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MONTEREY, CA – Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Department presents

## **The Adventures of Robin Hood**

by Michele L. Vacca

Directed by Laura Coté

April 26 to May 6, 2018

Tickets on sale now!

*Tickets available from the MPC Theatre Box Office (831-646-4213) or [www.mpctheatre.com](http://www.mpctheatre.com)*

### **The Adventures of Robin Hood**

King Richard is off to the Crusades, leaving his greedy brother Prince John in charge of the kingdom. When Robin Hood and his Merrie Band learn the nefarious Sheriff of Nottingham plans to collect taxes (again), they cannot help but...help! They foil his plans and run into the feisty Maid Marian. Vowing revenge, the Sheriff kidnaps Marian, and arranges an archery contest to lure Robin into his clutches. Will the noble outlaw fall into the Sheriff's evil trap or will justice prevail? Come to Sherwood Forest and join Robin Hood, Maid Marian and the Merrie Band on this swashbuckling adventure full of intrigue, derring-do, music, dancing, and surprises galore!

### **Michele L. Vaca and The Adventures of Robin Hood**

Shubert Playwriting Fellowship award winner Michele L. Vacca has been writing plays for Children's Theatre for over 25 years, all based upon traditional folk lore, fairy tales, legends and world literature. Tales of the heroic outlaw Robin Hood have been part of English folklore since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Michele L. Vacca has used them to create a delightful, fast moving and witty play. This action packed, "pseudo-Shakespearean" comedy is suitable for families, young adults and children as part of our Theatre for Young Adults series.

### About the Director

Director Laura Coté has been an MPC Theatre Arts instructor since 2010. A native New Yorker, she has called the Monterey Peninsula home since 1998. A *cum laude* graduate from Vassar College with a degree in Drama, Laura enjoys combining classical theatrical training with more modern approaches to teach and create unique and distinctive art. She has worked locally as an actress, set designer, and director. Laura directed this season's hit comedy ***Present Laughter*** (2017) here at MPC, and has directed several of our most popular Storybook Theatre productions, including ***The Princess and The Pea*** (2010), ***The Snow Queen*** (2011), ***Little Women*** (2012), and ***Cinderella*** (2013). She also directed ***Glorious*** (2013) ***For Better*** (2013) and ***Good People*** (2014) at the fondly remembered Magic Circle Theatre. Laura first discovered her calling at the age of nine when her family took her to see ***Annie*** on Broadway. She remembers sitting in the audience thoroughly enchanted and thinking, "I'm going to do that one day"...and now she does!

### About the Design Team

The Design team includes **Laura Coté** (*Director*), **Doug Ridgeway** (*Technical Director & Scenic Design*), **Gloria C. Mattos Hughes** (*Costume Design*), **David Rigmaiden** (*Sound Design*) and **Devin Adler** (*Choreography*.)

### About the MPC Theatre Charitable Trust

**The Monterey Peninsula Community Theatre Company Charitable Trust** is an independent 501(c)(3) that supports the MPC theatre program by funding expenses not covered by the State educational budget.

### Performance dates & times:

***The Adventures of Robin Hood*** previews Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 PM and opens Friday, April 27 at 7:30 PM. Performances run for two weeks ONLY through Sunday, May 6. Regular performances run, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2:00 PM. *Please note that there is **NO Thursday May 3 show** but there is **bonus matinee at 2pm on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>**.*

The full performance schedule is:

Thursday	April 26	7:30 PM – Preview/Discount Thursday
Friday	April 27	7:30 PM – Opening night
Saturday	April 28	7:30 PM
Sunday	April 29	2:00 PM - Matinée
Friday	May 4	7:30 PM
Saturday	May 5	2:00 PM – Bonus Matinée
Saturday	May 5	7:30 PM
Sunday	May 6	2:00 PM – Matinée & Final performance

**Ticket Prices:**

*Thursday Preview ONLY: Tickets to Thursday April 26 Preview are \$12.50 each or \$10 for children.*

For All other performances:

24 hour Advance tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and Seniors (\$25 & \$22 at the door)

Military and Young Adults (13-21) are \$15.00 and Children (12 and under) are \$10.00.

**Special Promo: Purchase 1 Adult ticket and receive 1 FREE 12 & under ticket**

Thanks to several generous donors, a limited number of free children's tickets are available, along with the purchase of an adult ticket. Based upon availability, sponsored/Free children's tickets are available only in person (not Online) or by calling The MPC Theatre Box Office at 831-646-4213

***The Adventures of Robin Hood*** is a live theatrical performance and recommended for those 5 years old and above. Please note that while this is family theatre infants, babes-in-arms, and children in strollers or carriers are not permitted in the theatre

**Please Note: Campus Parking is required for Thursday evening performances and is \$3.00.**

**Some kiosks take quarters and others take dollar bills.**

Tickets are available from the MPC Box Office on the Monterey Peninsula College Campus at 980 Fremont Street. The Box Office (831-646-4213) is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM, and two hours prior to performances. Tickets are also available online at [www.mpctheatre.com](http://www.mpctheatre.com)

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