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Contra Costa Christian Theatre announces 2009 season opener: "HONK!"

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Contra Costa Christian Theatre will be presenting this classic, *HONK!* for two weekends only, September 12th through the 21st.

Hatched from the classic tale by Hans Christian Anderson, *HONK!*, a fast paced musical comedy brings the poultry tale of *The Ugly Duckling* to life. Audiences of all ages will delight in the story of Ugly played by **Michael Scott Wells**; when his oddball characteristics set him apart from the duck yard and his sibling ducklings (**Jared Ericksen, Trevor Gomez, Audriannah Hesselroth, Amanda Lewandowski**), he embarks on a rollicking and harrowing adventure. Pursued by a hungry cat (**Sean Fenton**), far away from home and with only his mother Ida (**Jennifer Stark**) looking for him, Ugly must find his own way. On his journey, he meets many animals large and small, gets lost in a blizzard, and learns to discover love, acceptance, and his own inner beauty.

Joining Ugly in the duckyard and on his journey are: fellow duck Maureen (**Jennifer Kosta**), school teaching hen Henrietta and nosy reporter Jay Bird (**Ruth Kaiser**), Grace and Lowbutt (**Teresa Grosserode**), the geese Greylag (**Drew Fowler**), Dot (**Meghan Ihle**), A Bullfrog and the Turkey (**Ned Hansen**), neighborhood cat Queenie (**Steph Peek**) and a young Swan Penny (**Shelly McDowell**). **Alyssa Murphy, Evelyn Owens, Kristin Siebert, Alison Valentine, Linda Wolf, Marika Drovin, Hannah Hogoboom and Leanne Sayson** round out this amazing cast.

HONK! with music by George Stiles and book and lyrics by Anthony Drewe was adapted from Hans Christian Anderson's 1843 story "The Ugly Duckling". CCCT's production is directed and choreographed by a familiar face in Bay Area community theatre, **Derrick Silva**. "The family that can be found in local community theater is part of what makes the experience so engaging and worth all of the time and effort it takes to put on a show" says Silva.

Musical direction is by **Stephanie Assisi**, with scenic design by **Tanya Orellana**, lighting design by **Stephen Gozza** and sound design by **Lyle Barrere**, **Kimberly James** is Production Stage Manager.

Contra Costa Christian Theater brings this 2000 Oliver Award winner for best new musical to the San Ramon Performing Arts Center September 12th through the 21st.

CCCT concentrates on producing shows with a relevant message and sound "life" values. This focus in the production process has been part of CCCT's success and their ability to reach out and touch the community at large. "CCCT productions are focused on providing family entertainment to Walnut Creek and its surrounding areas. We want to bring great stories to life that the whole family can enjoy. This is why CCCT is a leader in providing live theater family entertainment." said Michele Lewandowski, Board Member of CCCT. More information on CCCT and upcoming shows online at www.ccchristiantheatre.org.

Performances:

September 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 7:30 pm
September 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 2:30 pm

Performing at:

San Ramon Performing Arts Centre
10550 Albion Road, San Ramon, CA

Ticket Prices:

Regular \$26
Senior \$22
Teen (under 18) \$22
Youth (under 12) \$16
Group (8 or more) \$20

For tickets and information visit honk08.com