



ROPE is based in part on actual historical events. Hangings in the Old West were popular public events – eagerly anticipated and well attended. The first person executed by hanging in the federal territory of Arizona was a woman. Delores Moore met her death on the scaffold in 1865. 108 executions were carried out in Arizona before the national moratorium imposed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1972.



Mark Sickman  
Book / Lyrics / Music

The Mystery Mountain Boys are a group of collaborative musicians residing in and around San Diego, California. They compose, arrange, record and perform music.



Mystery Mountain Boys  
Music

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a musical  
about a man  
and a woman  
at the end  
of their

# ROPE

Book and lyrics by  
Mark Sickman

Music by  
Mark Sickman  
with the Mystery  
Mountain Boys

Musical Director  
Josh Weinstein

Directed and Choreographed  
by Debra Whitfield



Paul Morgavo  
Minister, Conductor,  
Mordecai



Edgar Diaz-Gutierrez  
Noah



Dennis Holland\*  
William Maledon



M. Keala Milles, Jr.  
Henry Carpenter



Jeff Carver  
Jeb, Porter



Natalie Nucci\*  
Mildred Maledon



Debra Whitfield  
Director / Choreographer



Josh Weinstein  
Musical Director



Tyler Jiles  
Roughneck



Trevor Peringer  
Roustabout



Taylor Henderson  
Matilda

Original Costume Designs by A. Christina Giannini

Stage Manager  
Charmaine Reed

Costumer  
Janet Pitcher

Social Media Manager  
Tiffany Tang

Asst. Stage Manager  
Yvonne Silva

Costumer  
Beth Connelly

Security Manager  
Christopher Ta

Lighting Designer  
Curtis Mueller

Box Office Manager  
Marilyn Sickman

Chairman, Advisory Board  
Jack Berkman

Set Designer  
Larry Taylor

Sound Designer  
Jason Chody

Production Associate  
House Manager  
John Tessmer

\*Indicates Member of Actors' Equity Association.

ROPE  
The Setting: Summit City, Arizona

The Time: 1895

The Characters  
(in order of appearance)

Minister ..... pastor of Summit City Presbyterian Church  
Noah McMartin ..... publisher of Summit City Advertiser  
William Maledon ..... professional hangman  
Conductor ..... employee of Tulsa and Southern Railway  
Jeb ..... guard at the Summit City jailhouse  
Porter ..... employee of the Hotel Parisienne  
Henry Carpenter ..... convicted murderer  
Mildred Maledon ..... wife of William Maledon  
Mordecai ..... telegraph operator

The Songs

"Wondrous Cross" ..... Church Choir  
"Justice Gonna Be Done" ..... Noah  
and Townspeople  
"My Story" ..... William Maledon  
"The Scaffold Song" ..... William Maledon  
and Male Ensemble  
"Soft-Steppin' Bill" ..... Conductor  
"Killer's Alibi" ..... Henry Carpenter  
"The Hangman's Wife" ..... Mildred Maledon  
"Unlikely Lady" ..... William and Mildred  
"Hangman's Reverie" ..... William Maledon  
"Massachusetts Avenue" ..... Mildred Maledon  
"Justice Gonna Be Done Reprise" ..... Jeb  
"Diverging Avenues" ..... William Maledon,  
Mildred Maledon, and Henry Carpenter  
"Wondrous Cross Reprise" ..... Choir