

CPYT Stories presents



CONEJO PLAYERS
THEATRE

AESOP
and
George

by
Claudia Haas

July 24, 2026
7:00pm

Produced by special arrangement with YouthPLAYS (www.YouthPLAYS.com).



Welcome to **CONEJO PLAYERS THEATRE**



Welcome to the 68th season of the Conejo Players Theatre! As the newly elected President of this incredible organization, I am humbled to stand in a line of leadership that stretches back nearly seven decades. Since first stepping on this stage less than two years ago, I've felt that CPT is the "Grande Dame" of the Valley—not just because we are the longest-running, all-volunteer theater in the region, but because of the authority and heart our volunteers bring to this stage

every single night. We are an organization steeped in tradition, yet inspired to innovate.

Our mission is to be more than just a playhouse; we are a Creative Incubator. Whether it's a sprawling musical in our mainstage season or a thought-provoking drama in our Readers Theatre series, we are a laboratory where artists are forged and stories come to life. We are a place where children can develop a new talent and adults can rekindle a long-burning creative spirit. As we look toward our 70th Anniversary, we are modernizing our house to better serve you—our patrons—and our tireless volunteers.

Theater is the ultimate civic collaboration. From the first screw driven into a set to the final bow, this is your community at work. I invite you to join this family—whether in the front of house, backstage, or through a tax-deductible gift to our capital campaign. Thank you for being part of our "Next Act." Enjoy the show!

Onward & Upward,

Conejo Players Theatre
is a Proud Member of



Jeremy Richter
President

Email: President@conejoplayers.org



Mission Statement

The mission of Conejo Players Theatre is to share in providing the community with a year-round schedule of affordable live theatre produced to serve the cultural, educational, and entertainment needs of the community; and to welcome and provide an avocational opportunity for all volunteers interested in the theatre arts to participate in the many activities of community theatre.

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The CAST

Evan Trafican	Aesop
Mikey Mitchell	George
Aster Smith	Juliet
Oliver Strang	Scrooge
Layna Trafican	Snow White
Micah Crosson	Gene
Avni Mandal	Sam
Lyra Eriksen	Lou
Thomas Strang	Bobbi
Gala Mastrovito	Liz
Anya Emerson	Rain/Lark
Cassidy Rizzotto	Cloud
Ethan Purdy	Lake
Robert Waggoner	Eric
Layla Mandal	Ella
Megan Ehrlich	Michelle
Verity Ashworth	Maria
Belle Krause	Gertrude/Gaea
Alia Ashworth	Leah
Daxton Ashworth	Lorenzo
Mia Noel	Lowry
Levi Ashworth	Lyon

Production **STAFF**

Director	Kristin Krause
Producer	Beth Eslick
Stage Manager	Rylee Stafford
Production Photos.....	Ezra Eells
Sound Designer & Operator	Joe Krause
Light Designer & Operator	Kristin Krause

Special Thanks

**Paul Babb, Scott Quintard, Michele Waggoner,
Diana Trafican, John Eslick**

The **SETTING**

An abandoned theatre

From **THE DIRECTOR**

I am honored to direct such a wonderful group of youth actors. Having heard from my daughter that some of our teens were interested in doing some plays that covered more related teen topics, the thought of a youth staged reading was born. Getting to be part of this wonderful journey from the start has been incredible. My hope is to continue to put on more of these, to explore topics that are at the heart of our youth and to give them an outlet to focus on their acting skills as they move from youth productions to mainstage. Thank you to all our parents and patrons for their overwhelming support in this endeavor. Enjoy the show!!

- **Kristin Krause**, Director

While there is no charge for admission, we gladly accept donations for the Conejo Players Theatre. If you would like to continue to see new exciting works through this program, please consider a donation to the Conejo Players.

Donate now!



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**Your tax-deductable donation
supports the work of the
Conejo Players including
no-cost youth theatre
programs, community
outreach and training the
next generation of
performers and technicians.**



**Click this link to get to our
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Be part of the CPT family!

Volunteering at Conejo Players Theatre

At the heart of Conejo Players Theatre is its volunteer members. Our theatre is unique in the Conejo Valley, as it's operated on a solely volunteer basis since its inception in 1958; the theatre's board members, actors, production staff, and technical crew do not receive any monetary compensation for their services. But the rewards of volunteering with our theatre are many -- we provide a medium for creative self-expression, with opportunities to get involved both onstage and behind-the-scenes ... acting, directing, producing, stage managing, scenic design and construction, theatrical lighting and sound, costuming, and the list goes on.

We're proud of the dedication of our volunteers, and the services they provide are invaluable to our success. It's our volunteers -- both adults and children -- that have allowed Conejo Players to thrive since its humble beginnings. In return, our volunteers gain invaluable creative experiences while enjoying the fun and friendships that come with working in the ever-evolving atmosphere of live theatre. We invite you to join us in our efforts to support the cultural, educational, and entertainment needs of the community through the arts!

These are some of the volunteer opportunities available:

**Usher/Ticket Taker/Snack Bar • Costumes • Props • Set Builders
Sound Board Operator • Light Board Operator • Outreach Committee**
Email us at info@conejoplayers.org for these and other volunteer options.

"Why should I spend \$1 to become a Conejo Players Theatre Member?"

There are 4 reasons that we share:

1. By becoming a member, you are part of our CPT family for life. You are on our rosters and members can follow up with you to let you know what is going on at CPT.
2. When you fill out the form, you can opt in to receive our weekly newsletters and let us know what you are interested in doing, whether it be on stage or off stage. We can share with the Directors and Producers, Front of House Coordinators, Stage Crew team etc. what you are interested in doing.
3. By becoming a member and an active member, it gives you the opportunity to be a part of the direction of the theatre. You have a vote to make a difference on the direction the board takes. You can become a part of the board. You have decided you care about the theatre and want to make your voice heard.
4. You will receive invitations to exclusive Member Only Events!

We hope you do choose to become a member and join our family. We will work to find the best opportunities that match your interests!

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NEXT ON THE BOARDS

Poster for *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling. The background is light blue with faint silhouettes of theatre masks. At the top is the Conejo Players Theatre logo. The title "Steel Magnolias" is written in a large, elegant script, with a pink magnolia flower and green leaves integrated into the word "Magnolias". Below the title, it says "by Robert Harling". The dates "Aug 7 - 29, 2026" are in bold. Below that, the showtimes are listed: "Fri & Sat at 8:00pm • Sun at 2:00pm" and "Thu Aug 13 at 8:00pm • Sat Aug 22 & 29 at 2:00pm". At the bottom, small text reads: "STEEL MAGNOLIAS is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. www.dramatists.com".

Poster for *Beetlejuice Jr.*. The background is dark purple with a subtle pattern of concentric circles. At the top is the Conejo Players Theatre logo. The title "BEETLEJUICE JR." is in large, bold, white block letters with a yellow outline. Below the title, it says "Book by Scott Brown & Anthony King" and "Music and Lyrics by Eddie Perfect". Below that, it says "Based on the Geffen Company Picture with a story by Michael McDowell & Larry Wilson". The dates "Sep 25 - Oct 4, 2026" are in bold. Below that, the showtimes are listed: "Fri at 7:00pm • Sun at 2:00pm" and "Sat at 1:00pm & 5:00pm". At the bottom, small text reads: "BEETLEJUICE JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com".