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**Monterey Peninsula College Storybook Theatre presents
'LITTLE WOMEN'
Adapted by Marian De Forest - Based on the novel by Louisa M. Alcott
May 4 - 20, 2012
Tickets on sale now**

Monterey, CA – MPC Theatre Company's 2012 season continues with LITTLE WOMEN, based on the novel by Louise M. Alcott, and adapted for the stage by Marian De Forest.

Based on the classic 1869 autobiography of Louisa May Alcott, LITTLE WOMEN is the heart-warming story of the four March sisters, Jo (Chelsea S. Kennedy), Meg (Alisha Gay), Amy (Amanda Schemmel), and Beth (Alyssa Pierce). With the Civil War raging far from their New England home, the sisters must fend for themselves, while their father is off fighting. The eldest, Meg, is on the brink of love. Jo, the tomboy, longs to be a writer. Sweet-natured Beth always puts others before herself. Twelve year old Amy, the youngest and most precocious of the four, is the flower of the family. Through happy times and sad, sisterly squabbles and the pressures of growing up, the spirited March sisters never lose their family's infectious sense of fun and their joy of life. LITTLE WOMEN has been enjoyed by one generation to the next, so come and share in the tradition!

Returning to the MPC stage 30+ years after attending the college as a freshman is like coming home for local resident, Faith Collins-Beety. Playing the role of "Marmee," the Mother, in the upcoming production of LITTLE WOMEN, brings her back to her roots in theatre. Working with the young men and women in the play she sees herself when she came to MPC as a freshman in college. And now she has come full circle in her life on stage playing the mother to a new generation of thespians.

"Being cast in LITTLE WOMEN and working with wonderful, vibrant, passionate young actors, I am reminded of myself when I was at MPC and feel so blessed to be on stage with them. But I am equally blessed with the opportunity to work with consummate mature actors in our community that give of their time and talents as well as a director who carries on an MPC legacy of love, dedication and passion for the theater. The big difference that I have seen in the productions at MPC since I attended is that over the years, as one of the young actors commented during our first LITTLE WOMEN rehearsal, "It's great to be in a play where the older characters are



played by older actors.” MPC is a community college and it is reflected in their staff, their students and their theatre.

LITTLE WOMEN exemplifies community and is a play that everyone can enjoy and see themselves in because it is about your mother, your father, your siblings, boyfriends, girlfriends, neighbors, love, birth, death, joy and sorrow. It’s about life; life in your home, life in your community and life in your country. What a fitting play the MPC Theater offers to our community with its production of LITTLE WOMEN.

Once again Laura Coté, who teaches beginning acting at MPC, joins us for her third season as a Storybook Theatre director. Coté directed last season’s highly acclaimed THE SNOW QUEEN, as well as the 2010 production of SLEEPING BEAUTY.

The creative team includes **Laura Coté** (*Director*), **D. Thomas Beck** (Technical Director), **D. Thomas Beck** (*Lighting & Scenic Design*), **Gloria C. Mattos Hughes** (*Costume Designer*), and **Ana Warner** (Props Design).

Tickets on sale at the MPC Box Office (646-4213) and online at <https://www.TicketGuys.com/mpc>

Performances are Friday & Saturday at 7:00 PM (May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19) and Saturday & Sunday at 3:00 PM (May 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, & 20) at the Carmel Middle School (4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923).

Special discount preview, Wed. May 2 – 7:00 p.m. Preview – All Seats \$10.00. The MPC Box Office is located at 980 Fremont Street, downtown Monterey. Tickets are \$15 Adults; \$12 Young Adults (16-21) & Military, and \$9 Children 15 & under. Tickets may be purchased from the MPC Box Office (831-646-4213) Wednesdays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursdays & Fridays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the performance venue 90 minutes prior to any performance, or online at www.TicketGuys.com

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Fri., May 4 – 7:00 p.m. – Opening

Sat., May 5 – 3:00 p.m.

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Sun., May 6 – 3:00 p.m.

Fri., May 11 – 7:00 p.m.

Sat., May 12 – 3:00 p.m.

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Sun., May 13 – 3:00 p.m.

Fri., May 18 – 7:00 p.m.

Sat., May 19 – 3:00 p.m.

Sat., May 19 – 7:00 p.m.

Sun., May 20 – 3:00 p.m. – Closing

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