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The Package

By Bob Manning



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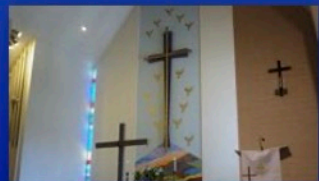
We are an inclusive Christian church that equips each generation, through spiritual growth and fellowship, to serve the South Bay. We invite you to join us in celebration of God's infinite love.

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*



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Rob Barber
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John Hugunin
The Jones Family
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Sue & Paul Sterba
Donna & Tom Thorpe

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Elaine & Bob Weiner
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MBCC Theater Board

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Theater Board President Steve Norris

Steve is the President of the Arts Council of Torrance and works to promote education and diversity in the arts and to support the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Steve has directed The Aerospace Player's productions of A Funny Thing...Forum, The Producers, and How to Succeed..., as well as Kismet, The Rainmaker, An Evening With Poe, Dracula, Lovers and Other Strangers, and Promises, Promises here at MBCC. He has written, directed and produced more than two dozen adapted and original plays, including many he directed for the children's theater program with the City of Torrance. He recently was awarded the "President's Award" by the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium, as well as an "Excellence in Arts Award for Literature" from the Torrance Arts Commission. both intentionally and unintentionally.



Director

Bob began his acting 'hobby' back when his parents did local theatre 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 theatre he has held most positions in the theatre including tech director and president of Actor's Repertory Theatre, Director, Assistant Director, props, stage manager, past President of MBCC theatre, CFO of MBCC theatre, 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.

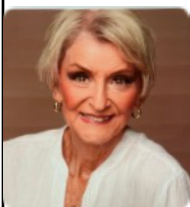
*"Who prologue-like your humble patience pray,
Gently to hear, kindly to judge, our play."*



Jimmy - Sebastien Young

This is Sebastien's second production with MBCC after joining the

ensemble of Little Me last spring. Sebastien has worked as a Cybersecurity professional since graduating from UC Santa Cruz in 2016. In a previous life, he starred as Scrooge in A Christmas Carol, Prince Humperdinck in The Princess Bride, and did the bottle dance as the Rabbi in Fiddler on the Roof. Sebastien is grateful for the opportunity to rekindle his passion for theater on the MBCC stage!



Nurse - Delpha Flad

Delpha began her

acting career in high school and has been at it ever since. Her most recent shows at MBCC were the Christmas show about cookies and the western one where she played the sheriff. She was also in Mame, Plaza Suite, Most Happy Fella, Pirates of Penance, Brigadoon, My Fair Lady and Steel Magnolias. She is absolutely thrilled to be playing the nurse in The Package.



Dave - Kevin Rauch

At an early age I was encouraged to act in Niagara Falls Little Theater and I

can say I don't remember Bye Bye Birdie very well but could be prompted to sing Randolph's part. But after looking to get into a bigger city, my sister invited me to Washington, D.C. As a graduate

student of University of Maryland, it was possible to film a one hour length documentary about the long 125 year or so history of Glen Echo Amusement Park which still exists in Bethesda, Maryland and used to be a trolley ride away from Washington, D.C. I managed to get going with a camera lighting and sound career with NBC and ABC News. I worked directly for such greats as Peter Jennings, Carol Grant, Ted Koppel and the like in the bureau.

After years of camera work, I was fortunate to get into the DGA by way of a little show that aired on NBC called Americans Black Forum, hosted by civil rights legend Julian Bond. A return to D.C. allowed me to work as an assistant director on The West Wing. Watching Martin Sheen on this show and spending time with him and other cast members at the White House where we also worked on a TV Guide spread before shooting our full days was beyond belief. Also, getting to work in Film as a DGA AD for Robert Forster, Cliff Robertson, Kurt Fuller, Dean Norris (and the list goes on), convinced me that as I got older not only actors were having all the fun, but I wanted to try it.

I have worked in the theater at the Ruskin Theater Group at Santa Monica since 2006, and made it to conservatory status at the Second City Improv Troupe in Hollywood. And have studied with Rob Reece from the Actors Studio. I have been lucky to work on quite a few great small films and TV shows and continue to study and work in Los Angeles. Credits on IMDB. My wife and I live in Redondo Beach. Bride, and did the bottle dance as the Rabbi in Fiddler on the Roof. Sebastien is grateful for the opportunity to rekindle his passion for theater on the MBCC stage!



**Janice -
Heidi Johnson**

Heidi has been a long-time member of the Manhattan Beach Community Church. She has been in many productions, such as Barefoot in the Park, You Can't Take It With You, How to Succeed in Business, plus productions with The Aerospace Players. She is a piano teacher and holds many of her recitals here at MBCC. She is enjoying working with the talented members in this production of The Package.



Hank - Ari Polidi

Ari is excited and appreciative at another chance to play on the MBCC stage. Last summer

was his first opportunity to perform as Felix in My Three Angels. Ari is more often found on the stage as a violinist with the Beach Cities Symphony.



One more bio after 51 shows; back row, middle row, and center. It is now fun to be playing the character parts.

Whether on stage working on the production team or smiling in the audience, Lyn is a seasoned participant. Enjoy the performance of our fellow MBCC thespians in the Stowe tradition, "We are ready for our close-up."



Steve - Dan Ullfig

Daniel is very happy to be performing in his eighth show with MBCC. He was last

seen as General Milton "Over-the-Top" Schreiber in Little Me. Past shows include Promises, Promises, You Can't Take it with You, Barefoot in the Park, and Rose Bowl Queens. He was onstage with TAP in The King and I and The Producers. Dan has performed with The Notables and sings barbershop with the South Bay Coastliners

Mrs. Hensley - Lyn Coulter



Stan - Kevin Paul

Kevin is full of Glee back on stage at MBCC. Last performing

Bobby, Robert baby in Company. Having also been on TV in array, his big gig was NCIS LA. Kevin also was seen in attack, on Discovery Channels movie Flight that Fought Back. Almost any performance Kevin will try, having also been a Robin Hood Stunt Show stunt guy. Bob our playwright is a great dude, I like that Stan, Mob Boss, is tough yet not rude. God speed, Bravo to you, adiew.

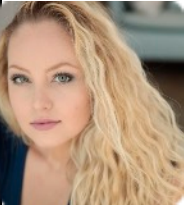


Man #2 -

Dale Townsend

(Please read my Bio with a New Jersey accent) In da play I'm givin' no name,

but yous can call me "STACH." And speakn' of which, do yous like my face? If yous do, let my little lady (Gloria) knows, cause she says, "When da plays over, it's gone." Yous knows what I mean?



Snookie - Jessica Lombardozzi (Oct 13-15)

Jessica is a Marymount California University alumni and

graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies. As a singer-songwriter, and recording artist, LACEI, she has performed at many venues throughout the Los Angeles, Hollywood, and South Bay area including the OC Fair, The Roxy, and others. Her music can be found on Spotify, iTunes, YouTube, 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, Bus Stop, My Three Angels and many others.

Thank you to Bob Manning and The Manhattan Beach Community Church.

Snookie -

Jeannine Barba

(Oct 20-22) Happy to be back, you'll recognize Jeannine from previous MBCC



musicals (Miss Electra/ Choreographer, Gypsy; JoAnn, Company; Hedy, How to Succeed; Princess, Kismet). She also enjoys Directing & Choreographing. Jeannine has performed in over 100 regional shows, including Hello Dolly, My Fair Lady, Cabaret, Fiddler, Hairspray, Singin' in the Rain, Ragtime, Evita, Titanic, Sweeney Todd. Favorite roles include: Wicked Witch (WOZ), Adelaide (Guys and Dolls), Wardrobe (Beauty), Miss Andrew (Mary Poppins), Martha (White Christmas), Mae Peterson (Birdie), Ulla (The Producers), Miss Hannigan (Annie). God job, Bob! Love to Craig!

Joey -

Michael Heidner

Michael is once again appearing on stage for



MBCC, previously appearing in Little Me and Kismet. He is looking forward to working with all of the wonderful people that are a part of this production and hopes that you'll enjoy the show!



Sam -

Dave Boyer

Dave has been playing keyboards for musicals in the pit (and

occasionally conducting the orchestra) in area community theatres for decades (MBCC, TAP, Golden West College, Stage Door, TTC, Kentwood Players) as well as a choir accompanist (Genesis, Glen Aires, Notables) and church pianist/organist at several Christian denominations. Where does he find time to design airplanes? Today is new, he's on stage as an actor for the very first time. Let us pray.



Bartender -

Biagio Schutt

Biagio is a Marymount California graduate with his Bachelor's

in business. Biagio is the Head Baseball Coach for his Alumni high school Mary Star of The Sea in San Pedro. He took a theater class in

college and found a thrill in acting. The Package is his third play. In his free time, he enjoys playing baseball and softball and has been part of many leagues, one being a semi-pro baseball league in Alaska during college. He would like to thank the Manhattan Beach Community Theater for this opportunity.



Steve D.

Ishimatsu -

Spotlight and Stage Hand

I possess a valid license in

cosmetology from the State of California. Furthermore, I am pursuing a degree in fashion and film acting, which reflects my deep interest in these fields. My passions extend beyond these areas, as I am currently involved with the MBCC Theatre Board, where I am gaining invaluable knowledge about the industry. In the near future, I aspire to further explore opportunities on stage and contribute more to the theatrical realm.

Bar Fly - Patty Jarvis

Bar Fly - Vikki Alfvín

Directors

The Package - Bob Manning

Constellations - James Caldwell & Jazmine Ramay

Dialect Coach	Chris Arrufo
Assistant Director	Lawrence A. Moreno
Set Designer	Bob Manning 'The Package'
Set Designer	Steve Norris
Ryan Thorpe	Lighting
Steve D. Ishimatsu	Spot Light Operator & Stage Hand
Randy Santiago Perez	Projections and Sound
Biago Schutt	Stage Manager
Photographer	David Fairchild
Programs	James Jeffery Caldwell
Hair & Make Up	Susan Button
Hair & Make Up	Patty Jarvis
ASL Coach	Diana
Accompanist	Dave Boyer

Michael Thorpe



(Lighting Designer for The Constellations Package)

Look, he's admitted it already. And he'll get it all back, don't worry. It's just... misplaced. Somewhere. I mean, it's not like you can hide 85% of the entire universe under the carpet or something. And he's checked there. Twice. He tried searching for it with a flashlight, but that's obviously not going to work. But as soon as it shows up he'll put it right back where it was before and you won't even notice dark matter was missing.

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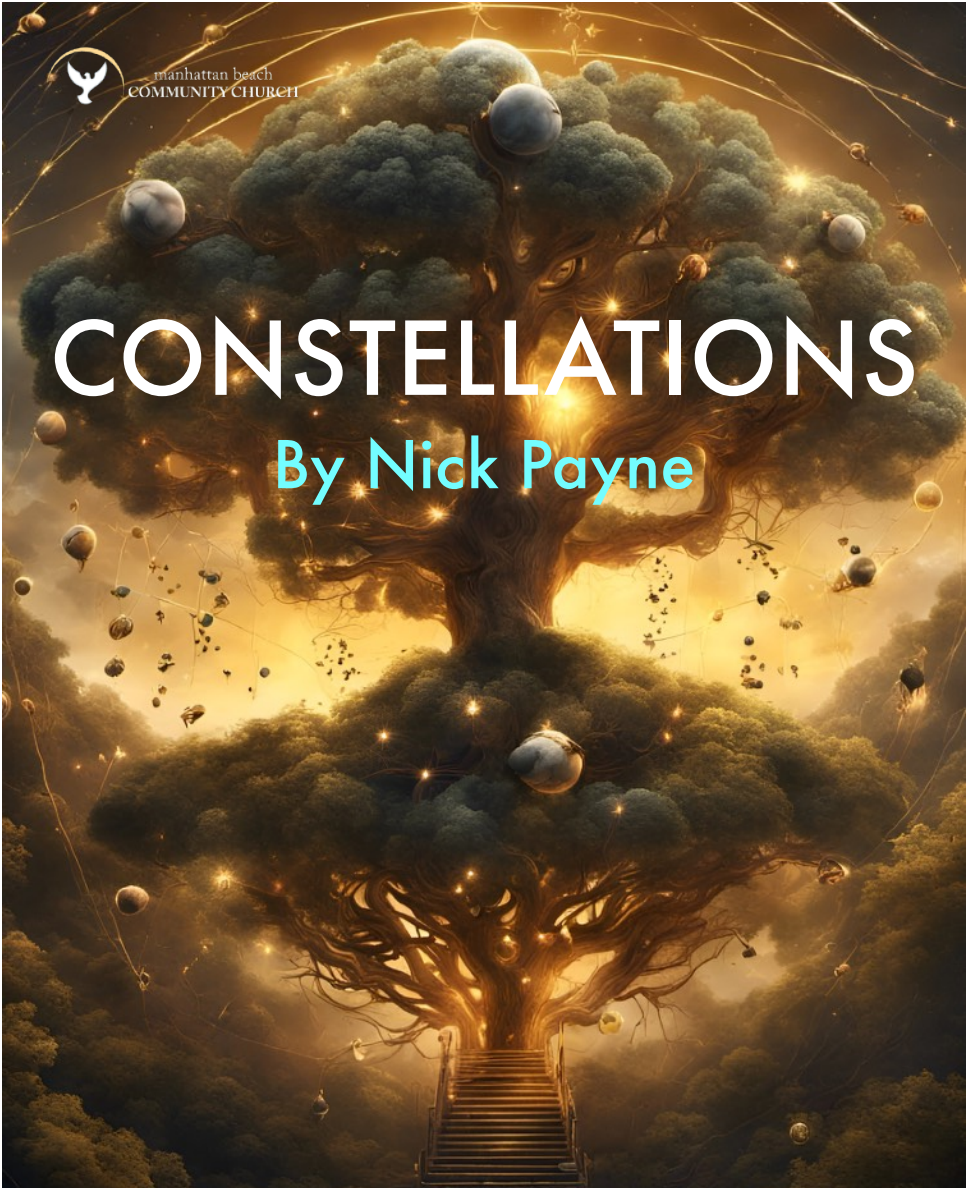
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By Nick Payne



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Constellations

This spellbinding, romantic journey begins with a simple encounter between a man and a woman. But what happens next defies the boundaries of the world we think we know—delving into the infinite possibilities of their relationship and raising questions about the difference between choice and destiny.



Jazmine Ramay – Marianne Aubele

Los Angeles based actress/singer who graduated from Pacific Conservatory for the Performing Arts in 2010 for Acting/Musical Theatre and UC Santa Barbara for Film Studies in 2005. Also studied Cabaret at the International Cabaret Conference at Yale with Sharon Mcnight, Jason Graee, Tovah Feldshuh, Laurel Masse, and Faith Prince as her mentors.

Previous work includes the original debut of Bars and Measures at B street theatre, the American debut of The Penelopiad (Penelope/Tanis), Macbeth (2nd Wyrd Sister), The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe (Queen Susan/Dryad). Film and standup includes the made for television series Courage, New Hampshire as a Midwife, Curb your enthusiasm, Jack and Jill and performances at the Comedy Club.

James Jeffery Caldwell - Roland

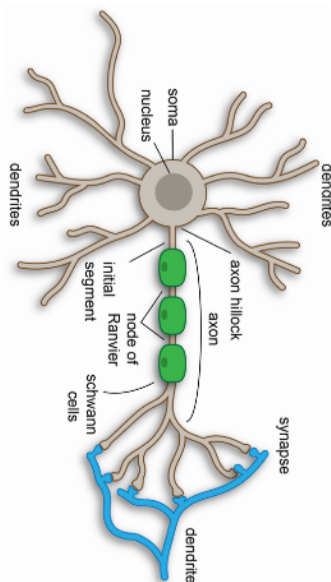
Jeff is a Los Angeles born actor, director, producer, and musician. He graduated with degrees in philosophy and classics at CSU Long Beach before attending The Stella Adler Studio of Acting and appearing in countless TV Shows and Films. He continues to lead international workshops in acting and has a masters degree in education teaching history in secondary schools. Returning to the stage



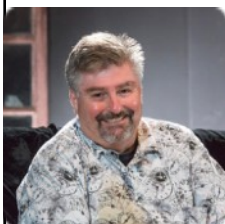
that first piqued his interest in performance, Jeff is excited to be in the footlights with the immensely talented Jazmine Ramay and thanks everyone in The Package and behind the scenes for all their dedication and hard work in bringing these two amazing shows to the stage!

The Tree

The tree represents the Braintree with roots reaching into the earth all the way to the infinitely small quantum realm. There, the root tips at the smallest level are made up of pools of vibrating, dancing electrons absorbing energy or emitting light. When electrons are paired, they influence and affect each other even if one electron exits its shared atom, similar to how our actors affect each other in position, energy and outcome. The atoms build upon one another, creating molecules, then proteins, then DNA. The roots grow like mycelia white hyphae of fungi. These branch-like dendrite patterns grow in trees and even in metal. The human circulatory blood system and lung airways are examples of these patterns.



The tree on stage represents the astrophysicist's (Marianne) brain. Her thoughts from the atom vibrate within her being, marking time to her longing to understand the larger universe outside her afflicted brain. The tree was constructed of translucent single-use plastic packing material destined for a landfill. The tree is illuminated by energy-saving LEDs.



Message from our President

MBCC is proud to present a 'Double Header!' First up, a new Tony-nominated play directed by Jeff Caldwell and featuring Jazmine Ramay. *Constellations* examines a couple's relationship in a quantum multiverse in all its possibilities.

Our second offering is an original comedy character romp paying tribute to *Guys and Dolls*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and old gangster movies - written by our own Bob Manning! MBCC Theater is back, we need you! Your talents, and your patronage. Our spring 2024 production is *The Drowsy Chaparone* - can't wait to see you there!

— Steve Norris, MBCC Theater Board President