Jessica is a Marymount California University alumni and graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a B.A. in Communication Studies. As a singer-songwriter, she released her first CD "15 Minutes Ago" when she was 13. Currently, she is frontwoman of the band LACEI, and has performed in many venues throughout the Los Angeles, Hollywood, and South Bay area. Her music can be found on soundcloud.com/laceimusic, iTunes, and other streaming sites. Aside from music, she has a passion for acting and has been in productions such as Rumors, Moon Over Buffalo, The Mousetrap, and many others. Thank you to Bob Manning, Greg Levonian, and Manhattan Beach Community Church.



Lawrence Moreno (Virgil Blessing)

Lawrence from Torrance (LFT) is flattered to join this talented cast. His first performance for MBCC was Mr. Bill and Dr. Bob, then How to Succeed in Business ..., switching to stage manager for Dracula and An Evening With Edgar Allan Poe. He assistant directed, co-choreographed and stage managed Big River. In spring of 2018 he directed Gypsy. Other choreography includes Joseph and Brigadoon. Directing experiences: A Christmas Carol, Guys and Dolls, and Little Shop of Horrors. Favorite rolls include Ali Hakem (Oklahoma), Luntha (The King and I), Chief Sitting Bull (Annie Get Your Gun) and Strange Woman (yes, woman!) (Big River). Thank you, Bob, for this touching role.



Chris O'Connor (Carl the Bus Driver)

I am once again humbled, honored and privileged to spend some creative time with so many kind, talented and generous people here at MBCC Theatre. Thank you for having me.



Frank Pepito (Sheriff Will Masters)

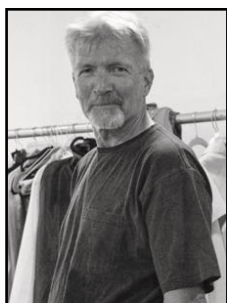
Frank previously appeared at MBCC in Hello, Dolly!, How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Damn Yankees, and Mame. He's also performed for the Torrance Theatre Company (The Curious Savage, Willy Wonka, Fiddler on the Roof), and Surf City Theatre Company (Who Am I This Time?, The Christmas Spirit, and The Odd Couple). He's a Friends of Torrance Theatre Company board member and works as a Graphic Designer

(www.FrankPepito.com), recently designing Long Beach Playhouse's 90th Anniversary logo.



Shawn Plunkett (Bo Decker)

Shawn is thrilled to be making his debut with MBCC and to share the stage with such a talented group of actors. A proud husband and father, he most recently appeared in Our Town as Mr. Webb and Louis the Baker/Billy Webster in Sunday in the Park with George. Shawn is beyond excited to bring this classic story to life.



Bob Manning (Director)

Bob began his acting "hobby" back when his parents did local theater and he was their child actor. Since then, he has been in various movies, TV shows, commercials and even doubled for an extra once. In local theater he has held most positions including tech director and president of Actors' Repertory Theatre, director, assistant director, props, stage manager, set building and set foreman as well as various roles on stage. He hopes you enjoy

tonight's performance and all the humor and laughs, both intentionally and unintentionally. "Who prologue-like your humble patience pray, gently to hear, kindly to judge, our play."

Video recording of this performance of BUS STOP is strictly forbidden.





PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Bob Manning
Producer	Theater Board
Stage Manager	Valerie Sullivan
Hair/Makeup	Karen Hill, Patty Jarvis
Costumes	Lyn Coulter, Susan Norris
Set Design & Construction	Dale Townsend, Bob Manning
Script Supervisors	Rhonda Yeager-Hutchinson, Valerie Sullivan
Graphics	Frank Pepito
Props	The Cast and Crew
Lighting Designer/Technician	Michael Thorpe
Sound Designer/Technician	Jacob Moreta
Publicity	Victoria Bailer Alfvín
Tickets	Bob Manning, Victoria Bailer Alfvín
Programs	Jeff Caldwell, Susan Norris
Photographer	David Fairchild
Lobby Ticketing	Harriet Darley
House Manager	Noble Ford, Rhonda Yeager-Hutchinson
Concessions & Potbelly Stove	Steve and Susan Norris
Patron Party Chairman	Victoria Bailer Alfvín, Rhonda Yeager-Hutchinson

Patron Party Volunteers

Victoria Bailer Alfvín, Lyn Coulter, Karen Hill, Rhonda Yeager-Hutchinson,
Susan Norris, Denise Stehney, Valerie Sullivan

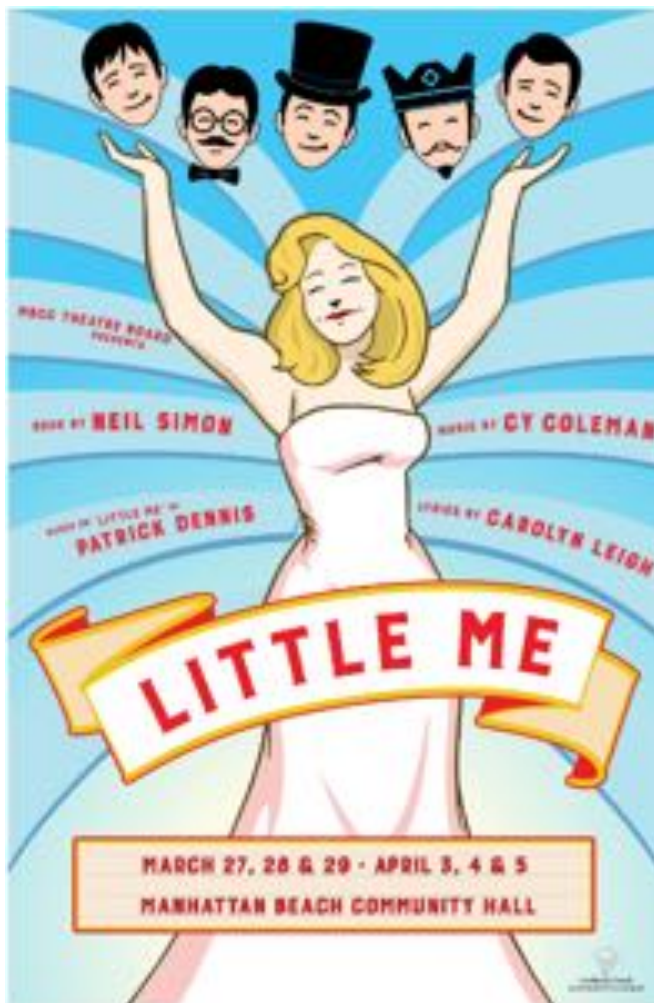
And THANK YOU to our Patrons for your support

Candy & Alan Duncan	Elaine & Bob Weiner
Sue & Rick Hefner	Barbara & Hugh Wells
Nancy & George Jackson	Linda & Tony West
Hilda Lee	Sherry Caudle
Pat & Phil Martzen	Lyn Coulter
Sally O'Mara	Jo Emerson
Carol Schultz	DeAnne & Pat Johnson
Gloria & Dale Townsend	Anne & Dick Rose

SPECIAL THANKS to our Patron Party band Thompson Creek members
Anneke Thompson, Ben Thompson, Evan Ronson and Rob Eldridge. Also
thanks to Dave & Vickie Boyer in assisting the band.

COMING SOON...

**The MBCC Children's Program
The Nutcracker
December 13 and 14 at 7:30 pm
December 15 at 2:00 pm**





MBCC PRODUCTIONS



THANKS YOU IN CELEBRATING OVER 60 YEARS OF THEATRICAL
PRODUCTIONS IN THE SOUTH BAY!

Little Me — 2020	Sound of Music — 1993
Bus Stop — 2019	Quilters — 1993
Kismet — 2019	The Foreigner — 1992
Blithe Spirit — 2018	The King & I — 1991
Gypsy — 2018	1776 — 1991
Rainmaker — 2017	Sugar — 1990
Company — 2017	Fools — 1990
An Evening with Poe — 2016	Anything Goes — 1989
Big River — 2016	Harvey — 1989
Dracula — 2015	Alice in Wonderland — 1988
The Dixie Swim Club — 2015	Ten Little Indians — 1988
The Rose Bowl Queens — 2014	Pajama Game — 1987
How To Succeed in Business (Without Really Trying) — 2014	Oliver! — 1987
Moon Over Buffalo — 2013	Music Man — 1986
Much Ado About Nothing — 2013	No Time for Sergeants — 1986
Oliver! — 2013	Guys & Dolls — 1985
Barefoot in the Park — 2012	You Can't Take it With You — 1985
Don't Drink the Water — 2012	Never Say Goodbye — 1984
Bill W. & Dr. Bob — 2012	Carnival — 1984
Oedipus The King — 2011	Applause — 1983
Little Women — 2011	Godspell — 1983
You Can't Take it With You — 2010	I Do, I Do! — 1982
Mame — 2010	Dear Phoebe — 1982
Night of January 16th — 2009	Damn Yankees — 1981
Hello Dolly — 2009	Arsenic and Old Lace — 1981
Accidental President — 2008	Delegate Applegate — 1980
Promises, Promises — 2008	Sound of Music — 1979
The Most Happy Fella — 2007	Man of La Mancha — 1977
Rock, Paper, Scissors — 2007	Curious Savage — 1976
Plaza Suite — 2006	Geo. Washington Slept Here — 1975
Damn Yankees — 2006	The Man Who Came to Dinner — 1974
State Fair — 2005	Night of January 16th — 1973
Pirates of Penzance — 2004	How to Succeed in Business (Without Really Trying) — 1968
Brigadoon — 2003	Pajama Game — 1966
Jesus Christ Superstar — 2002	Bye Bye Birdie — 1964
My Fair Lady — 2000	Music Man — 1963
The Odd Couple — 1999	Kismet — 1961
Follies — 1999	Out of the Trunk — 1960
Steel Magnolias — 1998	Delegate Applegate — 1959
Working — 1997	Cinnamon Buns — 1958
The Nerd — 1997	International Geophysical Year — 1957
Twelve Angry Men — 1995	Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter — 1956
The First Broadcast — 1995	
Bells are Ringing — 1995	
Godspell — 1994	