

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum

Book by Larry Gelbart

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Producers.....Randall Hickman & Douglas Davis
Director / Choreographer.....Ray Limon
Music Direction / Conductor.....Matthew Naegeli
Set Design and Construction.....Douglas Davis
Costumes.....Theater Company
Costume Coordinator.....Randall Hickman
Lighting Design and Board.....Jennifer Edwards
Wigs.....Cliff Senior, Kathryn Senior, and Randall Hickman
Sound Board.....Tommy Eyler
Microphones.....Crystal Burden
Set Decoration.....Randall Hickman
Properties.....Randall Hickman and Douglas Davis
Costume Mistress.....Robin LaValley
Program / Publicity / Art Work.....Randall Hickman
House Manager.....Welk Resort Staff
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Theater Information. . .

- * Please turn off all cellular phones and pagers before show time.*
- * Use of any electronic recording equipment is strictly prohibited.*
- * Running time: 2 hours and 30 minutes*
- * There will be one 15 minute intermission between Acts 1 and 2*
- * Restrooms and concessions can be found in the theater lobby*



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Premiere Productions Staff...

RAY LIMON – DIRECTOR / CHOREOGRAPHER

Ray has directed and choreographed productions for over 25 years at the Welk Resorts Theater and over 300 productions across the country. Including the Welk's recent production of ANYTHING GOES and last season's critically acclaimed, award winning production of CHICAGO. (2013 Stage Scene LA Award winner Outstanding Director and Choreographer and the 2013 San Diego Critics Bravo Award winner for Outstanding Choreographer) and a 2013 San Diego Critic's Circle nomination for Best Director. Other productions include South Pacific starring John Raitt, Christmas with Carol Channing at the Aqua Caliente Casino in Palm Desert, and Liza Minelli's Men Alive concert at the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Ray has staged countless shows and special events for Disneyland and Walt Disney World including Walt Disney World's Fourth of July Spectacular, the internationally televised Super Bowl XXI Half Time Show, and the opening to the Tournament of Roses Parade. Ray has been awarded two Stage Scene LA Awards, two Los Angeles Robby Awards, the Desert Theater League Award, two London Arms Pub and Playhouse Awards, and two Inland Valley Theater League Awards for Outstanding Director and Choreographer.

As a performer Ray has appeared in film and television including COLUMBO, EXORCIST-II The Heretic, and Staying Alive starring John Travolta. And on stage in Hello Dolly starring Martha Raye, and one of Los Angeles's longest running musicals A 5678.

For Premiere Productions Ray choreographed THE PRODUCERS and directed and choreographed FORBIDDEN BROADWAY.

Premiere Productions Staff... (continued)

RANDALL HICKMAN and DOUGLAS DAVIS – PRODUCERS

*Randall and Doug are not only the Producers of tonight's production, Doug constructed the set as well. This is why they are known as 'they dynamic duo of San Diego theater.' The two have been residents in North County for 24 years, and together have starred on most of the county's stages including the Welk Resort and Moonlight Amphitheater. Acting awards include: Dramalogue, Patte, Aubrey, C.A.S.T. Robbi, L. A. Theater Scene and San Diego Critics awards. In June of 2004 the duo opened **THE BROADWAY THEATER** in Vista. In the short time the **BROADWAY THEATER** has been in operation, critics and audiences alike have lauded the theater with awards and accolades including the **KGTV A-LIST AWARD for BEST THEATER IN SAN DIEGO for 2007 and 2008, and SECOND PLACE in 2010.** While awards are nice it is the support of the theater going public the Hickman and Davis owe their biggest thanks.*

In the summer of 2011 the duo was approached to do a mini-season of shows at the Welk Resort. After taking a few seconds to think about it the pair jumped at the chance to be a part of the theater that had such a huge impact on their early years in San Diego. It was 1990 when Hickman and Davis first appeared on the Welk Stage as actors and for several years they did one show after another on this wonderful stage. "We are so honored to be apart of this theater's wonderful heritage. We feel as if we have come full circle. Enjoy the show" www.broadwayvista.com

MATTHEW NAEGELI – MUSIC DIRECTION

Matthew, a recent transplant from Albuquerque NM, has been a music director/pianist/vocal coach and choral conductor with various groups over the past ten years. Some of his favorite musical experiences have included MDing Camelot for Musical Theatre Southwest and Songs for A New World, My Fair Lady and Into the Woods for Freedom Community Theatre, as well as conducting choral ensembles in performances of Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, and other works by Howells, Ireland, and Wood. As an actor/singer he recently appeared in the Welk's production of South Pacific, Cygnets Theaters' Company and musically directed Spamalot for Premiere Productions. Matthew has also performed overseas in roles such as Anthony in Sweeney Todd, and Roy Rogers in the Off-West End musical Once Upon A Time at the Adelphi. He holds a Bachelor of Music from Colorado Christian University and an MA in Music Theatre from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

The Players... (In order of alphabetical order)

JENI BAKER - TINTINABULA

*Jeni was recently seen in the Welk Theater production of Anything Goes in the role of Charity. She is an alumna of AMDA Los Angeles and has recently performed with Hassan Christopher/RIACTOR Dance Company in ANIMIS. Other recent credits include: Candlelight*s The King and I and Sweet Charity, MTW's Mack & Mabel in Concert and San Diego Musical Theater's production of White Christmas. Jeni would like to thank all her friends and family for their never ending love and support.*

CHRIS BONA - A PROTEAN

Chris is thrilled to be making his Premiere Productions debut with a wonderful show like Forum at The Welk Resort. A Temecula native, Chris is a graduate of AMDA Los Angeles earning a BFA in Musical Theatre. Past Credits Mulan at Tuacahn Center for the Arts (Qian-Po), The Wild Party at Performance Riverside (Mr. Black), Audrey 2 (Little Shop of Horrors), The Baker (Into the Woods),

GIOVANNA CABRERA - VIBRATA

Giovanna has been working in the theater world for over 10 years. Giovanna also enjoys being behind the camera. Currently, she is involved in an original animated film, as well as exploring the child within her by way of puppetry (Space Puppets). Her highlight theater credits include, Midsummer Night's Dream (Tatiana), Pride & Prejudice (Miss Bingley), Hurray for Hollywood, Bye, Bye, Birdie (Rose), and The King& I (Eliza).

CECILY CAMPBELL - GYMNASIA

Growing up next to the Happiest Place on Earth, Cecily always knew she wanted to be a performer. After pursuing a degree in music and spending a year on the high seas, Cecily is thrilled to be back on land and joining the cast of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." She would like to thank her family and friends for always believing in her. She would also like to thank you for supporting the arts. Enjoy the show!

DEVIN COLLINS - SENEX

Devin is excited to return to the Welk Resort stage in Forum after last appearing as Franz Liebkind in The Producers. Some favorite roles include: Judas/John the Baptist (Godspell); Simeon (Joseph...); Samuel (Pirates of Penzance); Minstrel (Once Upon a Mattress); Andrew Carnes (Oklahoma!); Robbie the Stockfish (Urinetown); Rudy (Hello Dolly); Charlie Brown (You're a Good Man...); and Toad. Devin holds a B.A. in Theatre from U.S.C.

The Players... (In alphabetical order continued)

ROBERT DELILLO - ERRONIOUS

Robert will be making his Welk Resort debut with FORUM. Credits include Camelot, Curtains, Love Rides the Rails, The Sunshine Boys, Arsenic and Old Lace, Kiss Me Kate, Little Shop of Horrors, Twilight of the Golds, and the Odd Couple just to name a few. Robert is also a familiar face on the small screen having appeared in numerous commercials in and around San Diego.

EMILY GORDON – A GEMINAE TWIN

Credits include: Vicki in A Chorus Line (San Diego Musical Theatre), Electra in Gypsy (Ion Theatre Company), Victoire in Paradise Hotel (San Diego State University), Wizard of Oz (Moonlight Stage Productions), Cinderella (Sierra Repertory Theatre), Into the Woods and Beauty and the Beast (Starlight Musical Theatre). Emily holds a B.A. in Theatre from San Diego State University.

RANDALL HICKMAN - PSEUDOLUS

Randall is so excited to return to the Welk stage. He was most recently seen on the Welk Stage as Edna Turnblad in 'Hairspray' and before that the Moonlight Amphitheatre stage as the Frankenstein Monster in 'Young Frankenstein'. He has been a San Diego favorite for over 20 years and has one numerous acting and directing awards. Along with partner, Douglas Davis, they are the proud owners of Vista's Broadway Theater celebrating 10 years of theater.

ROBIN LAVALLEY - DOMINA

Robin is thrilled to be part of "Forum" having just performed at the Welk Theatre as "Mrs. Harcourt" in Anything Goes. Roles include: 'Female Authority Figure' in Hairspray. Robin has appeared as 'Mrs. Shinn' in the Music Man, 'Ruth' in Pirates of Penzance, 'Sister Amnesia' in Nunsense, 'Minnie Fay' in Hello Dolly, 'Miss Hannigan' in Annie, 'Agnes Gooch' in Mame, and 'Miss Tweed' in Something's Afoot.

KEVIN MCDONALD - HERO

Kevin is grateful to be returning to the Welk stage and to work with such fantastic friends. Credits include; Anything Goes (Sailor) Welk Resort Theatre, Hairspray (I.Q.) Welk Resort Theatre, The Sound of Music (Rolf) San Diego Musical Theatre, Legally Blonde (Ensemble) Moonlight Amphitheater. Kevin is currently seeking representation in theatre, television, and film. Thank you for supporting live theatre!

The Players... (In alphabetical order continued)

SCOTT NICKLEY – A PROTEAN

Scott is excited to be working with Premiere Productions for the first time. He most recently appeared in Other Desert Cities at Patio Playhouse. Scott would like to thank his family, friends, and cast for their support through the hundreds of miles of driving and long (but fun!) rehearsal hours. He would especially like to thank his Mom and Dad for their love. A big thank you to everyone in the audience as well!"

KAILEY O'DONNELL - PHILLIA

Kailey is a BFA Musical Theater student from Texas State University. Past roles include Adrift in Macao (Lurena U/S) and Into the Woods (Rapunzel) at Texas State University; The Great American Trailer Park Musical (Pickles) at The San Diego Repertory Theatre; Mame (Pegeen Ryan/Dancer) San Diego Lyric Opera.

OLIVIA PENCE - PANACEA

Olivia is a High school senior and is overjoyed to be a part of this production. Recent performances include Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (CAHS), Wizard of Oz (Moonlight Stage Productions), Fools (Star Theatre Productions), and Anything Goes (Moonlight Stage Productions). Later on this year she will be performing as Fantine in Classical Academy High School's production of Les Miserables.

TARA SHOEMAKER – A GEMINAE TWIN

Tara is thrilled to join the talented cast of A Funny Happened on the Way to the Forum. A recent graduate from University of California Santa Barbara with a B.A. in Communications and minor in music, she like many is pursuing her passion before her degree after being part of the amazing cast of Anything Goes at the Welk Resort Theater at the beginning of this year. But she couldn't have done it without the support of her family and friends. Lots of love to you all!

CONOR TIBBS – A PROTEAN

Conor is thrilled to be returning to The Welk stage. He was last here playing Carmen Ghia in The Producers. He is currently choreographing The Producers at El Camino High School. He is looking forward to being Young Character Man in Annie Get Your Gun at San Diego Musical Theater and Miss Great Plains in Pageant at Cygnet. Conor is so thankful to everyone who keeps giving him all of these awesome opportunities and to his family and friends for there unwavering support.

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SHAUN THOMAS - HYSTERIUM

Shaun is super excited to be joining the cast of Forum as Hysterium. Most recently he was seen as Moonface Martin in Anything Goes. Favorite roles include: Bobby Strong in Urinetown, Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors and Amos in Chicago. He is also co-owner/photographer of Fringe Photography, based out of San Clemente. He would like to thank Randy and Ray for the opportunity to play such a fun role. Fun Fact: He used to be an alligator wrestler.

DAN WINDHAM - MILES GLORIOSUS

Dan is humbled and thankful to make his debut with Premiere Productions. It is a privilege to work with this very talented cast and creative team. He has performed with OTC (Charlie Brown), SDMT (Joseph... Dreamcoat), Moonlight (Annie), NVA (As You Like It, Much Ado About Nothing). Dan thanks God for the gift of voice; Randall, Doug, Ray, and Matt for this opportunity; and his wife, Erin, for being so awesome.

TORRE YOUNGHANS - MARCUS LYCUS

Torre is back for his third 'Broadway, at the Welk' production. Most recently seen as the Doctor in the uproarious musical mystery "Something's Afoot," and as the Narrator in the hilarious "Spamalot," This time around he plays the procurer and supplier of fine feminine frivolity that is Marcus Lycus, he's pleased as punch to be working with Ray, Matt and this talented cast of thousands. "For your most assured approval and your more than possible pleasure, enjoy!"