EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE THEATRE

EVERGREEN STORIES:

50 YEARS

OF LIFE, LAUGHTER, & LEARNING



NOVEMBER 19–22, 2025
EVC THEATRE, SAN JOSÉ

CONCEIVED AND DEVELOPED
JOHN KAUFMANN

PRESENTED BY
EVC'S PERFORMANCE IN PRODUCTION STUDENTS



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Last fall, during an EVC 50th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting, we were brainstorming ideas and I said "we can do a play!" I didn't have a plan, but I think everything should be a play. Last Spring, I was brainstorming titles with KD, our stage manager, and we considered three-word combinations to button the title (ChatGPT suggested "50 Years of Books, Looks, and Bold Moves," so we had to do our own work!). We knew we needed "Laughter" in the title - a community college history play should be fun.

At the start of the semester, we didn't have a script. But we had a timeline to dramatize, and we had a bunch of interviews that the college had conducted as part of the 50-year celebration. The cast also conducted its own interviews with EVC students, faculty and staff. We transcribed these interviews and ended up with a document over 100 pages long! So many great stories and perspectives, it was hard to cut things down. We discovered themes and connections between the various speakers. We also had fun personifying trees, a glider and a property tax initiative and even recreating, verbatim, a 2016 ABC News segment about EVC's Auto Tech Building.

We hope the playful scenes open you up to the interview segments that ask for a closer attention. And we hope you make connections between the stories, themes, and your own lives. This was the case when one of the actors was rehearsing a monologue about the power of a mentor's encouragement. The actor stopped, full of emotion, and shared "I had somebody like that in my life." It has been a joy to work with the students on this play. And today, we get to share that joy with you!

Special Thanks: Bianca Lopez, Sean Stewart, Niall Adler, Yeab Kebede, Brynn Hambly, Margarita Savageau, Eric Narveson, Daniel Allen, Vera Nazarov, SJECCD Foundation and Members of the EVC Theatre Club.

And thanks to all who were interviewed by the college or our cast to help create this production: Sravani Banerjee, Angelina Cayabyab, Dave Cortese, Michael Cortese, Victor Garza, Ambica Gill, Mark Gonzales, Sammy Ibrahim, Bianca Lopez, Michelle McKay, Thomas Morales, Eric Narveson, Rahmon Pashtunyar, Bry Perez, Ingrid Rottman, Karen Strelitz, McTate Stroman II, Arturo Villarreal, and Roohi Vora.

SCENE LIST

A SHOW THAT WAS 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING.

1. Prologue: 1970: Evie, A Tree, and John Montgomery
2. A Time Capsule
3. Great Moments in EVC History: 1st Day of Class (1975)
4. Fashion Break: 1970's
5. Interview Stories: EVC OG's (people here in the early days)
6. What is 50?
7. 13 on the Scene
8. Evie's Back! (with a Quake)
9. Interview Stories: The Student Experience
10. Great moments in EVC History: A Gullo Gift (1993)
11. Fashion Break: 1990's
12. Interview Stories: Mentors make a difference
13. Great Moments in EVC History: Observatory Unveiling (2003)
14. Fashion Break: 2010's
15. Great Moments in EVC History: A New Auto Tech Building (2016)
16. COVID Changes Life at EVC (2020)
17. Interview Stories: Working at EVC Today
18. The Magic Pencil
19. Our Capsule Unearthed
20. A Tree Reflects

Evergreen Stories runs approximately 80 minutes without an intermission.

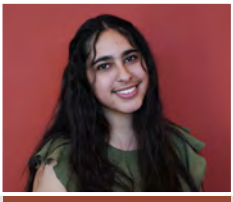
CAST AND CREW



John Kaufmann
Director



Alberto



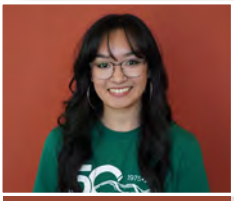
Aria



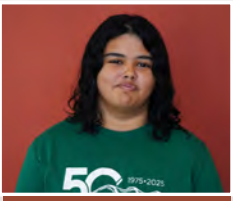
Christelle



Ethan



Isabelle



Janet



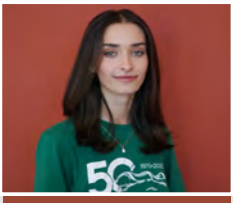
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KD



Nahira



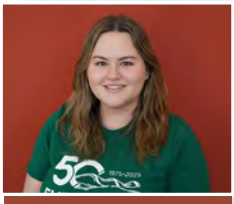
Natalia



Nico



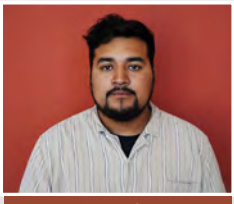
Omar



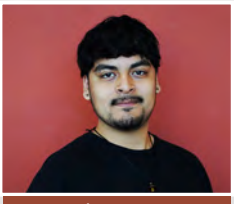
Paetra



Persia



Sergio



Thomas

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ENSEMBLE (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Nico Adams . . . . . .Almond, Sammy, Autotech Brad, Eric and others
Thomas Cortez. . . . . .Reinhardt, Art, Newsdesk Man, Angelina, Mark and others
Isabelle Diolata. . . . . Teacher, Michelle, Milk-Misser, Bully and others
Ethan Furuta. . . . . Almond, Student, Ingrid, Auto Gilbert, Alfie and others
Persia Gonzales . . . . . Evie, McTate, Newsdesk Woman and others
Sergio Gonzalez. . . . . Kool Aid Man, Rahmon, Anthony Gullo and others
Jun Handa . . . . . .Evergreen The Glider, Tom, iPod Dancer, Bully and others
Christelle Lardizabal . . . . . Surveyor, Ambica, ABC 7 News Reporter Chris Nguyen and others
Alberto Montes de Oca Hernandez . . .John Montogomery, Bianca, Autotech Steve and others
Janet Rivera . . . . . Surveyor, Screaming Kid, Bryana, Auto Eduardo, and others
Paetra Rottman . . . . . Karen, #13, Astronomy Buff, Covid Student and others
Aria Serpa . . . . . .Mother Tree, Dave Cortese, Roohi, Covid Student and others
Natalia Solomon. . . . . Time Capsule Eric, Victor, Angelina Gullo and others

CREATIVE TEAM

Director/Script Development/Course Instructor. . . . . John Kaufmann
Stage Manager. . . . . KD Pham
Lighting Design . . . . . Dylan Maack
Technical Support Team. . . . . Omar Ortega and Nahiara Pineda
Poster/Program Design . . . . . Tanya Marutova
Marketing . . . . . Niall Adler

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DIRECTED BY
Dr. Maryam Farshadfar

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