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Mountain Community Theater Announces *Four Old Broads*

written by Leslie Kimbell and directed by Kathie Kratochvil

Ben Lomond, CA: Mountain Community Theater is pleased to announce the West Coast premiere of the hilarious comedy, ***Four Old Broads***, by Leslie Kimbell as the first show of their 2019 Season. The play is directed by Mountain Community Theater veteran, Kathie Kratochvil. The production opens Friday, March 15th, 2019 and runs four weekends through Sunday, April 7th at Ben Lomond's historic Park Hall, 9400 Mill Street. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. Community Night is Saturday night, March 16th, at 8p.m. when all tickets are Two-for-\$20. There will be a post-show champagne reception on opening night Friday, March 15th. Join us for a talk-back with the Director and cast after the performance on Sunday, March 24th. General tickets are \$20; Senior and Student tickets are \$17. Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Four Old Broads is a new comedic play featuring four sassy, smart, and savvy older women who are living at the Magnolia Place Assisted Living home. With fast-paced and quick-witted dialogue, it has been called "*a laugh-out-loud hysterical play with a whole lot of heart.*"

The play revolves around retired burlesque queen Beatrice Shelton who desperately needs a vacation, but NOT another trip to see that "precious little German village for the umpteenth time." Needing some fun companions on a possible trip through the Caribbean on a "Sassy Senior's Cruise," she tries to convince her best friend, Eaddy Mae Clayton, to stop praying and go with her. Other possible companions include Imogene Fletcher, who seems to suddenly be losing her memory, and Maude Jenkins, who is obsessed with her favorite soap opera and in planning her funeral. Sam Smith, a retired Elvis impersonator also lives at Magnolia Place and he keeps trying to bed every woman in the building.

A mystery unfolds with laughter as the gals try to outsmart the evil Nurse Pat Jones and figure out why so many residents have been moved "to the dark side." Hilarity ensues as Imogene goes undercover and Maude enters the Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Pageant to throw Nurse Pat off their trail. If they can solve the mystery, they may make it to the cruise ship after all. *Mature themes not recommended for children twelve and under.*

Kathie Kratochvil has been a director, actor, and designer for MCT since 1982. She recently directed for 8-10's at 8 at the Santa Cruz Actor's Theatre. She has been active in the Santa Cruz theatre community for the last 35 years and has been on the Theatre faculty at San Jose State University for the last 18 years.

The cast is comprised of both MCT favorites and newcomers to MCT, including **Jane Chahbandour** as Beatrice, **Janene Forsyth** as Eaddy May, **Wendy Edmonds** as Imogene, **Kulani Kamaha'o** as Maude, **Jackson Wolfe** as Sam, **Rebecca Adams** as Pat, and **Mary Ann Lobalbo** as Ruby Sue.

Order tickets online at: www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling Brown Paper Tickets, 24/7, at 800-838-3006

Mountain Community Theater (MCT) is the longest-running community theater in Santa Cruz County, started in 1982 by a collective of actors. MCT is a member-run non-profit organization that relies on support from its performances, season subscribers, and royalties from its own company-created script, *Miracle on 34th Street, the Play*. For more about MCT and its "Miracle," visit www.mctshows.org.

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