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**Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Company to open Ann Nelson's
"THE GUYS"
September 5 - 15, 2013
Tickets on sale now!**

Monterey, CA - Performances will run September 5 - 15, 2013. Tickets for **THE GUYS** are \$25 for Adults & Seniors, \$15 for Young Adults (16-25), with group discounts available. Performances are Thursday September 5th (Preview) 7:30 PM, Friday September 6th (Opening) 7:30 PM, Saturday September 7th 7:30 PM, Sunday September 8th 2:00 PM, Thursday September 12th 7:30 PM, Friday September 13th 7:30 PM, Saturday September 14th 7:30 PM, Sunday September 15th 2:00 PM (Closing.).

About the Show:

In September of 2001 journalism professor Anne Nelson began helping a New York fire captain writing eulogies for his men who were lost in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. Those real life experiences inspired Anne Nelson to write and develop **THE GUYS**, a simple yet poignant play about how those directly involved have grappled with the tragedy, and how it allowed people everywhere to momentarily look into each other's lives. In the play, Joan (*Jennifer L. Newman*), a New York editor who begins assisting Nick (*Gary Bolen*), the fire captain who must deal with writing and delivering eulogies for all the men who were lost. As Joan helps Nick organize his thoughts and emotions, Nick comes to terms with how much he actually knew and how much he didn't know about those men serving under him. In the end, **THE GUYS** not only honors those who willingly risked and gave their lives that day, it is also a tribute to the citizens of New York and the relationships they formed as a result of that day's events.

Gary Bolen (Nick), Director of the recent highly acclaimed production of *LES MISERABLES*, and Chairman of the Theatre Arts Department at MPC, holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Theatre from Cal State University Fullerton and an M.F.A. in Acting from UCLA. A member of the Screen Actors Guild, Actors' Equity and AFTRA as well as the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Mr. Bolen appeared in dozens of television dramas, sit-coms, soaps and national commercials prior to his employment at MPC. His most recent appearances on the Morgan Stock stage were as a last minute replacement for one of his cast members in *URINETOWN THE MUSICAL* and *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*. Recent directorial efforts include *RENT*, *COMPANY*, *BEYOND THERAPY*, *MUSICAL OF MUSICALS*, *THE MUSICAL*, *CABARET*, and *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*.

Jennifer L. Newman (A.K.A. Mrs. Foreman) is a teacher by day. One of her favorite roles is the Queen in *ONCE UPON A MATTRESS*. She was delighted to play Madame Thernardier, the comic relief in *LES MISERABLES*. After *THE GUYS* she will dress in drag to reprise her role as the Coconut Guard and various knights in *SPAMALOT at Pac Rep*. Ms. Newman's husband, Sean, is a firefighter for the city of South San Francisco.

Laura Coté (Director) is an MPC beginning acting teacher, and frequent director in our Storybook Theatre series, having previously this season directed Cinderella, as well as last season's extremely popular *Little Women*, *The Snow Queen* in 2011, and the 2010 production of *Sleeping Beauty*. Coté is a familiar face at Magic Circle theatre in Carmel Valley, where she often acts on stage, directs, or designs scenery.

The creative team includes **Laura Cote** (Director); **Dan Beck** (Technical Director); **Susan Cable** (Tango Choreographer), and **Gloria Mattos Hughes** (Costume Design).

For tickets and more information call 831-646-4213 (Wed-Fri 3-7pm) or purchase online anytime at www.mpctheatre.com or www.TicketGuys.com. For groups of 15 or more call the Box Office directly. Evening performances for **THE GUYS** are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 PM; Sunday Matinees are at 2:00 PM.

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About The MPC Theatre Company

The performing arts have always played an important part of life on the Monterey Peninsula, and for over 55 years the MPC Theatre Company has been entertaining, educating and enriching our community. In addition to making live Theatre a major part of our local culture, some of our past students have gone on to professional careers in theatre & television, and others have started their own amateur and professional theatre companies. MPC Outreach Programs also fund and support many local performing arts organizations, including Junior High & High School Drama Departments, Children's Theatres, and Dance Companies, as well as Community and Professional Theatres, such as the Pacific Repertory Theatre.