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Manhattan Beach Community Church

Our mission is to create inclusive community, foster spiritual growth, and transform the world through acts of service and justice.

Inclusive
Valuing the equality and uniqueness of all God's people.

Service
Joyfully serving God by creating a just world for all.

Spirituality
Embracing progressive Christianity and deepening spiritual growth

Community
Being a caring and supportive church family.

Directors Message - Adrienne Fairley

Directing The Other Side of Christmas has been such a meaningful experience. Bringing a newer work to life gave our cast and crew the freedom to explore, experiment, and discover what this story could become. Watching everyone step into their roles with commitment and heart has been a true joy.

I'm grateful for the collaboration, the creativity, and the spirit this team brought to every rehearsal. It's been an honor to help shape this piece and share it with you.

Adrienne

Theater Board President - James Jeffery Caldwell

Welcome to MBCC Theater and tonight's holiday production, The Other Side of Christmas. Our stage is one way we live our church's mission: to create inclusive community, foster spiritual growth, and transform the world through acts of service and justice.

Through the arts we practice:

Service — stories that awaken empathy and move us to act.
Inclusive — a company and audience where every person belongs.
Spirituality — progressive Christian imagination that deepens the soul.
Community — neighbors linking arms to make something beautiful together.

As we approach our 70th year in 2026, we're excited to return to our musical roots with Fiddler on the Roof (Spring 2026) and to launch our new Teen Theater Program with Annie Jr. (Fall 2026).

Thank you for supporting local theater this season. May tonight's story bring light, hope, and a little wonder. Enjoy the show—and if the spirit moves you, join us as a patron, volunteer, or cast member.

With gratitude,

James Jeffery Caldwell

President, MBCC Theater Board

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Cast

B. Alexander

B Alexander (Steele) is delighted to return to MBCC where they Steele in *A Piece of My Heart*,, as well as a member of the *Little Me* cast Directed by Paula Kelly. Recently, B has delighted audiences around Los Angeles, performing during Hollywood Fringe Festival for CGB Productions' Annex and was a contributor to their *A Third Space: The Trans Conversations Project*. B also wrote and performed as Dr. Pauli Murray in *Tales of the Transcestors* with Celebration Theatre. When not on stage, B dons many hats including stand up comedy, writing, podcast, and music (you probably could have guessed that last one). To learn more about B and their latest projects, please visit iambalexander.com Did we mention that B also… eh. Never mind. Just go to their website before we run out of ink.

Jacob Helfgott

The Other Side of Christmas will be Jacob's fifth show at MBCC. His past roles include a gangster/ pastry chef in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (2024), the *American Men* in *A Piece of My Heart* (2024), and one of the Delancey brothers in *Newsies*(2025), as well as roles in shows with the Aerospace Players such as ballplayer Linville in *Damn Yankees* (2025), Lancelot and Tim in *Spamalot* (2023), and Rolf in The Sound of Music (2022). Outside of acting, he tutors Math, English, and French and enjoys reading, running and hockey.

Kelly Gov

There's no better gift than a reunion... This is Kelly's fifth show with the MBCC Theater (fourth on-stage appearance). Prior MBCC on-stage appearances include *Newsies*, *The Drowsy Chaperone,* and *Little Me*. She's excited to come together with this wonderful group of people, reflect on many lenses through which to view the holiday season, and appreciate the joys of being part of a community.

Cast

Lisa Golden

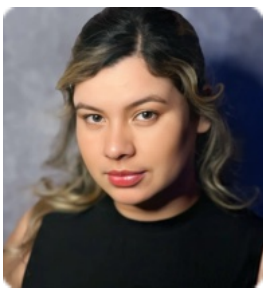
This is Lisa's second show with the MBCC Theater and is so grateful to be back as part of this fresh, funny and touching production.

A South Bay native, Lisa has been involved in the arts since childhood, acting and writing poetry since age 7. She participated in drama programs throughout her school years and minored in Theater Production at Cal State University Dominguez Hills.

In addition to appearing in commercial and music video productions in the early 00s, Lisa was a studio tour guide at Universal Studios, studied and provided voice over for online tutorials at The Aerospace Corporation as well as video games. In 2010 Lisa began working with The Aerospace Players (TAP) where, in addition to being on stage performing, she was given the opportunity to assistant produce & assistant direct. After a 10 year performing hiatus, Lisa made her return to the stage in TAPs summer 2024 production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

For as long as she can remember, Lisa's other love has been stand up comedy. After working for several years behind the scenes at The Comedy and Magic Club in Hermosa Beach back in the 90s to early 00s, in December 2023 she made her very own stand up comedy debut at Flappers Comedy Club in Burbank and continues to write and perform.

"Thank you friends and family for your continued love and support. Never thought I'd get the chance to perform again. I would not be on this journey without you!"



Mayra Alejandra

Mayra Alejandra Navia is a non-union Chicana actor from Inglewood, California. Specializing in improv and comedy, her work includes appearing in a handful of independent films and live performances, where she's had the opportunity to explore a variety of dynamic and challenging roles. Outside of acting, Mayra shares her love of music by singing in the choir at her local church, further showcasing her passion for performance and community. A graduate of El Camino College's Musical Theatre and Dance programs, Mayra studied ballet, modern, jazz, and hip hop, and trained her voice under Dr. Kevin Blickfeldt . She honed her acting with Holly Sneed and Nathan Singh, and sharpened her improv skills with Frank Caeti of MADtv. Fluent in English and Spanish, Mayra brings her versatile performance background and boundless energy to every role.

Michele Goffeau - Property Head

Michele has enjoyed working with MBCC on *The Other Side of Christmas*. This is Michele's fourth show with MBCC. She has previously been seen in the ensemble for the TAP production of *Damn Yankees*. Other performances include ensemble roles in community productions of *Oklahoma* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Thank you to the cast and crew for a wonderful experience and she hopes you enjoy the show.

Rhonda Yeager Hutchinson

I first came to MBCC in 2017 and was fortunate to be a part of *Company*. I have since appeared in *Kismet*, *Little Me*, *Newsies,* and Readers Theatre of *Diary of Adam and Eve*. I also have worked backstage with *Gypsy*, *Blithe Spirit* and *Bus Stop*.

I was an active member of Corpus Christi Little Theatre which carried me through my educational career (My big break came playing Peter the Goatherder in *Heidi*). While attending University of Houston, I portrayed Eve in "*The Apple Tree*. I portrayed Margaret Meade and part of the Ensemble in *Hair* at The Equinox Theatre in Houston. Ask me how excited I was about that show. Best theatrical experience EVER!

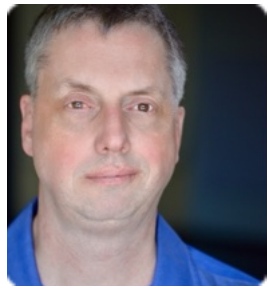
I am so pleased to be a part of *The Other Side of Christmas* at MBCC. Happy Holidays to all!!!

Enjoy the show.

Michael Heidner

Michael is excited to be onstage for another MBCC show, previously being a part of *Kismet, Little Me, The Package, The Drowsy Chaperone*, and *Newsies*. He is also a frequent contributor to The Aerospace Players, most recently as a part of *Damn Yankees, Spamalot, 1776,* and others over 20 years. When he's not onstage, he's helping students understand the intricacies and importance of math at Mathnasium in Manhattan Beach. Also, many thanks for the support of his family and friends for always being in his corner and keeping him grounded. He also would like to acknowledge Kevin Wheaton, a dear friend and colleague who left us too soon but whose legacy will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

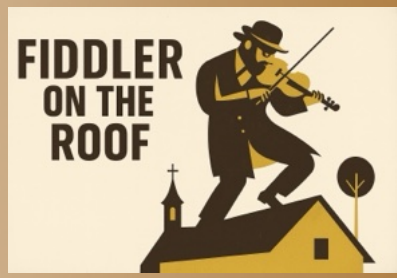
Scott Gilford Nolan Crowell



Scott Gilford Nolan Crowell makes his MBCC Theater debut as Actor #3 in *The Other Side of Christmas,* portraying Maud's Dad / Mickey / Gabe / Cliff / Dennis. His previous acting credits include *The Trip to Bountiful* (Houston Ticket Agent) and supernumerary roles in *Carmen, Faust, Otello,* and *Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci* with Houston Grand Opera. Scott is currently studying Theatre Arts at El Camino College. He thanks Rhonda Yeager-Hutchinson for introducing him to the director, and the director for giving him this opportunity. Special thanks to his husband, Sean Saunders, for once again embracing the role of "theater widow"—a loving term for the partner who holds down the fort at home while rehearsals, tech, and show nights take over.

Coming in 2026

Fiddler on the Roof
March 20 • 21 • 22* • 27 • 28 • 29*



Tradition collides with toe-tapping joy when Tevye, his stubborn daughters, and a certain fiddler balance life, love, and laughter on the precarious rooftops of Anatevka! Sing along to "If I Were a Rich Man," wipe away a tear during "Sunrise, Sunset," then toast "L'Chaim!" as this beloved musical serves up heartfelt comedy, rousing dance, and a reminder that even in changing times, family and faith keep us steady. Gather your whole mishpacha—tickets will fly faster than a bottle dance! **7:30pm - *2pm matinee**

Annie Jr. Teen Production
October 16 • 17 • 18*

Hope shines bright in Annie Jr., performed by the MBCC Teen Theater Program! Featuring a talented teen cast, crisp choreography, and the iconic songs you love—*"Hard Knock Life," "Maybe,"* and *"Tomorrow"*—this fast, funny, family-friendly musical is the perfect night out.
Want to be onstage? Auditions for teens (ages 13–18) are the first week of June 2026 (by appointment). Rehearsals run Wednesdays & Saturdays after Labor Day. To get audition details or learn about our upcoming teen workshops. **email music@mbccucc.org**

*As we near celebrating **70 years of MBCC Theater**, we thank everyone who has supported us — from audience members to performers and volunteers. Your dedication has helped us share powerful stories that reflect MBCC's mission of acceptance, inclusivity, and compassion. We invite you to join us for our upcoming season, including exciting new productions and the launch of our **Youth and Teen Theater Company**. Thank you for being part of our journey — we can't wait to see you at the theater!*

*Fiddler on the Roof - 2026
The Other Side of Christmas - 2025
God of Carnage - 2025
Into the Woods - 2025
Newsies - 2025
A Piece Of My Heart - 2024
Drowsy Chaperone - 2024
Constellations / The Package - 2023
Little Me - 2023
My Three Angels - 2022
The Diaries of Adam and Eve - 2022
Bus Stop - 2019
Kismet - 2019
Blithe Spirit - 2018
Gypsy - 2018
Rainmaker - 2017
Company - 2017
An Evening with Poe- 2016
Big River - 2016
Dracula - 2015
The Dixie Swim Club - 2015
The Rose Bowl Queens - 2014
How To Succeed in Business
(Without Really Trying) - 2014
Moon Over Buffalo - 2013
Much Ado About Nothing - 2013
Oliver! - 2013
Barefoot in the Park - 2012
Don't Drink the Water - 2012
Bill W. & Dr. Bob - 2012
Oedipus The King - 2011
Little Women - 2011
You Can't Take it With You - 2010
Mame - 2010
Night of January 16th - 2009
Hello Dolly - 2009
Accidental President - 2008
Promises, Promises - 2008
The Most Happy Fella - 2007
Rock, Paper, Scissors - 2007
Plaza Suite - 2006
Damn Yankees - 2006
State Fair - 2005
Pirates of Penzance - 2004
Brigadoon - 2003
Jesus Christ Superstar - 2002
My Fair Lady - 2000
The Odd Couple - 1999
Follies - 1999
Steel Magnolias - 1998
Working - 1997
The Nerd - 1997
Twelve Angry Men - 1995
The First Broadcast - 1995
Bells are Ringing - 1995
Godspell - 1994
Sound of Music - 1993
Quilters - 1993
The Foreigner - 1992
The King & I - 1991
1776 - 1991
Sugar - 1990
Fools - 1990
Anything Goes - 1989
Harvey - 1989
Alice in Wonderland - 1988
Ten Little Indians - 1988
Pajama Game - 1987
Oliver! - 1987
Music Man - 1986
No Time for Sergeants - 1986
Guys & Dolls - 1985
You Can't Take it With You - 1985
Never Say Goodbye - 1984
Carnival - 1984
Applause - 1983
Godspell - 1983
I Do, I Do! - 1982
Dear Phoebe - 1982
Damn Yankees - 1981
Arsenic and Old Lace - 1981
Delegate Applegate - 1980
Sound of Music - 1979
Man of La Mancha - 1977
Curious Savage - 1976
Geo. Washington Slept Here - 1975
The Man Who Came to Dinner - 1974
Night of January 16th - 1973
How to Succeed in Business
(Without Really Trying) - 1968
Pajama Game - 1966
Bye Bye Birdie - 1964
Music Man - 1963
Kismet - 1961
Out of the Trunk - 1960
Delegate Applegate - 1959
Cinnamon Buns - 1958
International Geophysical Year - 1957
Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter - 1956*