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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.

Community
Being a caring and supportive church family.

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

Spirituality
Embracing progressive Christianity and deepening spiritual growth

Theater Board President - James Jeffery Caldwell

Welcome to Manhattan Beach Community Church Theater and tonight's performance of God of Carnage. 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. Here's how the arts help us practice that mission—night after night:

Service — art that moves us to act.

Great theater grows empathy. When we laugh, cringe, or reflect together, our hearts stretch—and stretched hearts serve. We choose stories that nudge us toward a more just world and invite you to join us onstage, backstage, and beyond.

Inclusive — art where everyone belongs.

We value the equality and uniqueness of all God's people. In casting, crews, and audiences, we celebrate many voices and experiences. The arts are our "big tent," and there's room here for you—whatever your age, background, or level of experience.

Spirituality — art that deepens the soul.

Grounded in progressive Christianity, we believe questions are holy and imagination is a spiritual practice. Plays like *God of Carnage* hold up a (fun-house) mirror to our shared humanity, giving us space to wrestle, grow, and find grace.

Community — art that makes a family.

Curtains rise because neighbors link arms. Volunteers, patrons, performers, designers—together we make something none of us could make alone. That's the joy of this caring, supportive church family.

As we near 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)—investing in the next generation of storytellers.

Thank you for showing up, for supporting local arts, and for believing that theater can form hearts and heal communities. Enjoy the show—and if the spirit moves you, step into the story with us as a patron, volunteer, or cast member.

With gratitude,

James Jeffery Caldwell

President, MBCC Theater Board

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Victoria Bailer Alfvin
(Member at Large)
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(Member at Large)
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Bob Manning
Susan Norris
Steve Norris
Carol Patterson
Stef Romanov
Michael Thorpe
(Member at Large)

Cast

Gary Kresca - Alan Raleigh

Gary is thrilled to be back on the boards at MBCC. He was last seen here as Fagin in *Oliver!* in 2013.

Thanks to Jeff for creating an environment for freedom and creativity.

Thanks to Michael for keeping us afloat.

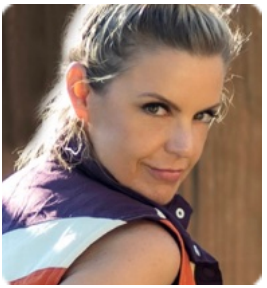
Special thanks to his other castmates Ronnie and woof woof, he couldn't imagine going on this journey with anyone else.

Special thanks and love to Rachel for everything life related.

Gary is a founding member of **Hot Tip**, an improv group performing the first Sunday of every month, info at torrancetheatrecompany.com

Enjoy the show...and the splash zone!

Kristin Harper - Veronica Novak



Kristin is honored and humbled to play the role of Veronica Novak (but you can call her Ronnie; on second thought she'd prefer you not), in *God of Carnage*.

When not fighting the brutality of present day society, one can find Kristin starring in the role of supply chain multitasking ninja in the peaceful hamlet of Vernon, CA. Kristin's credits span stage and screen; as the "perpetually in awe blonde" from the infamous *Magic Bullet* commercial (#isasimpson), to Adrianna in *The Comedy of Errors,* and most recently Kathy in the TTC production of *Birthday Club*.

Kristin gives gratitude and love to her family for the gift of time, and never-ending support. "I couldn't ask for a better ensemble".

XOXO

Cast

Jennifer Faneuff - Annette Raleigh

Jennifer was born and raised in the South Bay. This is her first appearance at MBCC Theatre, and she's thrilled to be a part of this Tony Award-winning comedy. Joining a cast that includes old friends and new is the icing on the cake!

Past performances include: Cheryl in *Birthday Club* (with Kristin Harper), Hertha Ayrton in *The Half-Life* of Marie Curie, Donna Lucia in *Charley's Aunt*, Elena in *Shooting Star* (with Gary Kresca), Masha in *Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike* at Torrance Theatre Company, and Carol in *Central Park West* at Little Fish Theatre.

She would like to dedicate this performance to the memory of her parents, Stuart and Sandy Lough, whose deep abiding love and encouragement helped to get her into the world of performing arts. She hopes you enjoy the show!

James Jeffery Caldwell - Michael Novak

Jeff began his acting journey on the MBCC stage as a youth and has since appeared in numerous productions here, including *Constellations*, *Oliver!*, and *Mame*. On screen, he's played roles on *Days of Our Lives* and *The Young and the Restless*; additional TV credits include *Murder Book, Secret Space Escapes*, and *Sex Sent Me to the ER*, along with countless independent films. He trained at the Stella Adler Studio and holds a master's in Education (History) and degrees in Philosophy—fueling a lifelong passion for comparative myth and storytelling. Jeff also serves as Head of Creative Content at Latent Space Media. Directing credits include *Oedipus the King, The Odd Couple,* and *Don't Drink the Water*. Endless thanks to his loving family and to this wonderful cast and crew for their artistry and heart.

Crew

Steve Norris	**Producer/Set Design**
Susan Norris	**Costumes**
Michele Guffaw	**Special Effects**
Adrienne Fairley	**Social Media**
Rachel Baumsten	**Assistant Director**
Vivian Harper	**Assistant Director**
Izzie Caldwell	**Assistant Director**
Ryan Thorpe	**Lighting/Sound Technician**
Patty Jarvis	**Hair & Make-Up**
James Jeffery Caldwell	**Programs/Promotions**

Rehearsals!

Coming 2025-2026

Halloween Haunted House
October 25 - 5pm - 9pm

- Step Right Up to the Halloween Carnival for ALL Ages!
- Clever surprises, zero nightmares
- Live Circus Acts – jugglers, musicians, and harlequins
- Games & Treats Galore – vintage midway booths,
- **One Night Only! October 25 5pm - 9pm - FREE!**

The Other Side of Christmas
December 5 • 6 • 7*

Step off the glitter-perfect greeting card and tune in to the real holiday buzz! In The Other Side of Christmas, radio host Thomas May spins a merry mix of laugh-out-loud vignettes that celebrate busted lights, burnt cookies, and the glorious messiness that makes the season human. Come unwrap the comedy, feel the heart, and discover that the best gift is embracing Christmas—imperfections and all. Don your ugliest sweater, and let's jingle where real life sparkles!

7:30pm - *2pm matinee

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