



## Broadway's Funniest Show Comes to the CTG



Joe Miele as scheming producer Max Bialystock and David Kenny as his neurotic accountant Leo Bloom

One of the funniest shows ever to hit Broadway, Mel Brooks' *The Producers* comes to the Canyon Theatre Guild on May 29 for a five-weekend run. The Producers is outrageous, hilarious, off-the-wall, and the winner of a record 12 Tony Awards. You will be holding your sides with laughter as Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom sing and dance their way through the greatest show business scam that there ever was.

Broke and down on his luck, Broadway producer Max Bialystock (played by **Joe Miele**) convinces his neurotic and petrified accountant Leo Bloom (**David Kenny**), to be part of a scheme to produce a theatrical musical flop in order to bilk their little old lady financial backers out of millions of dollars. When their planned bomb explodes into Broadway success, they have to go even further over the top in an effort to stay out of hot water.

Based on the 1968 film of the same name, this show draws on ridiculous accents, caricatures, and lots of show business-related "schtick" as Bialystock and Bloom try to find the worst play ever written, hire the worst director in town, cast the worst actors in New York, open the show on Broadway and close it the next day, in order to pocket the two million dollar investment and go to Rio to live happily ever after.

Fortunately, the CTG has found the best, not the worst, and *The Producers* promises to be a hilariously funny musical hit! Under the direction of **Leslie Berra**, the

cast includes **Carole Catanzaro** as Ulla, **Billy Davis** as the Director, **Roger DeBris**, **George D. Cummings** as Franz Liebkind, who wrote the show, and **Tom Lund** as Carmen Ghia, Roger's personal assistant. Also in the cast are **Amanda Mc Murray**, **Carol Rock**, **Carla Bambo**, **Charles S. Bice-Bey**, **Chris Passalacqua**, **Don Sweezer**, **Felice Wurst**, **Jack Matson**, **Jane Arnett**, **Joy Norton**, **Justin Fischer**, **Kevin Rhedin**, **Nikki Berra**, **Sandie Allaway**, **Sandra Kate Burch**, **Sarah Lang**, **Sarah Rock**, and **Tyrone "Tippy" Washington**.

The artistic team includes **Marlowe Weisman**, Assistant Director; **Jan Marie Rennels** and **Rena Bailey-Barrett**, Choreographers; **Kara Hayes**, Tap Captain; **Janet McAnany**, **Jill McGlynn**, and **Flo Loring**, Costume Design; **Doug Holiday**, Set Design; **Daniel Barsky**, Sound Design; **Tim Christianson**, Lighting Design and Puppetry; and **John Alexopoulos**, Puppet Design.

*The Producers* has 8PM performances on Friday and Saturday evenings, and 2PM matinees on Saturdays and Sundays through June 27. Tickets are \$15-\$17 for Adults, and \$12 - \$15 for Juniors (under 18) and Seniors (over 62). There will be a Martini Bar at all evening performances of *The Producers*, so come early and join the fun! For reservations, call the box office at 661.799.2702.





## Artistic Impressions

**TimBen Boydston**  
Executive Director of the CTG,  
Artistic Director

Spring has sprung at the CTG! The flowers are blooming, the weather is turning, and we look forward to the warm breezes that will carry the laughter of one of the funniest shows ever written, *The Producers*.

Congratulations to director **Ingrid Boydston**, her artistic team, cast and crew, for a wonderful, warm, and very funny rendition of Ken Ludwig's *Be My Baby*. You did not need to be "of a certain age" to really enjoy this love story that was so well done by a very talented cast.

Kudos also to director **Jeff Johnson**, his cast, crew and artistic team, for a delightful retelling of the classic tale of childhood adventures, *Tom Sawyer*. A talented cast entertained families from all over Santa Clarita. Many thanks also to **Jeff Johnson**, cast, and volunteers, for the "*Paint The Fence*" fundraiser which raised

over \$1,000 for improvements to the inside of the theatre. Thanks also to those who bought raffle tickets for the Tom Sawyer Treasure Chest.

A special thanks to the lovely and talented **Elizabeth Teagle** who agreed to be our "Dancing Star" in the "*Dancing With Our Stars*" fundraiser. Elizabeth not only looked fabulous in her gown, but also moved with the grace and precision of a professional dancer. We are proud of having Elizabeth on our Advisory Board and thank her for the almost \$3,000 that she raised for the Guild.

Be sure to let everyone know about the fabulous *Summer Youth Workshops* programs that the CTG offers from youth from age six through 17. These production-based workshops are a great way to spend the summer, as our talented youth learn to put on a show!

As our season comes to a close, with a new one on the horizon, I would like to thank the volunteers of the CTG who make this possible. If you have time on your hands, the CTG is a great place to spend it. Give our box office a call, and volunteer.

I'll see YOU at the theatre!

**TimBen**



**Patti Finley**  
Assistant Director of the CTG,  
Artistic Director of the Family Season

## Youth Workshop Updates

There are still some spots open in our Summer Youth Workshops, so remember to call the box office to register your child now. For a summer they'll remember, give your child the gifts of self-confidence, self-reliance, and self-esteem – give them the gift of live theatre!

**CTG Kids** for children ages 6-10 has three two-week sessions that begin on June 14. **Ingrid Boydston** is our lead instructor for this class and she will be working with **Liz Jones**, our summer intern who is a recent CalArts graduate. Their production will be *Character Matters II*. This workshop meets from 9AM to Noon.

**CTG Juniors** for children ages 10-13 offers two three-week sessions which also begin on June 14. The instructors this year are **Laura Lanoil** and **Jean Paletz**. This summer's production is *Alice's Adventures*. This group meets from 12:30 – 4:30PM.

**CTG Stars** for teens between 13 and 17 is one five-week session beginning June 14 and ending with four performances on July 16 & 18. "Sir Dude" (**Mike Davies**) will once again direct this workshop's production of *Into The Woods Junior*. STARS will meet from 10AM – 4:30PM.

So, call the box office now to reserve a spot for your child: 661.799.2702

Don't forget, we'll have new workshops beginning in August! Returning will be our popular after school workshop and our home school workshop. Watch our website and the newsletter for updates.

### Reservation Reminders

☎ Reservations need to be made at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance to ensure preferred seating. The more people in your party, the sooner you need to call us.

☎ The **box office** is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11AM to 6PM, and Friday through Sunday from noon to 7PM. You may either phone 661.799.2702 or come by in person.

**REMEMBER TO RESERVE EARLY!**

### Demand for Seats is High

Due to the increased popularity of our shows, **PLEASE** call ☎ and cancel if you are unable to use your reservations so we can release your tickets to others who'd like to see the show!

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**

## Fundraiser Recaps

We have completed several mini-fundraisers recently and we wanted to make sure everyone was aware of all the great happenings at the theater.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> we held our first ever “**Shuffle Up and Deal for the Arts**” Poker Tournament. We had a great time playing poker on the stage with the top 10 finishers receiving prizes. Kristie Hoefflin won first place and she will be off to compete in a World Series of Poker event in June. Thanks to all who participated and watch for our next Poker night!

April 17<sup>th</sup> found us enjoying a beautiful day on our patio eating BBQ and listening to music from *The Candlesticks* and *Typical Aftermath* at our “**Paint The Fence With Tom Sawyer**” event. This well attended gathering was tons of fun and we raised \$1,300 to work on upgrade projects in the main theater. Be sure to pay attention over the coming months to see your contributions put to work. Once again, a sincere thanks to all who participated. We are looking forward to more afternoons on the patio events in the future.

Also congratulations to **Denise Tauch**, she was the winner of the Tom Sawyer raffle basket, which was filled with Tom Sawyer themed items including books, and movies plus it also included a certificate good for 4 Disneyland tickets! Denise said she never wins anything; but she bought her raffle tickets at one of our shows and walked away a big winner this time. Thanks to all who bought tickets and helped make this a fundraising

## Leapin’ Lizards! Little Orphan Annie is Coming!

The Santa Clarita Regional Theatre’s production of the Broadway musical *Annie* has just been cast and rehearsals are under way. This up-beat, popular musical will be presented this summer at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at COC and it’s a fun-filled event for the whole family!

*Annie* is a musical romp through a most difficult time in our nation’s history, The Great Depression. Even though the Depression is depressing, **Annie** promises a better “Tomorrow” and delivers a message of optimism that applies to today’s economic situation as much as it did to the 1930s.

**Annie** will be here for a limited time, so order your tickets NOW! Performance dates are 8PM on July 24 & 31, and August 7 & 14. There are 2PM matinees on July 25, August 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$29 and will be on sale beginning May 20.

Call the box office ASAP so you won’t miss *Annie*. You’ll leave the theatre humming a tune, with a smile on your face. 661.799.2702

success, be on the lookout for future raffle opportunities, you could be the next one on your way to Disneyland!

Our theater doesn’t function without your help and we appreciate the time and money that you spend with us at shows and on our fundraising efforts, please help

## Election Reminder

Just a reminder: the Election to fill three seats on our Board of Directors will take place at the General Membership Meeting on **Monday, June 7 at 7PM**. If you are unable to attend that meeting, but would like to vote, you may come to our “**Absentee Ballot**” day on **May 22 between 10AM and 4PM**.

Candidate statements and official notification of the Election was sent to all active (paid up) members. According to our By-Laws, in order to vote your membership must be current at least 7 days prior to the election meeting. All voting members must be at least 16 years of age, regardless of membership category.

This year’s Nominating/Election Committee members are **Andrew Fried** and **Frank Rock**, Board of Directors co-chairmen and **Jason Endicott** and **Kathi Lund**, General Membership representatives. The three seats being vacated are currently being filled by **Randy Aronson**, **Billy Davis**, and **Flo Loring**. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the Guild.

Please mark your calendars so you won’t miss this meeting! Voting takes place early in the meeting, so don’t be late!

us also welcome new friends to our CTG family by inviting people you know to come along to the theater, there is no better form of advertising than positive word of mouth.

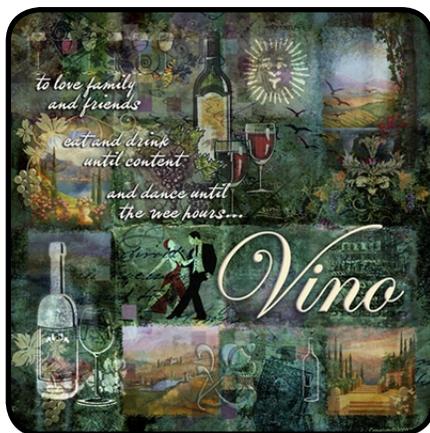


## Dancing With Our Stars

April 24th was a gala evening at the Century Plaza Hotel when several Santa Clarita non-profit organizations raised funds and had fun at the Second Annual “Dancing With Our Stars” event. Thanks to Linda and Moe Hafizi of the *Magazine of Santa Clarita* and *Elite Magazine*, and Anna Ott of *Bella Sport* for creating and sponsoring this fabulous event. The Canyon Theatre Guild was selected as one of the organizations to participate this year, and we were happy and proud when our long-time member, supporter, and member of our Advisory Board, **Elizabeth Teagle**, agreed to be OUR dancing “Star.”

Our own **Bill Lively** was the MC and he kept things moving smoothly and elegantly all evening. Elizabeth was a vision of loveliness in red as she danced and she managed to enchant the audience with her smile, her poise, her grace, and her dancing ability! **Thanks to Elizabeth, the CTG has about \$3,000 more in our coffers!** She spent many hours with her professional dancing partner, learning the routine and perfecting her performance. It was a night that will be long remembered and we say “Bravo, Elizabeth!” Now the next step will be for Elizabeth to be in another one of our shows! She was a nun in *Sound of Music* several years ago, and a Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz* 5 years ago. Time for another appearance, Elizabeth, your public awaits.

## Evie Cook Art on Display



We found Evie Cook right here in our own neighborhood. She’s a member of the Santa Clarita Artists’ Association and an active member in our local art scene. With a background in everything from oils, acrylics, pastel, and digital animation she has recently combined her talents and created a line of contemporary inspirational art in various subjects such as Creativity, Today’s Issues, Spiritual Concepts, Nature and Culinary Goodies.

“The Inspirational Canvas” is her collection of canvas and archival paper prints with messages relevant to our present day lives, problems, hopes and desires. Always thinking in a positive light, she has taken popular subject matter and created phrases to help maintain a positive idea, or inspiration, in the forefront of one’s mind to help overcome the barriers in life... or at least put them back into perspective alongside of all the good things we still have.

It is always a blessing to have parents who encourage their

children’s emerging abilities and interests. By the time she was eight, Evie Cook was already receiving a series of lessons beginning with drawing, then later anatomy, painting and pastel. She took every art class available in high school.

In her teens she realized that the reason she created art was to make people happy. No matter what they experienced during the course of their day, she wanted to be able to make them smile or feel better when they viewed her art. To this day she is still creating art that does just that.

Once Evie became familiar with digital art programs she began working professionally in graphic design and photo editing and retouching.

Recently her art has taken the direction of combining her artistic talents and computer skills in creating messages that are timely and inspirational in today’s world. She believes the more voices that speak and are heard, the faster we will see the changes we need. This has become her most popular art and is now her main creative concentration.

Evie teaches private lessons in various media—oils, acrylics, drawing, pastel and the computer arts of graphic design and photo retouching.

You can browse her fine art in the various media and photo retouching on her website, [www.StudioBohemienne.com](http://www.StudioBohemienne.com).

For a preview of the inspirational digital art you’ll see in her CTG show in June, please visit [www.TheInspirationalCanvas.com](http://www.TheInspirationalCanvas.com).

## CTG Scholarship Committee Seeking Motivated Seniors

If you or anyone you know is currently a high school senior, then you should know about the Canyon Theatre Guild's Scholarship opportunity. We are pleased, once again, to be able to offer a \$500 scholarship to one of our graduating seniors.

Applications are available in the box office and are due by no later than Friday, June 11. You will be asked to write an essay and supply two letters of recommendation, as well as a resume of any CTG experience you have had, and/or of honors and recognition you may have received. Please return all of these materials, with a photo and your completed application. Members of the Scholarship Committee will meet to review all applications.

Applicants do not need to be pursuing a career in the performing arts, although we strongly encourage kids with CTG experience to apply. You can't win if you don't apply, so visit the box office today to get your application.

### Save these Dates!

- May 29 *The Producers* Opens, Friday at 8PM
- May 22 CTG Election Absentee Balloting, Saturday at 10AM-4PM
- June 7 CTG Election & General Meeting, Monday at 7PM
- June 27 *The Producers* Closes Sunday at 2PM
- July 24 *Annie* Opens, Saturday at 8PM

# Canyon Theatre Guild

## Summer Youth Workshops 2010

### Musical Theatre Workshops Ending With Public Performances!

CTG KIDS FOR KIDS AGES 6-8 THREE 2-WEEK SESSIONS	CTG JUNIORS FOR KIDS AGES 10-13 TWO 3-WEEK SESSIONS	CTG STARS FOR TEENS AGES 13-17 ONE 5-WEEK SESSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY</li> <li>• LEARN HOW TO AUDITION, SING, DANCE, AND ACT!</li> <li>• HAVE FUN PLAYING THEATRE GAMES, LEARN THEATRE TERMINOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES</li> <li>• MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND GREAT MEMORIES</li> <li>• FREE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE ON LAST DAY OF CAMP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEARN HOW TO AUDITION, WORK ON SCENES, AND DEVELOP A CHARACTER ALL WHILE SINGING AND DANCING IN A REAL PRODUCTION</li> <li>• ENJOY PLAYING IMPROVISATIONAL GAMES AND LEARNING THEATRE HISTORY</li> <li>• MAKE FRIENDS WHILE LEARNING HOW TO BE PART OF A TEAM WITH YOUR CAST AND CREW MATES</li> <li>• FREE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BE A PART OF AN INTENSIVE, ENTERTAINING MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP AT A WORKING THEATRE</li> <li>• MAKE FRIENDS WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE SIMILAR INTERESTS</li> <li>• EXPERIENCE BEING PART OF A SHOW FROM AUDITIONS TO PRODUCTION</li> <li>• LEARN SINGING, DANCING, AND ACTING WITH A FOCUS ON CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, SCENE STUDY, AND MONOLOGUE DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>• WORKSHOP ENDS WITH FOUR PUBLIC PERFORMANCES</li> </ul>
CHOOSE FROM 3 SESSIONS	CHOOSE FROM 2 SESSIONS	ONE SESSION ONLY
SESSION A JUNE 14-JUNE 25 9AM-12NOON	SESSION 1 JUNE 14-JULY 2 12:30-4:30PM	JUNE 14-JULY 18 10AM-5PM
SESSION B JUNE 28-JULY 9 9AM-12NOON	SESSION 2 JULY 5-JULY 23 12:30-4:30PM	
SESSION C JULY 12-JULY 23 9AM-12NOON		
\$299 + \$25 Registration Fee LIMITED TO 20 STUDENTS	\$399 + \$25 Registration Fee LIMITED TO 25 STUDENTS	\$499 + \$25 Registration Fee LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS
<b>25% FAMILY DISCOUNT ON 2nd CHILD FROM SAME FAMILY</b> Some scholarships are available through the Boys and Girls Club <b>ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED - CALL TODAY! 661.799.2702</b>		