#### The Curious Savage By John Patrick



Auditions Tues. Aug. 15

Wed. Aug. 16 Thurs. Aug. 17

# Moorpark College FALL 2023 STUDENT ONE ACTS

Now Accepting Submissions Auditions Aug. 21, 22, 23



## July 20th thru August 6th Thurs-Sat @8pm Sundays @2pm Book by Joe Masterott Based on the play by John Van Uruten and Stories by Christopher Isher wood usic by John Kander Lyrics by Fred Ebb Directed B John Loprien

#### **TRIGGER WARNING:**

This play contains adult language, situations and references. There will be flashing lights and acts of violence depicted. Book by Joe Masteroff Based on the play by John Van Druten and Stories by Christopher Isherwood Music by John Kander Lyrics by Fred Ebb Originally Co-directed and Choreographed by Rob Marshall Originally Directed by Sam Mendes

#### Production Staff

Director/Producer	John Loprieno
Musical Director	Dave Watkins
ChoreographersBeth	Megill & Nancy Ferraro-Paradis
Technical Director/Lighting Designer	
Sound Design Associate/Sound Mixer	
Sound Designer	
Costume Designer	•
Scenic and Prop Lead/Technical Theatre	-
Box Office Manger	-
Poster Design	Angela Giglia
Stage Manager	Dante Alanis
Lead Assistant Director	
Assistant Director/Dramaturg/Band Ass	sistJosh Mercer
Assistant Director/Tech Liaison	
Assistant Musical Director	Casey O'Brien
Assistant Lighting Designers	Maddie Paniccia, Zac Pelc
Makeup Designer	Izellah Sanchez
Scenic Designers	
	Chris Allison (non-Klub scenes)
Prop Master	Maya Melancon
Assistant Prop Master	
House Manager	Jonathan Ely, Erin Matthews

#### **Musical Numbers**

#### Act One

Wilkommen I	Emcee and The Kit Kat Club
So What?	Fraulein Schneider
Don't Tell Mama	Sally and The Kit Kat Girls
Mein Herr	Sally and The Kit Kat Girls
Perfectly Marvelous Sally Bo	owles and Clifford Bradshaw
Two Ladies	Emcee, Frenchie and Bobby
It Couldn't Please Me More	Schneider & Schultz
Tomorrow Belongs to Me	German Youth
MaybeThisTime	Sally Bowles
Money, Money, Money Emcee and The Kit Kat Girls	
MarriedFraulein Schne	eider, Herr Schultz and Kost
Tomorrow Belongs to Me (Full)Fraulein Kost, Ernst	
	Ludwig and Guests

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#### Act Two

Kick Line	The Kit Kat Club
Married (Reprise)	Herr Schultz
If You Could See Her	Emcee and Gorilla
What Would You Do	Fraulein Schneider
I Don't Care Much	Emcee
Cabaret	Sally Bowles
Finale	Company

#### CABARET

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$\stackrel{\bigstar}{\downarrow}$ Willkommen! Even the audience is beautiful!	
$\frac{1}{2}$ It is my pleasure to work with such a fine staff, crew and cast	
As music director my focus is on recreating the time period	
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🖈 up in a wonderful musical heritage.	
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Suzanne Fagan, Dina Pielaet. Clare Sadnik and the MakerSpace, Julius Sokenu, John Forbes, Jennifer Clark, Haleh Risdana, Nathan Bowen, Michael Grimes, Elizabeth Nielsen, Michael Hoffman, Jake Phillips, Ramiro Hurtado, Lisa, Dani, Elise and John B. Loprieno, and Mimi!

#### Cast

Cliff Bradshaw(July 20, 22, 28,30, Aug. 3, 5) Guillermo Castro
(July 21, 23, 27, 29, Aug. 4, 6) Hunter Uliasz
Sally Bowles(July 20, 22, 28,30, Aug. 3, 5) Ophilia Hamze
(July 21, 23, 27, 29, Aug. 4, 6) Callie Harman
Emcee(July 20, 21, 27, 29, Aug. 3, 5) Romina Khodaverdy
(July 21, 23, 27, 29, Aug. 4, 6) Max Oliver
Herr Schultz(July 20, 22, 28, 30, Aug. 3, 5) Jonathan Martinez
(July 21, 23, 27, 29, Aug. 4, 6) Ricky Meza
Fraulein Kost(July 20, 22, 28, 30, Aug. 3, 5) Lacey Tuell
(July 21, 23, 27, 29, Aug. 4, 6) Marina Wagner
Fraulein Schneider. (July 20, 22, 28,30, Aug. 3, 5) Ashley Gilmore
(July 21, 23, 27, 29, Aug. 4, 6) Ashley Zone
Ernst LudwigTal Toker
MaxJack Eaton
Tomorrow SingerAubrey Sutherland
SailorDashel Jeffords
Train OfficerAndrew Perez
SailorNeil Davies
Fruit Shop AssistantNatalia Valentina Varas
Party AttendantClaire Jiao
Kit Kat Klub ManagerTae Bond
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#### KIT KAT KLUB DANCERS

Rosie/Dance Captain	Samantha Longtin
Lulu	Crysta King
Frenchie	Ella Bowen
Texas	Carlie Wright
Fritize	Briana Sanchez Gonzalez
Helga/Gorilla	Rachel Fischer
Victor	Reginald Whigham
Bobby	Aiden Ainsworth
Herman	Christopher Smith
Hans	Cesar Gonzalez
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#### Director's Note:

Normally, when I write a Director's note, I try to give some historical and/or cultural context for the play you are about to see. However, this summer one of our student Assistant Directors, Joshua Mercer, also wanted to take on the Dramaturg role and he has provided a wonderful essay for the cast and crew to utilize in their work for this production and the QR link to that is in the Dramaturg Note.

In fact, our summer productions are more and more becoming showcases for student leadership. This summer alone we have students taking leadership and key design positions all across this production. These positions include: Rhiann Olshane and Chris Allison creating Scenic elements for the production, Prop Master, Maya Melancon Casey O'Brien providing crucial assistance as our Assistant Musical Director (which included recruiting 5 High School students as players!), Marisol Jimenez, an organizational mastermind, as my Lead Assistant Director, Claire Jiao as Assistant Director in charge of coordinating with professional Costumer Designer Orly Ruiz who is making his debut at Moorpark College, Assistant Lighting Designers Maddie Paniccia and Zac Pelc, Make-up Designer, Izellah Sanchez , Samantha Longtin as Dance Captain and Dante Alanis as our undaunted Stage Manager!

While we can all appreciate the benefits of hands-on experiential learning, I have to share with you that this doesn't happen without the full commitment and support of our faculty and staff. I am so fortunate to work with dedicated educators that are willing to go above and beyond to encourage and nurture student leadership at this level. To Dave Watkins, Beth Megill, Nancy Ferrero-Paradis, Brian Koehler, Ariana Burrell, Melissa Lay, Krista Lederer and new team member Orly Ruiz, I say thank you, not only for your highly creative work on this production, but, most importantly, for your dedication to our students.

As you watch and enjoy this performance, please take a moment to recognize and appreciate the magnitude of this exceptional student work. How can you not love a Cabaret?

- John Loprieno

#### Dramaturg's Note:

I had the pleasure of serving as dramaturg for Cabaret! Dramaturgy is a field that investigates the theoretical underpinnings and historical contexts of pieces of performance and the art of theatre itself. For the cast, I researched and compiled a paper on the politics and social history that Cabaret illuminates; you can scan the QR code below with your phone to read that full document.

Cabaret, although set in the 1930s and written in the 1960s, continues to speak profoundly to modern audiences. I cannot help but judge that a good deal of Cabaret's legendary status and longevity owes to its unfortunately timeless quality. The show's patterns are darkly transtemporal. In an age when hate parades as ideology and harmless belief, and oppression creeps its way into alt-right legislation, Cabaret is anything but outdated. One needs only to look to the wave of book bannings sweeping across American red states—weapons of oppression deliberately targeting, erasing, and oppressing writers of color and queer stories--to see that Cabaret's resonances are resounding. "It's just politics," say the characters of Cabaret; so too might some say today in reference to pressing issues of human rights like reproductive rights and trans\* rights. But today, as in Cabaret's 1930 Berlin, oppression is always more than politics and it is always dangerous.

Cabaret's power for us today then lies in its ability to expose what we do not wish to recognize in ourselves. I would like to suggest that we revisit Cabaret and collectively keep its influence alive not in spite of the fact that it casts light on that which we do not want to acknowledge about ourselves, but because of this. It may be the paralyzing mixture of catharsis, recognition, and shame, that brings audiences back to this piece that is at once sobering and conflictingly joyful. Cabaret is the story of us, and although no true comparison can be made to Nazi Germany, its chilling pertinence is

enough to remind us that this age occupies a place in our world's reflection that is never too far behind us.

- Josh Mercer

#### **Scenic and Production Crews**

**Beth Megill (Choreographer),** MFA in Dance UC Irvine, BFA UC Santa Barbara, Language of Dance® Teacher Trainer, Certified Elementary Labanotation Teacher, teaches a variety of dance styles including Improvisation, Composition, Modern, Jazz and Production at Moorpark College. She is also artistic director of Megill & Company, a non-profit dance theater company that blends concert dance practices with dance theater and comedy. She has published three motif notation chapbooks and frequently contributes to the LODC published courses and materials. She is chief editor of ladancereview.org. Ms. Megill sees her work in the classroom, on stage, and beyond as advocacy for a more inclusive and diverse dance world. She would like to thank co-choreographer and fellow dance faculty, Nancy Paradis for sharing in this wonderful, creative journey this summer.

Nancy Paradis (Choreographer) began her professional career on the east coast performing with the Washington Ballet, Richmond Ballet and Louisville Ballet Companies. In Los Angeles, she danced in television, film, and commercial work. She was adjunct professor at UC Irvine, Loyola Marymount University and currently Moorpark College where she teaches ballet, jazz, musical theater and production. She choreographs for professional companies Ballet Project.OC, The Realm Co-LA and created a world premier for Richmond Ballet, VA. Nancy is a co-author of an inspirational book Bringing Value, Solving Problems and Leaving a Legacy. She is artistic director of her dance/media company LA Dance Moves and currently has a feature documentary screening at film festivals. She is thrilled to co-choreograph with faculty Beth Megill and craft original movement to this iconic musical, *Cabaret*.

Scene Shop Foreman: Ryan Kuzma Master Carpenters: Dante Alanis, Weston Ginoza Lead Carpenter: Mollie Schafer Charge Artist: Maddie Paniccia Lead Painter: Morpheus Kostromin



Kit Kat Klub Dancer Posters Designer/Creator: Andrew Perez Scene Location Sign Designers/Creators: Lucia Davidson, Bucky Delgado, Dalana Green, Sophia Kast, Morpheus Kostromin Scenic Construction/Painting and Lighting Crew: Dante Alanis, Madison Capozzoli, Lucia Davidson, Bucky Delgado, Wyatt Freihon, Weston Ginoza, Dalana Green, Sonia Hansen, Christina Harms, Sophia Kast, Elizabeth Kastner, Makayla King, Morpheus Kostromin, Ryan Kuzma, Luca LaVigna, Casey O'Brien, Zac Pelc, Veronica Perry, Isa Rojas, Mollie Schafer, Tal Toker Follow Spot Operators: Bucky Delgado, Isa Rojas Backstage Crew: Lucia Davidson, Makayla King, Mollie Schafer Assistant Stage Manager: Zac Pelc Light Board Operators: Elizabeth Kastner, Morpheus Kostromin Sound Board Operator: Christina Harms

#### **Costume and Makeup Crews**

Makeup Supervisor: Izellah Sanchez Costume Supervisor/1<sup>st</sup> Hand/Costume Construction (Sally): Rhiann Olshane Stitchers: Bucky Delgado, Kristen Fernandez, Wyatt Freihon, Isa Rojas, AnnaBelle Sanders Bedazzler: Isa Rojas Dresser Supervisors: Kristen Fernandez, AnnaBelle Sanders



Dressers: Wyatt Freihon, Luca LaVigna, Rhiann Olshane





## Who's Who In The Cast

**Romina Khodaverdy (Emcee)** is so excited for her first performance at Moorpark College! She is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy (class of '22) but has most recently performed as Vivienne in High Street Arts Center's *Legally Blonde*. She thanks her family for their continuous love and support.

**Carlie Wright (Texas)** graduated from Moorpark College with her Theater Associates Degree this past May. You may have seen her in previous shows like *The Tempest, Kinky Boots* or *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.* Enjoy the show!

**Natalia Valentina (Townsperson)** is in her 3rd production for Moorpark College, and her first time being part of a musical. She enormously enjoys participating in this brilliant crew, with the company of talented colleagues. She would like to thank her mentors, staff, and all the talents that gave her life, and a ticket back to a raw reality of an indelible episode in history.

Andrew D. Pérez (Officer/Kit Kat Poster Artist) is filled with excitement! This is his first musical production! His previous roles include Spider the Home Boy in *Electricidad* and The Pastor in *Consagrada*. He is grateful to be able to showcase his artwork and would like to thank his family and friends for all of their love and support as well as Brian Koehler for the opportunity and mentorship.

Marisol Jimenez (Lead Assistant Director) is honored to work alongside such a passionate production team and actors. She is a psychology, sociology, and theater major who is proud to have been in Cabaret. It is such a pleasure to be able to follow one of her passions. This has been the third production she has been involved in as well as *Electricidad* and *Consagrada. Cabaret* is a part of history that cannot to be forgotten. **Neil Davies (Sailor)** is thrilled to be performing on the Moorpark Stage again. He has previously played as Dr. Bradman in *Blithe Spirit* and Boatswain in *The Tempest*. Neil would like to thank everyone involved in this production for their amazing work and everyone that has supported him along the way. Much love. Enjoy the show!

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**Briana Sanchez Gonzalez (Fritzie)** is excited to say that *Cabaret* here at Moorpark College is her very first theatre production ever. While only being trained in dance, Briana danced competitively all four years of high school, and has won national titles with her team. But going into her first year of college she decided she wanted to try new things, and majored in theatre. She is excited to see where this will lead her!

**Tal Toker (Ernst Ludwig)** is thoroughly excited to be in this production of *Cabaret*. This is his second show under John Loprieno's direction. Tal previously portrayed King Alonso in Moorpark's production of *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. This will be the second time that Tal has been in *Cabaret*, previously portraying Herr Schultz.

Ashley Zone (Fräulein Schneider) is very excited to be a part of this production here at Moorpark College! Ashley is a Theatre Arts major, and was previously in the student produced one acts this last fall and spring. She wants to thank the cast and crew for helping put this amazing show together, and she hopes you enjoy!

#### **Student Orchestra**

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Student Conductors Casey O'Brien—"Don't Tell Mama" Joshua Mercer—"Kick Line"

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Robert Becerra — Accordion
 Sofia Beckmann — Flute
 Bradley Crumrine — Drums
 Matthew Felsen — Trumpet
 Andrew Greene — Tenor Sax
 Emma Halseth — Trombone

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Mark Kamradt — Bass Hunter Klotz — Viola Daniel Levy — Reed 2 Casey O'Brien — Violin Warren Robinson — Reed 1 Talia Yerushalmi — Alto Sax  $\bigstar$ 

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## Who's Who In The Cast

**Tae Bond (Kit Kat Klub Manager)** started her fitness journey in 2002 where she competed in figure shows. As a former professional fitness competitor with over 13 years of teaching yoga and over a decade as a personal trainer, Tae empowers others to expand their own consciousness to live a connected and balanced life. As a mother of two amazing sons ages 13 and 15, she has taught yoga and mindfulness in schools and after-school programs.

**Guillermo Castro (Clifford Bradshaw)** was last seen as Ferdinand in Moorpark College's Spring 2023 production of *The Tempest*. His other credits at Moorpark College include an Angel in *Kinky Boots*, and several original student written *One Acts*.

**Cesar Gonzalez (Hans)** is a biology major and an aspiring surgeon. Cabaret is his first play performing. His favorite activities include reading, crocheting, and dancing.

**Ophilia Hamze (Sally Bowles)** is delighted to make her debut with Moorpark College in *Cabaret!* She is a student at Moorpark College and previously participated in directing one of the *Original Student One Acts* last spring. She was last seen in performances outside of Moorpark College, such as *Legally Blonde, The Crucible, Shrek: The Musical, and Is He Dead?* 

**Claire Jiao (Assistant Director/Townsperson)** makes her acting debut. Even though this is her acting debut she has worked behind the scenes a number of times. Her Moorpark College stage credits include Head Puppeteer in Electricidad, Assistant Director and Assistant Stage Manager of The Tempest, and she has aided in assistant directing *Cabaret* this time around.

Hunter Uliasz (Clifford Bradshaw) is very excited for the opportunity to play a role as challenging as this. He is currently a student at Moorpark College and was most recently in Panic! Productions' *Footloose: The Musical.* He hopes you enjoy the show.

## Who's Who In The Cast

**Aiden Ainsworth (Bobby)** is so elated to back at Moorpark, with this remarkable cast, for his third show. Aiden graduated high school in June and will be attending Moorpark in the fall to receive an A.A. in Biological Sciences. He would love to thank John, Dave, Beth, and Nancy for this amazing experience; he would also love to thank his friends and family for supporting him throughout the summer. Enjoy the show!

**Ella Boring (Frenchie)** is delighted to be a part of Cabaret amidst her final semester at Moorpark College! During her time at MC she was seen as Nicola in *Kinky Boots* and Logainne in the 25th Annual *Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Ella is so excited to continue her education at UCLA this fall, and she would like to thank the *Cabaret* cast and crew for making her last summer at MC so special!

**Jack Eaton (Max)** is stoked to be in his second production at Moorpark. Last semester he was a part of the spring one acts where he played the part of Time in the show *Death Be Not Proud*. He would like to thank his fellow cast members for being so welcoming and helping support him through this process. Thank you for coming!

**Rachel Fischer (Helga)** is excited to be a part of Cabaret here at Moorpark College! She would like to thank the wonderful cast/crew for making this such a fun experience. She would also like to thank John, Dave, Beth, and Nancy for helping further her education in theatre! Lastly, she would like to thank her family for their love and support! Enjoy the show!

**Crysta King (Lulu)** is so thrilled to be a part of her second production here at Moorpark College! Last summer she played Pocahontas in the alumni produced musical *Disenchanted*. She loves performing and is looking forward to being a part of more productions. This is such a fun show & cast. She is beyond grateful to be a part of it! **Jonathan Martinez (Herr Schultz)** is so excited to be in their first show here at Moorpark College. Credits outside of Moorpark include Prince Dauntless in *Once Upon a Mattress*, Lysander in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Wayne in *Puffs*.

### Who's Who In The Cast

Ashley Gilmore (Fräulein Schneider) is currently majoring in Theater Arts here at Moorpark and is so excited to be apart of this production! Ashley has previously played Rapunzel in *Disenchanted* and Nancy in *Nell Gwynn* here at Moorpark College. Ashley would like to thank the AMAZING cast and crew and would like to thank YOU for coming out and supporting your local theatre! Enjoy the show! **Callie Harman (Sally Bowles)** is very excited to perform in this year's summer production at Moorpark College. Some of her favorite roles in the past include Ruth in *Blithe Spirit* at Moorpark College, Hunyak in *Chicago*, and Deena in *Almost, Maine* at Thousand Oaks High School, and Ensemble in *9 to 5* with Conejo Players.

Samantha Longtin (Rosie/Swing/Dance Captain) is excited to be part of *Cabaret* and add this experience to her list of many performances at Moorpark College. She recently got to choreograph and act as student director for the dance concert. Her love of musical theatre inspired her to join this production. She's been dancing since she was 2 years old, and has adored musical theatre since she can remember. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Max Oliver (Emcee)** has most recently performed in Footloose with Panic! Productions. Acting credits include *Newsies, Kinky Boots, The Sound of Music, Sweet Charity,* and *West Side Story* to name a few. Max hopes you enjoy the show! IG: @maxofmaxwell

**Christopher Smith (Herman)** is ecstatic to once again be gracing the stage at Moorpark College!!! His performances here have included playing Sir Robin in *Spamalot, The Student One Acts*, and a multitude of other concerts that have been held within the Moorpark Performing Arts Center. He is absolutely honored to be a part of this phenomenal production of such an iconic musical and hopes that everyone enjoys the show!!!

Lacey Tuell (Fräulein Kost) is excited for her first show on the Moorpark College stage! Her previous credits include *Waitress* (Jenna's Mother), *The Pirates of Penzance* (Ruth), *The Addams Family* (Morticia Addams), and *Chicago* (Roxie Hart). A big thank you to her wonderful friends and family for being here to support!

## Who's Who In The Cast

Josh Mercer (Assistant Director/Dramaturg) is thrilled to be working with this fierce group of artists! Josh is the founder and co-producing artistic director of Fools on Thrones, a Shakespeare company where he's (co-)produced and directed five productions. Acting credits include Jack Kelly in Newsies and Man in Chair in The Drowsy Chaperone. Josh is a playwright, composer, and professional jazz pianist. Thanks to the creative team, cast, and crew for a rewarding journey! Ricky Meza (Herr Schultz) is super excited to be a part of this show and is super grateful for all the people he has gotten to work with during the production. He would like to thank his friends and family as well as his students at Royal High School who always push him to give his very best and leave everything he has on the stage. Ricky hopes you all enjoy the show and see future Moorpark College productions. Aubrey Sutherland (Tomorrow Singer/Townsperson) pursued athletics in softball at Moorpark College, graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from UCLA, recently graduated with a Master of Social Work from USC, and is continuing her education this fall in the Social Work PhD program at USC. Aubrey is overjoyed to continue her creative interest in theatre through her involvement with the talented cast and crew of this production. She thanks her family and loving partner for their support through every endeavor.

Marina Jade Wagner (Fräulein Kost) is thrilled to be a part of this important piece of art and social commentary as her first show at Moorpark College. She has been seen previously in various ensemble roles in Ventura County in plays such as *She Loves Me, Sweet Charity*, and *Honk!* She would like to thank her family for their love and support. **Reginald Whigham (Victor)** is excited to branch out to Moorpark College after being seen typically in Ventura. After performing for nearly a decade, he has really found his niche in acting and being on stage. He would like to thank his Mom and best friend Michael for their unconditional love and support for his passion in theatre. You can follow Reginald on his acting journey on Instagram as @reginald7mua