

Santa Clara Players

Present

Helen on Wheels

By Cricket Daniel



February 23 - March 17, 2018

Production Staff

Producer George Doeltz
Director Matt Matthews
Assistant Director Marie Ballentine
Stage Manager Sara Doeltz
Set Design George Doeltz
Lighting Design George Doeltz
Costumes Lisa Claybaugh
Set Construction and Decoration George Doeltz, Steve Corelis
Becca Ines
Production Flyer and Program George Doeltz
Technical Operator Sara Doeltz
Photography Steve Stubbs
Box Office George Doeltz
Publicity Nina Klepac
Opening Night Reception Debbie Doeltz, SCP Board
Opening Night Flowers Daisy Palmer

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Produced by special arrangement with Cricket Daniel

Cast of Characters

Helen Wheeler Estelle Piper
Zona Karie Vaughan
Seth Rick Blackman
Nelson Wheeler Ed Pieczenik
Elmer Stanley Scheidlinger

The action all takes place in the jail and Helen's house in Crockett, Oklahoma.

There will be one fifteen minute intermission. During the intermission you are invited to the lobby for refreshments as the guest of the Santa Clara Players. If you must smoke, please do so off the wooden deck.

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The Cast

Estelle Piper (Helen Wheeler) - Estelle is having a blast as Helen in *Helen on Wheels*. She's played Sugarlee in *The Hallelujah Girls* and Vera in *Nana's Naughty Knickers*, as well as directing *Bull in a China Shop*, *Run for Your Wife* and *Things My Mother Taught Me* for SCP. She recently performed multiple roles in 3 years of film noir radio episodes broadcast in the UK and currently teaches after school acting classes in Dublin. She sends much love & big hugs to Matt, Marie, George, Sara, Audrey and her wonderful cast-mates Karie, Ed, Stan and Rick. Estelle is very grateful to Bob for his support, love, and continually practicing lines with her. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

Karie Vaughan (Zona) - Karie has performed with SCP in multiple shows, some of her favorites were *Spreading It Around* and *Things My Mother Taught Me*. Besides acting she enjoys being assistant director and has worked on several productions here at SCP, including *Hallelujah Girls* and *Harvey*. Karie has performed with several of the local community theatre groups including Santa Clara Players, Northside Theatre Company, Broadway West, and The Mostly Irish Theatre Company. Karie would like to thank the cast and crew for making this a wonderful experience

Rick Blackman (Seth) - Rick is a Peninsula and South Bay native, recently retiring from the high tech education scene. Leaving behind big data, cybersecurity, technical curriculum and certification design, Rick is ready for some fun with community theatre. Last appearing some 25 years ago in a Northside Players production of *Harvey*, he is currently playing Sheriff Seth in *Helen on Wheels* with his hometown Santa Clara Players.

Ed Pieczenik (Nelson Wheeler) - Ed is a character actor who began acting at the University of Michigan in Mamet plays such as Cecil in *Noon*, Indian in *Indian Wants the Bronx* and Alan Mitchell in *Mail Order Mistress*. He also performed in the dance ensemble for musicals such as *Can Can*, *Cabaret*, and *Fiddler on the Roof* in which he was also cast as Nachum the Beggar. In the Bay area, Ed performed in Leshner Center productions such as Herr Mueller in *We Drew the Sky* and Frank in *The Setting Sun* as well as local film work.

Stanley Scheidlinger (Elmer) - Stan is thrilled to be in his first show with SCP. The cast and crew are a delight. Stan was in a handful of performances with the Pacifica Spindrift Players where he recently played "Steve" in *Becky's New Car* and "Reverend Brown" in *Inherit the Wind*. He has also performed with the Crystal Springs and Pied Piper Players. Stan was active in community theatre in the 1970's. Stan would like to thank his wonderful family for putting up with him. Stan would also like to thank everybody for coming. Enjoy the show. Elmer promised there will be no glue under the seats.

Lisa Claybaugh (Costumer) - Lisa has 18 years of experience as a costumer. She holds degrees in Dance and German Translation from Rutgers University. Her work has been seen on theater, opera and dance companies nationally. Lisa is the Resident Costume Designer at Coastal Repertory Theatre in Half Moon Bay (where she has worked on more than a dozen productions), at Notre Dame de Namur Music Department, and is the Resident Designer and a founding member of Half Moon Bay Shakespeare Company. She also stays busy as a freelance arts administrator, dancer, choreographer, and mother.

Matt Matthews (Director) - Matt is very happy to be back at *Santa Clara Players* to direct *Helen on Wheels*. He has always had a lot of fun directing for Santa Clara Players, most recently with *The Hallelujah Girls*, and before that, *The Kitchen Witches*, *A Bench in the Sun*, *Radio T.B.S.*, *On Golden Pond*, and others. When not directing, Matt might be found acting or singing somewhere, more so since retiring from instructional design. Matt wants to thank Estelle, Rick, Karie, Ed, and Stanley for being talented actors, fun to work with, and wonderful people in their own rights. Assistant Director Marie Ballentine, Producer George Doeltz, and Stage Manager Sara Doeltz deserve praise for always being helpful and supportive and for being friends. Matt especially wants to thank his wife, Audrey, for her support and patience as well as her creativity and expertise in preparing Helen's birthday cake.

About the Players

The *Santa Clara Players* is a non-profit community theater group dedicated to wholesome entertainment. We provide an opportunity for anyone with dramatic or stagecraft aspirations to work with experienced directors and producers. We provide high quality, family theater for the enjoyment of the citizens of Santa Clara and the surrounding areas.

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