

Santa Clara Players

present



Faith County

by Mark Landon Smith

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Director Michael Pease
Stage Manager Michael Antonucci
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PropsCast
Costumes Amy Conners
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Set Construction and Decoration George Doeltz
Production Flyer and Program George Doeltz
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Cast of Characters

Mildred Carson Rori Welling
Faye McFaye Katherine Heaney
Ruthann Barns Gayle Frank
Naomi Farkle Pat Cross
Delbert Fink David Laranjeira
Luther Carson Vic Prosak
Violet Farkle Lorie Goulart
Gladys Pimbleton Donna Bick
Bubba Bedford Jim Gunn

Place:

The Faith County Fairgrounds in Mineola, a town that is located “somewhere in the middle of nowhere in the South” - a place where Beehive hairdos are still the rage and Saturday nights are reserved for the tractor pull in nearby Pickler.

Time:

The present even though it seems time has stood still in Mineola.

There will be one fifteen minute intermission after Act I. 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.

The Cast

Rori Welling (Mildred Carson) - Rori has had the opportunity to perform in many community theatre productions up and down the peninsula. Some of her favorite roles include Zelda Fitzgerald in *Zelda* at Hillbarn Theatre, Isabella in *Measure for Measure* at Canada College, and, of course, her role as Mildred Carson in this current production of *Faith County* with the Santa Clara Players.

Katherine Heaney (Faye McFaye) -Katherine is excited to return to the Santa Clara Players stage for the third time. Her past shows with the company were *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and *Blithe Spirit*. Katherine’s previous experience includes *Jake’s Women*, *The Shadow Box* and *Spring Awakening*. She would like to thank her friends and family for their love and support, as well as the cast and crew for their talent and dedication.

Gayle Frank (Ruthann Barns) - Gayle has enjoyed performing in community theater in the San Jose/Santa Clara area for thirty years. Initially she danced and sang in many musicals and then switched to dramas. She was so bitten by the theater bug that she returned to San Jose State and community colleges to take classes in acting, dance and choreography. Between 1980 and 1998 she choreographed a dozen musicals for various theater groups in the area. She has acted in serious dramas, comedies, melodramas, and historical vignettes for many theater groups. Some of her favorite roles at Santa Clara Players were in *Play On*, *Radio TBS* (by the *Faith County* playwright), *Murder You Must Be Kidding*, and *Murder Most Fouled Up*.

Gayle recently retired from NASA Ames Research Center as an Industrial Hygienist (Occupational Health & Safety). Gayle married Robb Moore in a Scottish style wedding almost three years ago and they live in San Jose with their very lovable Siberian Husky. Gayle has really enjoyed being part of the crazy community of *Faith County*, and thanks the Director and cast for such a “pulchritudic” experience.

Pat Cross (Naomi Farkle) - Pat is delighted to be back at Santa Clara Players! She was last seen as Adrienne in *A Bench in the Sun*, and also performed in *Tender Lies*, and *Radio TBS* (and has yet to live down the sheep costume worn in that show). In addition to SC Players, Pat has also performed at Broadway West, City Lights. Northside Theater, Tabard Theater, The Mostly Irish Theater Company, and the Quo Vadis Theater Company. Favorite shows (in addition to the above) include *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *Rebecca*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Malcolm and Theresa*. In addition to theater, Pat has also been featured in several independent films and the cable TV shows *Hello Hollywood*, and *You're Hired!* She hopes you enjoy the show!

David Laranjeira (Delbert Fink) - David Laranjeira was born in a sleepy village on the banks of the Amazon river. As a boy he learned to hunt the fierce puma and the tucan, who are prized for their handsome beaks. Kidnapped at the age of twelve by Surinamese drug runners, he was shipped to Texas in a coffin and was recovered by authorities who placed him in the care of an elderly charwoman. He is currently attending the Royal Academy for the Acquisition of Good Times and hopes to graduate sometime. He supports Barack Obama.

Vic Prosak (Luther Carson) - Vic has been involved with Bay Area theatre groups for the past 30 years. He studied and performed at USF, Sonoma State, SF State and Cañada College. Personal highlight roles include Brocker Slade in *The Wake of Jamie Foster*, John Landis in *Fifth of July* and Sparger in *Kennedy's Children* produced by Cañada College and Lee in *True West* at SF State. This is his first production with Santa Clara Players.

Lorie Goulart (Violet Farkle) - Lorie is excited to be making her first Santa Clara Players appearance in this hilarious and silly play. Previously she was seen in *Mr. Pim Passes By* with Tabard Theatre and *Bus Stop*, *Christmas Carol*, *Tartuffe* and *California Suite* at Northside Theatre. She was also seen in the musicals *South Pacific* with Saratoga Drama Group and *Sweet Charity* with San Jose State University. More recently she stage managed *Prelude to a Kiss* with Northside Theatre and participated in *365 Days/Plays* with San Jose Stage. Her idol, Audrey Hepburn, once said, "The most important thing is to enjoy your life, to be happy, it's all that matters." With that being said, she hopes you enjoy the show.

Donna Bick (Gladys Pimbleton) - Donna has been performing with various theatrical groups in the area for over twenty-five years. Previously she has had roles in *The Thurber Carnival*, *Don't Drink the Water*, *Pajama Game*, *Footlight Frenzy*, and *Plaza Suite*, among others. She was awarded Best Actress for her performance in *The Foreigner* at Santa Clara Players, Best Actress in *Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner*. She was named Best Character Actress for her role in *Radio TBS*, and Best Supporting Actress in *The Odd Couple, Female Version*. She most recently appeared in the Santa Clara Players' production of *Lend Me a Tenor*.

For the past sixteen years Donna has been acting in the Santa Clara Players' outreach program through which one-act plays are presented to the community at various venues such as the Senior Center, churches and retirement homes.

Donna is a native of San Jose. Her interests include not only theater, but the symphony, ballet and Opera San Jose. She would like to dedicate this performance to Beatrice Douthwaite and Penny Pruitt who made her appearance possible.

Jim Gunn (Bubba Bedford) - Started life as a Chia Pet until the Blue Fairy turned him into a real boy. Now he spends his days doing good deeds and being funny.

Amy Conners (Costumer) - Amy has been costuming in the Bay Area since 1998. She started at Big Lil's Cabaret, when the head costume designer moved. Leaving her no choice but to learn how to sew, Amy took a class and fell in love with design. Amy graduated from San Jose State University in 1994. She bought Big Lil's Cabaret in 1997, and continued to perform and design there for 10 years. Amy continues to act and costume in the Bay Area. You may have seen her here at SCP in last season's *Don't Dress for Dinner*. A special thanks to the audience for supporting live theater.

Michael Pease (Director) - Michael last directed *Prelude to a Kiss* for Northside Theatre Company and is next co-directing *Pear Slices* for The Pear Avenue Theater. His acting credits include co-starring as Pippin with "Dreamgirl" and Tony Award-winning actress Anika Noni Rose in *Pippin* at The Western Stage. Other roles have included Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing* (NTC), Peter in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Broadway by the Bay), and Dr. Craven in *Secret Garden* (Bus Barn). He has greatly enjoyed working with this talented and dedicated cast and production staff on *Faith County*.

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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