

Santa Clara Players

present

The Christmas Mouse

by Michael Antonnuci



Based on the music of Linda Arnold

Production Staff

Producer George Doeltz
Director. Michael Antonucci
Stage Manager Michael Antonucci
Set Design. George Doeltz
Lighting Design. George Doeltz
Sound Design Michael Antonucci
Set Construction and Decoration George Doeltz
Production Flyer and Program George Doeltz
Technical Operator Michael Antonucci
Box Office. George Doeltz
Costumes. Amy Conners

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Cast of Characters

Storyteller Ashley Faus
 Mrs. Robinson Amy Conners
 Mr. Robinson Devon Grover
 Mother Mouse/Mrs. John Darcie Lee Grover
 Father Mouse Ryk Houseman
 Christmas Mouse Sam Sanders

Place:
 The Robinson's kitchen

Time:
 Just before Christmas

After the show 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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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.

The Cast

Ashley Faus (Storyteller) - Ashley Faus is excited for her second show with SCP, after appearing as The Storyteller in "The Fisherman and His Wife". She also joined the ensemble for Lyric Theatre's "Yeomen of the Guard" and "Cinderella". Ashley sings weekly at Berryessa Valley Church in San Jose. She would like to thank her husband for encouraging her to pursue her passion.

Amy Conners (Mrs. Robinson) - Amy is excited to be returning to SCP in, The Christmas Mouse. Past shows include The Heidi Chronicles, Don't Dress for Dinner, and the Little Theater's Production of Hamlet. Amy has been acting, costuming, directing and being a patron in the Bay Area theater scene since she graduated from San Jose State University with a BA in Theater Arts. During the day, she works for CLAP Arts by teaching, costuming and directing theater for children. In her spare time you can see Amy heads down in a crossword puzzle. Thanks to the cast and crew for making this show a hem and a haw! Thanks to the audience for supporting live theater. Enjoy!

Devon Lee Grover (Mr. Robinson) - This is Devon's first performance with the Santa Clara Players. He is a San Jose native and was on the stage for the first time in 1988 when he was 9 years old. In the past, Devon was an active member with Northside Theater Company and Big Lil's Caberet Theater. He can currently be seen on Youtube with Amy Conners in their show called "The Tube Lounge". Devon enjoys the stage and the chance to play characters whenever he can, because it's a wonderful distraction and a lot of fun. Devon is currently working as a mortician at a local funeral home and has just starting working towards his BA degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He also loves to play poker.

Darcie Lee Grover (Mother Mouse) Previous SC Player credits include Pidge in *Cabin Fever*, Heidi in *The Heidi Chronicles* and Ladocia in *The Little Theatre's Production of Hamlet* (for which she won Best Character Actress). Darcie recently appeared in Renegade Theatre Experiment's production of *Bug*. Darcie is currently a member of the Red Ladder Theatre Company, San Jose Rep's award winning outreach program. Darcie would like to thank Santa Clara Players for the opportunity to

shamelessly plug her website, www.darcieleeegrover.com, where you can view her resume, reel and photos. Darcie would like to dedicate this performance to her sweet niece, Savannah.

Ryk Houseman (Father Mouse) - This is Ryk's second show with the Santa Clara Players, having appeared as General MacKenzie in *And Then There Were None*. Recent roles include Mr. Sowerberry in *Oliver* and Slim in *Of Mice and Men* at the Douglas Morrison Theatre in Hayward; John Cristow in *The Hollow* at Pacifica Spindrift and Larry/Scrooge in *Inspecting Carol* at Coastal Rep. Ryk's acting career began in 1989 and includes *Nuts*, *The Butler Did It*, *Tales of the Lost Formicans*, *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof* and *Mousetrap* among many others. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sam Sanders (Christmas Mouse) - Sam is in his first year of college and is have a blast living up the technical life. He has been in 6 shows such as *Oliver*, *Wizard of Oz* and *Suessical*. Prefers challenging, funny or creepy characters to work with. he is loving his new experience as an actor and hopes to be granted with more opportunities in the future. He is hoping to become a psychologist and listen to what kids have to say all day. As well as living up the theatre life of small apartments, lots of food...and lights camera, ACTION!

Michael Antonucci (Writer, Director, Stage Manager) - Michael was born in San Jose, California and in the summer his Mother would take him and his sister to the movies to get them out of the hot house and from this came his love for entertainment. After college he started an internship with Ballet San Jose for Stage Manager, and after finishing begun his first Stage Manager's job with Santa Clara Players. Since then he has worked for Ballet San Jose, Santa Clara Players, and Jump Theater on such shows as *Little Theaters Production of Hamlet*, *Cuckoo* and *Giselle*. He would like to thank his family and friends for all the love and support and to Santa Clara Players for this opportunity to direct for them and an outstanding cast. He would also like to say a special thank you to George Doeltz for all his hard work.

Linda Arnold (Inspiration for this play) - Linda has been seen nationwide on the Disney channel and in countless venues across the

United States. Her albums have won Parent's Choice Gold, NAPPA Gold, and Children's Music Web awards. Linda's clear, sweet music and whimsical characters have delighted preschoolers and their parents for many years. Linda is the host of the "Pickleberry Pie" public radio series and "Lullaby Land" on the new nationwide Lullaby channel. Her album *Splash Zone* for the Monterey Bay Aquarium has introduced multitudes of people to the wonders of the ocean.

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Coming in February:

Bull in a China Shop

When a houseful of sweet little old ladies discover that a handsome bachelor lives across the street, they are delighted. When they learn that he is none other than Detective Dennis O'Finn, of Homicide, they are faced with the problem of how to attract his attention. The answer is simplicity itself: a nice, genteel homicide with a cup of tea as the murder weapon. When a brash young woman reporter begins to suspect the truth, she becomes the next target. O'Finn is terribly embarrassed when at last he discovers that he himself is the motive for these madcap goings-on, and, in desperation, manages to solve the case. But the dear old ladies are too fond of him and in the end they turn the tables on him!

THE SONGS

DO YOU KNOW WHAT MAGIC IS?

*There were some kids and a short giraffe
skipping along a crooked path.
Close behind a happy clown
was gently tiptoeing around.
Well, they came to a candy store,
bought some gumdrops and balloons
and turned into moons.*

*Chorus:
Oh, do you know what magic is?
Have you been to rainbow land?
Or seen a dinosaur go sailing by?
Any kid can help you try.*

*There were some kids on a merry-go-round
They rode their ponies all over town
They had some birthday cake and pizza pie
Poor little Toby got an olive in his eye
Then they rode off in the wind
and they called their wooden ponies 'Pepperonies.'*

Chorus

*There were some kids at a movie show
They took their seats and it started to snow
And then it rained all over the place
Poor little Katy got ice cream on her face
Then they opened their umbrellas
And they flew off in the sun
Just having fun.*

Chorus

THE CHRISTMAS MOUSE

*Down-stairs by the Christmas tree there's a gingerbread house.
Look who's found his way in-side, It's a Christmas mouse
It's a Christmas mouse in a Christmas house, chewing on a candy cane.
It's a Christmas mouse in a Christmas house, nibbling a window pane
Well, if you listen like an elf you will hear him singing to himself.
I'm a little mouse who likes to eat lots of things that are very sweet*

*I like gumdrops, candy canes too. And even licorice will do.
It's a Christmas mouse in a Christmas house, chewing on a candy cane.
It's a Christmas mouse in a Christmas house, nibbling a windowpane.
Well, that mouse, he ate and ate for he was having such fun.
Suddenly, he found out he's eaten every crumb.
Well, if you listen like an elf
You will hear him crying to himself.
I'm a little mouse and I feel bad
Oh, my tummy feels so sad. Guess I should have tried to stop
Before I ate that last gumbdrop/
It's a Christmas mouse in a Christmas house chewing on a candy cane
It's a Christmas mouse in a Christmas house, nibbling a windowpane
Now there's not much house
Just a fat little mouse with a tummy full of pain.*

THE MAGIC KEY

*I'm not perfect and I don't pretend to be
I'm not perfect, I'm just me
Sometimes I make mistakes
Sometimes that's what it takes
To be the very best that I can be
But I'm very special and you are special too.
But I'm only me and you are only you.
And though we may be different,
It's very plain to see
We're each a special part of a family.
So let's all be the best we can be
The courage to try Will give us wings to fly
Let's all be the best we can be And confidentially,
I like me!
I'm not perfect nor is anyone
Learn to be yourself and you'll be number one
Believe in who you are and you will travel far
And here's the magic key
Just whisper- I like me.*

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