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Book by Suzanne Maynard Miller Music and Lyrics by Sarah Durkee and Paul Jacobs From the Book by Leo Lionni Directed by Robert Castro

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Is Art as important as food? That's one of the questions that you might ponder as you experience our 35th unique production! As we conclude our 12th season (an entire school experience for many young people!), I hope that each new generation that joins us continues to ask questions, use their imaginations, and uses the lessons of the stories we share to have empathy for people who seem different than themselves.

This musical adaptation of Leo Lionni's *Frederick* is a perfect example of a MainStreet Show. It's based on a much-loved book, it has a wonderful message, and what appears to be a simple story is quite deep and moving. And of course, it draws on the talent and imagination of the crème de la crème of Southern California theatre makers.

At its heart, this is a play about community, and the importance of the arts to a society's survival. It also shows us that everyone has a unique role to play, which makes the community stronger. You are all a part of our community, and I'm so proud that the art we do at MainStreet has become such a vital part of so many young people's lives. We're so grateful to the teachers, parents, grandparents and others who book the tickets and share this special form of magic with their kids.

Many children are seeing their very first play today, and I hope they join our mouse community in the exhilarating joy of spring!

We hope to see you again in the fall for another MainStreet season!

Mireya ("Murry") Hepner Producer, MainStreet Theatre Company





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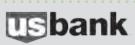
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For helping us bring new audiences to the Playhouse and for their sponsorship support of *Oh Freedom*!



#### Thanks for being here today!

We're happy you're joining us for our final show of the season, and hope that you'll help us to introduce even more children and families to our theatre! Here are a few ways for you to get to know us better:

#### WEEKEND TALK BACKS

In addition to the post-show Q&A sessions we do for our school groups, we also offer one talk-back during the run of each show for our weekend audiences! Stay after the 4:00 pm show on Saturday, May 19th to ask questions and talk more about the production with the show's cast and other special guests.

#### **FOLLOW US!**

There are lots of ways to keep up with everything happening at MainStreet, whether you want more in-depth information, pictures of our shows, or to learn about what goes on behind-the-scenes. Check us out on **Facebook** (Facebook.com/MainStreetTheatreCompany), **Twitter** (@MainStreetTheat) or on our **Blog**! (mainstreettheatre.wordpress.com)

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#### PARTICIPATE IN LOBBY ACTIVITIES

We love it when the lobby is full of families before each performance,

and we always include fun activities to give kids interactive opportunities to connect with the themes of each of our shows. Come early to participate, or stay afterwards to peruse our displays. We're excited about our "living art" mural, which will be growing, with audience participation, throughout the run of *Frederick*!

#### **CHECK OUT OUR STUDY GUIDE FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS**

We encourage parents as well as teachers to take advantage of our Study Guides, which are always posted weeks before the show opens. They include ideas for discussion questions, activities, and include a synopsis of the play. Study Guides are found on our website under the "Arts & Education" link. We hope the guide for *Frederick* will inspire you to talk to your kids about some of the themes highlighted in the play.

#### **TAKE OUR SURVEY**

It's important to us to know how the work we do is impacting your children. Our postshow survey is one way to make sure your voice is heard. We really want your feedback, so the more patrons who participate, the better! The *Frederick* survey can be accessed by this link: http://bit.ly/MainStreetFrederick

#### **BRING FRIENDS WITH OUR FOUNDATION FAMILY FLEX PACKS!**

There is nothing more important to us than to introduce new children and families to the wonder of a story told through theatre. Every time you buy a ticket, you're helping to make that possible.

Our Foundation Family Flex Packs make that easy, by giving a substantial discount to people who come as a family. Supported by the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation, if you buy 4 or more tickets to a single performance (up to 8 tickets per performance), each ticket is only \$12 each! That's practically the price of a movie – and a great way for all kinds of families to experience our live theatre performances, together. Flex Packs are now available on-line, or you can call or visit the Box Office today – and bring the whole gang!

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Frederick

## A Musical from the Book by Leo Lionni Book by Suzanne Maynard Miller Music and Lyrics by Sarah Durkee & Paul Jacobs

#### FEATURING

Ricky Abilez Kevin Trinio Perdido Brandon Ruiter Marnina Schon Rachel Sorsa

Victoria Petrovich Scenic and Projection Design Brian Gale Lighting Design Raquel Barreto Costume Design

John Zalewski Sound Design Akeime Mitterlehner Props Design Mary K Klinger Stage Manager

Janice Rodgers Wainwright Musical Direction **Tom Tsai** Choreography

## Directed by Robert Castro

Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATIC PUBLISHING, Woodstock, Illinois

# May 5 - 20, 2018

## Cast

FREDERICK	Ricky Abilez
ERNEST	Brandon Ruiter
SUNNY	
NELLIE	
BABY	
	ERNEST

# The Band

Janice Rodgers Wainwright	"Mi <mark>ce-</mark> tra" and Keyboard
Chris Booke	Bass
James Cormier	Guitar/Banjo
Art Pacheco	Percussion

# **Musical Numbers**

Opening/It's a Beautiful Sunny Day	
We Got Work to Do	Full Company
Wow!	Frederick
Pocket Full of Dust	Ernest, Frederick, Baby, Sunny
Frederick's Eyes	Nellie
Bells & Whistles	Ernest, Sunny, Baby & Nellie
The Things I Used to Think	
No Mouse Left Behind	Sunny and Company
No One Feels Like Chatting	Nellie
Four Little Field Mice	Frederick, Nellie and Company
There's No Runnin' Out of Joy	Full Company

Frederick is performed without an intermission



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# who's who in the cast



**Ricky Abilez** (Frederick) is thrilled to be making his MainStreet Theatre Company debut! He recently appeared as Sonny in Broadway at the Gardens' production of *In the Heights*. Other recent credits include: Sam/Juliet in Shakespeare in Love (South Coast Repertory), Secret in *the Wings* (Coeurage Theatre) and Toby in Sweeney Todd (Southgate Productions). When he isn't acting, Ricky can be found producing theatre for social change with Imprint,

an artistic organization in development. He received his BFA in Acting from Cal State Fullerton. He sends his love and gratitude to Mom, Dad, Paul, Elsa, Annette, Matthew, Aean, Analise, Svet, Terron and Mark. He would also like to thank the incredibly talented cast and crew for their hard work and passion. To all the kids who dream big, he says never give up! The world is your oyster and you are our future.



**Kevin Trinio Perdido** (Baby) is making his MainStreet Theatre Company debut! He has previously appeared at the Lewis Family Playhouse in *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as the title role and an ensemble member for *In The Heights*. Other credits include *Hairspray* and *Shrek The Musical* at Center Stage Fontana and various commercials and projects with studios and companies such as Walt Disney Studios and Google. He'd like to thank

the production team and crew for this fantastic opportunity and the big man upstairs for another blessing in the books!



**Brandon Ruiter** (Ernest) is originally from Michigan and spent much of his career in Chicago where he is a company member with The House Theatre of Chicago. He has worked with numerous LA Stages, including The Geffen Playhouse Theatre, Center Theatre Group in *Failure: A Love Story* (originally produced by Coeurage Theatre and nominated for an Ovation Award for best ensemble) and most recently The Walt Disney Concert Hall with the LA Philharmonic Orchestra. Favorite Film and TV credits include *Gilmore Girls:* A Year in the Life (Netflix), Into the Storm (Warner Bros.), Crisis (NBC), and *Garfunkel and Oates* (IFC). In addition to acting, Brandon loves to draw and is a Cartoonist and Illustrator. He is currently writing and illustrating a Picture Book of his own, just like Leo Lionni did with "Frederick"!



**Marnina Schon** (Sunny) is honored to make her MainStreet Theatre Company debut in this magical show. Favorite credits include *Once* at South Coast Repertory, Tony Kushner and Maurice Sendak's *Brundibar* at Berkeley Rep, and *Desire Under the Elms, How to Succeed…, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Fiddler on the Roof, The Drowsy Chaperone*, and *Spring Awakening* at UCLA. Marnina performs and studies improv at Upright Citizens Brigade and plays and

sings around LA with her band. She also records voice and violin on original songs, children's musicals, and film scores. She thanks her teachers and her own mousey crew for reminding her to stop and say "wow!"



**Rachel Sorsa** (Nellie) is thrilled to be joining the MainStreet Theatre Company family with *Frederick!* Theatre credits: Rosemary Clooney in *Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical*; (GA Ensemble Theatre); *Billy Boy*, Helen in *Helen* at The Getty Villa, and Empress in *Cinnamon Girl*, Greenway Court and Beijing, China (Playwrights Arena); *In The Valley of the Shadow* (Rogue Machine); *Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* (LGBT Center); *The Only* 

*Light in Reno* (Georgia Ensemble); *You Should Have Stayed Home, Morons* (CTG and REDCAT); Del Shores' *Yellow* (LA Drama Critics Circle Award and LA Weekly Awards). Film: Del Shores' *Blues for Willadean; Halloween Party*; and *I'll Eat You* 

*Alive*. TV: *Game Over* (Machinima TV); *Surviving Disaster* (SPIKE TV). Band leader, song-writer and vocalist for Rachel Sorsa Band (album, SISU, 2015). B.A. theatre and drama, University of Michigan; M.A. theatre, Michigan State University; PH.D. program, theatre history and criticism, The University of Texas-Austin. Representation: Robin McWilliams at MadCatch Entertainment.

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey at the link listed below

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# behind the Scenes

**Suzanne Maynard Miller** (Playwright) is an award-winning playwright whose work has been seen in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle, Providence, New Haven and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Current projects include: a musical stage adaptation of David McKee's *Elmer* (with composer Allison Leyton-Brown, debuting Fall 2018 in the UK); Leo Lionni's *Frederick* ("Distinguished Play Award," American Alliance for Theatre & Education, 2016); and the musical stage adaptation of *Pete the Cat* (with composer Allison Leyton-Brown, Rose Theater of Omaha, September 2015). Miller is on the faculty of the English Department at the New York City College of Technology/CUNY. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Miller went on to receive her MFA in playwriting from Brown University.

**Sarah Durkee** (Composer/Lyricist) is a five-time Emmy-winning writer of scripts and songs whose work has been seen on children's television for over 25 years, including *Sesame Street, Between the Lions, Wonder Pets* and *Dora the Explorer*. As a songwriter, her music has been performed by artists as diverse as Meatloaf, Mel Torme and Kermit the Frog. Present projects include a musical adaptation of Kate Feiffer's children's book "My Mom is Trying to Ruin My Life", and she's thrilled to be getting back to her roots in children's theater. She's married to composer Paul Jacobs, with whom she's collaborated on two grown kids.

**Paul Jacobs** (Composer/Lyricist) is an award-winning classical and contemporary songwriter. As the musical director for Meat Loaf, he composed and produced songs that earned gold and platinum records all over the world. He has written for artists as diverse as Roger Daltrey, Faith Hill, India Arie, and Ziggy Marley, and his work in children's television has earned him multiple Emmy awards. As a classical pianist, Jacobs won the 2000 Van Cliburn Institute Amateur Concerto Competition. He's presently involved in several musical theater projects for both adults and kids. He lives in New York City with his wife Sarah Durkee and their two children.

**Leo Lionni** (Author/Illustrator) gained international renown for his paintings, graphic designs, illustrations, and sculpture, as well as for his books for children. He was born in Amsterdam on May 5, 1910 of Dutch parents, and although his education did not include formal art courses (in fact, he earned a doctorate in economics from the University of Genoa), he spent much of his free time as a child in Amsterdam's museums, teaching himself to draw. When he moved to America in 1939, Lionni worked as an art director in the advertising industry. At the same time, his reputation as an artist flourished as he began to exhibit his paintings and drawings in galleries from New York to Japan. Lionni launched his career as an author/illustrator of books for children in 1959. Originally developed from a story he had improvised for his grandchildren during a dull train ride, *Little Blue and Little Yellow* was the first of what is now a long list of picture books. In his career, Lionni wrote and illustrated more than 40 highly acclaimed children's books. He received the 1984 American Institute of Graphic Arts Gold Medal and was a four-time Caldecott Honor Winner—for *Inch by Inch, Frederick, Swimmy*, and *Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse*. Leo Lionni also played piano, flamenco guitar, the sitar

and the accordion. He died on Oct. 11, 1999, at his home in Tuscany, Italy, at the age of 89.

**Robert Castro** (Director) is happy to be back at MainStreet. Robert directs classics and new work across the U.S. and internationally. Credits include: The Public Theater/NYSF, New York Theatre Workshop, La Jolla Playhouse, Center Theatre Group, Santa Fe Opera, Wiener Festwochen (Austria), Bolshoi Opera (Russia), Teatro Real (Spain). Associate Artist: Mark Taper Forum/Center Theatre Group, Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue at ART/Harvard University, El Teatro Campesino. Awards: NEA/TCG Fellowship for Directors, TCG/Doris Duke New Generations Grant, Sherwood Award, Hellman Fellows Program. Member: New York Theatre Workshop, Lincoln Center Theater Directors Lab.

**Janice Rodgers Wainwright** (Musical Director) is happy to be the "Mice-tra" for this production, her 10th at MainStreet! Previous productions include *Oh Freedom!, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Mirette, The Three Little Pigs, The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley, The Phantom Tollbooth, Pinkalicious, Sleeping Beauty, and Cinderella. Janice started playing piano at the age of four and never stopped. Her professional career began singing in productions of La Boehme, Macbeth, Othello, and Wozzeck with Opera Pacific and LA Opera. Janice has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Musical Theatre credits include musical direction and playing for the Southern California premieres of <i>Five Course Love* and *Hats* and the world premieres of *Love* and *The Beat Goes On* for regional theatres including ICT Long Beach, Laguna Playhouse, Lyceum Theatre in San Diego and Costa Mesa. Janice enjoys teaching piano and voice and has worked on many theatrical productions as an Adjunct Faculty member at Vanguard University of Southern California and recently joined the Theatre Department at Pomona College musically directing *Cabaret*.

**Tom Tsai** (Choreography) is a choreographer and dancer from Taipei, Taiwan and currently based out of Los Angeles. As his identity teeters between Taiwanese and American cultures, his dance identity does the same with Breakin' and Modern dance. Being situated between two distinct histories in both his cultural and dance backgrounds, Tom seeks to represent his lineage with integrity, while crafting an innovative voice. He has presented solo works throughout California and New York, and internationally in Sweden, Portugal, the Netherlands, and at Sadler's Wells in London. He previously competed with Instant Noodles Crew, and has danced with LA-based companies Pennington Dance Group, and Laurie Cameron & Company. Tom is on dance faculty at Pomona College and has been a guest artist at high schools across Southeast Asia.

**Victoria Petrovich** (Scenic and Projection Design) Previous MainStreet Theatre Company productions include *The Witches, A Wrinkle In Time, Aladdin's Luck, Treasure Island, Ferdinand the Bull,* and *Dreams of Anne Frank*. Recent production designs include *Twisted Apples-Stories from Winesburg, Ohio,* a tour with Nautilus Music-Theater, MN; *Errori!* and *II Sogno di Una Notte di Mezza Estate* with International Opera Theater in Italy; multi-media dance productions of *Threads*-with Danza Viral in Mexico, and *Measuring the Dream* (based on the writings of Sor Juana Cruz) at Qualcomm Institute. Currently designing projections for *Black Pearl* at San Diego Rep, and the scenic design for *BLISS! (Or Emily Post is Dead)* at MOXIE Theater. Victoria teaches in the Design Area, Dept. of Theatre & Dance at UC San Diego.

**Brian Gale** (Lighting Design) Recently - *The Witches* and *Goldilocks & The Three Bears* (MainStreet), *The Roommate, Ivy & Bean* at South Coast Repertory, *Model Apartment* at The Geffen, *Carrie The Musical, God Of Carnage* at La Mirada, *Disgraced, Red* at San Diego Repertory, *Hugh Jackman One Night Only* at the Dolby Theater, Lighting & Projection Design for *Sleepless In Seattle: The Musical, Lighting for Twelve Angry Men, Intimate Apparel* and

The Heiress at Pasadena Playhouse. Lighting and Projections for *Waiting For Godot, Lighting for The Lieutenant of Inishmore* and *Harps' and Angels* at The Mark Taper Forum. Projection Design for *Eurydice*, Lighting Design for *Doctor's Dilemma* at A Noise Within. Lighting and Projection for LA Opera's complete *Ring Cycle*. Numerous productions for The Public Theater, Berkeley Repertory, Seattle Repertory and South Coast Repertory. Other MainStreet: *Miss Nelson is Missing!, The BFG, James and the Giant Peach, The Gingerbread Man, Cinderella, A Wrinkle in Time*. 24 years with the Walt Disney Company, Brian continues to consult on Disney Theme Parks, Shows and Special Events worldwide. Mr. Gale is a member of IATSE USA Local 829.

**Raquel Barreto** (Costume Design) is thrilled to be back with MainStreet Theatre Company, where she previously designed *The Three Little Pigs, Aesop in Rancho Cucamonga, A Wrinkle in Time, Aladdin's Luck*, and *Treasure Island*. Raquel is a Los Angeles-based costume designer who works in theater, dance, and opera. Some of her recent design credits include *Water by the Spoonful* and *Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue* at Center Theater Group, *Native Gardens* at Denver Center, and *Watch on the Rhine* at the Guthrie Theater. She has designed extensively at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and California Shakespeare Theater, and throughout the country at such companies as Actors Theater of Louisville, Arena Stage, Berkeley Repertory, Syracuse Stage, Cornerstone Theater, the Getty Villa, the LA Philharmonic, San Francisco Lyric Opera, and many others. Raquel was born in Brazil, received an MFA in Costume Design from UC San Diego, and teaches at UCLA.

**John Zalewski** (Sound Design) His work has been heard on several MainStreet Theatre Company productions and at the Guthrie MN, Perseverance AK, Alliance GA, Portland Center Stage OR, South Coast Rep, Humana Festival KY, Arts Emerson MA, Disney Hall, Geffen Playhouse, Wallis Annenberg, LATC, Boston Court, Kirk Douglas Theater, Antaeus, Odyssey, Actors' Gang, 24th Street, Rattlestick, Cherry Lane and PS122 NY. Awards include 8 Ovations, 7 LA Weeklys, 2 Theater Raw Awards, 3 LADCC Awards, LA Weekly Lifetime Achievement and Backstage Local Hero. Film work includes the score for the upcoming feature Better Off Zed from Butcher Bird Studios. Recently: *Mexican Trilogy* at LATC, *Destiny of Desire* at SCR and Goodman IL, *The Gary Plays* with Open Fist, *Hold These Truths* at Pasadena Playhouse and Portland Center Stage OR, *The Day Shall Declare It* with Wilderness in London and LA. Upcoming: "Destiny of Desire" at Oregon Shakespeare Festival and *Hold These Truths* at Arena Stage in DC.

**Akeime Mitterlehner** (Props Design) is extremely pleased to be reunited with so many fabulous theatre colleagues here at MainStreet Theatre Company. Some past collaboration include shows at The Mark Taper Forum, Ahmanson, and PLAY tours for Center Theatre Group where she served as Prop Coordinator from 1991 - 2001. She also was the Video Reference Prop and Costume Coordinator for Walt Disney Feature Animation from 1995 to 2000, as well as Prop Designer for Disney Live Family Entertainment. She primarily works as a Set Designer in Los Angeles, a Production Designer and Art Director for film and television most notably for PBS "American Experience", and as a Theatre Teaching Artist in Los Angeles area K-8 schools. She also just observed a ten- year anniversary as a Design Mentor and Facilitator for underserved high school youth at Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles.

**Chris Booke** (Bass) Performing coast to coast with over 200 shows a year, Chris has worked with some extraordinary talents. He has played with such performers as The Platters, The Osmond Brothers, entertainment legend Steve Allen, bass guitar pioneer Carol Kaye, Broadway legend Carol Channing, Mary Wilson of the Supremes, and 2010 America's Got

Talent winner Michael Grimm on his "Grimm's Fairytale" US National Tour. Chris worked for Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise lines. Chris has also performed

for President George W. Bush. Chris leads his own band, The Pacific Jazz Trio. Chris is also the regular bass player with The Swing Cats Big Band, one of the most in demand swing bands in California. This is his 8th show with MainStreet Theatre Company.

**James Cormier** (Guitar/Banjo) is a guitarist from Whittier, CA. He studied with guitar faculty Dr. Joseph Jewell and Mike Scott at Fullerton College. After a few years of playing in orchestra's and small bands around Los Angeles and Orange County Jimmy developed the ability to adapt to different settings and instruments. Performing in concert halls and at music festivals; singing, playing banjo, mandolin, and tres guitars. He also learned contrasting styles such as: Jazz, blues, rock, funk, pop, bluegrass, country, latin styles, acoustic, and classical. His Influences are Lenny Breau, The Beatles, Brent Mason, Keith Whitley, Robben Ford and Scotty Anderson to name a few. Jimmy has worked alongside several great musicians, musical directors, and A&R representatives including Conrad Sewell (Kygo), David Lamoureux (Gwen Stefani) and Justin Siegel (Black Eyed Peas). Jimmy currently plays guitar for artist Rob Staley.

**Art Pacheco** (Percussion) is recognized by singers, songwriters and producers for his sense of style over the drum set in the studio and on stage. Experienced in session work, touring, TV and film Art is a polished professional in all popular music. His sound has been broadcast on shows such as MTV, The Carson Daly Show, Ellen Degeneres, and Soul Train while backing artists such as pop star Robin Thicke, Broadway star Eden Espinosa and Diana Degarmo and Pop/Worship artist Alex Boye. In the studio Art has worked with producers Peter Franco (Daft Punk), Chris Caswel (film/arranger), John Avila (Oingo Boingo) with artist/bands like Green Car Motel, French band Jamaica and Jake Shears (Scissor Sisters). Outside of the drummer's chair Art is versed in music production, songwriting and he is currently constructing his new recording studio in Upland California titled The Laüd.

**Mary K Klinger** (Stage Manager) is delighted to be returning to the MainStreet Theatre Company for her 5th production! Other Credits: Broadway: "QED", Angels in America. National Tours: Death of a Salesman, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. London: Spunk. Regional: Ojai, Steppenwolf, The Globe (San Diego) Center Theatre Group, Laguna Playhouse, South Coast Rep, Shakespeare Center of L.A., Shakespeare Theatre Company of D.C., Studio Theatre, D.C., Hartford Stage, The Intiman, The Geffen Playhouse, The Getty Villa, Denver Center Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, Pasadena Playhouse, Los Angeles Theatre Center, The Colony Theatre, The Carpenter Center. Proud Member of Actors' Equity Association.

**Tony Schondel** (Technical Director) has an extensive performing arts technical background working as a production manager and tour manager for Columbia Artists Theatricals, as well as a company manager and technical director for concert tours with such known artists as Ben Vereen, Isaac Hayes, Savion Glover, Al Stewart, Ben Gazarra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Tony's background also includes television, video and radio production. Tony has served as Technical Director for the Lewis Family Playhouse since 2007.

**Annette Mumolo** (Marketing Coordinator) our seasoned entertainment veteran is responsible for the Marketing and Public Relations efforts for the Lewis Family Playhouse. Prior to the Lewis Family Playhouse, Annette served as Media Relations Specialist for ABC Cable Networks where she was responsible for marketing original movies and series including Disney Channel's *Gotta Kick It Up, Cheetah Girls, Even Stevens* and ABC Family's *So Little Time, Spider-Man* and *Power Rangers*. Prior to ABC Cable Networks Group, Annette served as Publicist for Fox Family Channel/Fox Kids Network where she managed publicity efforts for daytime programming, concert specials and corporate announcements.

**Mireya (Murry) Hepner** (Producer) has been responsible for all things MainStreet Theatre Company since its inception in 2006, and is proud of the award-winning company that it's become. Before her current position, she spent over 20 years working in the American Theatre, both on Broadway and off, in Regional Theatre and on the road. A few of her varied projects include James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim's Tony award winning *Passion* (Stage Manager, Lincoln Center Theatre and Broadway), Anna Deavere Smith's *House Arrest* (Coordinating Producer: Arena Stage), 6 tours with legendary mime Marcel Marceau (Company Manager, U.S. & Australia), and 2 seasons of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* (Production Manager: Universal Amphitheatre, Los Angeles), among many others. She has a BA in Theatre from UCLA, trained as a stage manager at the London Academy of Music and Drama, and as an Arts Manager in the MFA program at Brooklyn College. Murry serves on the board of TYA/USA, and as co-chair of The Rules Committee for LA Stage Alliance's Ovation Awards.

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Audience members are reminded to please silence all electronic devices such as cell phones, pagers and watch alarms prior to the show.

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#### Warning

The photographing or sound recording of any performance or the possession of any device for such photographing or recording inside this theatre, without the written permission of the management, is strictly prohibited.

#### Smoking

The Victoria Gardens Cultural Center is a smoke-free building. Smoking is not permitted on City premises.

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Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request, for no charge at the Lewis Family Playhouse. Assistive Listening Devices may be used by a patron to help enhance their enjoyment of the performance. Devices may be obtained at the Box Office prior to the performance. A personal credit card or driver's license will be held by theatre staff until the device is returned at the completion of the performance.

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To contact patrons or theatre staff during performances, please call 909-477-2775. Be sure to leave your seating section, seat numbers and the above phone number with the person who may need to contact you. Should an emergency arise, our Front of House Staff will contact you at your seat.

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In the event of an emergency, Victoria Gardens Cultural Center house staff will direct you toward the lighted exit sign that is nearest to the seat you occupy. Please familiarize yourself with emergency exits when you visit with us.

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While all of our shows at the Lewis Family Playhouse are appropriate for general audiences, it is important to know that some of our programs are not appropriate for younger members of the family. To assist you in making informed decisions about age appropriate shows that your children will enjoy and to ensure a pleasant experience for all, please check show information for age recommendation.

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