



New Works Weekend:

Who's Got Me?

A New Musical by Jeffrey Scharf

Produced in conjunction with Act Two Investors, LLC

Music Direction by Ben Dorfan

August 16, 17, 18

Veteran's Memorial Building, Santa Cruz

Mountain Community Theater, in partnership with Act Two Investors, LLC, proudly presents a staged reading of ***"Who's Got Me"***, a new musical with book, music and lyrics by local playwright Jeffrey Scharf.

Performances will be at Veteran's Memorial Building, 826 Front Street Santa Cruz, Friday, August 16 at 7:30 pm, Saturday August 17 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 pm. A special **"talk back"** with the playwright and cast will be held after each performance. General Admission tickets are \$8.00 and will be available July 26th through Brown Paper Tickets.

"Who's Got Me", a new musical, is a nod to the "golden age" Broadway musicals of the 1930s and 40s. A classic "play within a play", the story concerns the Alexanders, a family of small-town cabaret performers, who attract the interest of famous but overworked Broadway producer Preston Fadham with their musical comedy, "Who's Got Me?", about a family of cabaret performers who attract the interest of a big-time Broadway producer.

The Alexanders arrive in New York, expecting their dream show to be put on the stage, but they find Preston Fadham and his director Lindsay Walden actually call the shots. Darcy Fadham, Preston's talented but untested daughter, is cast in the lead role, which frustrates the Alexanders. Did they do the right thing by bringing their family musical to the Broadway stage?

Meanwhile, Darcy is trying to prove to everyone that she is worth her role, and her father, Preston, desperately, absolutely needs a break from work. Will Darcy be able to nail the lead? Will Preston ever get a break? Will the Alexanders' musical go off without a hitch? Join us in August for this funny, heartwarming show full of laughter, a bit of romance, and tons of toe-tapping musical numbers that will leave you humming!

In a nod to the throwback feel of our musical, Mountain Community Theater is excited to announce this production will be held at the 1930s Art Deco Chris G Matthews Hall in the historic Veteran's Memorial Building in downtown Santa Cruz. We are proud to be bringing you this fun-filled staged reading in a building that has been a vital part of downtown Santa Cruz's art and music history for more than 50 years.

About the Playwright: Jeffrey Scharf is a playwright, bookwriter, lyricist and songwriter. His holiday show "The Three Tales (Gifts) of Christmas" was commissioned and produced by the Elite Theatre Company. His musical "Reunions" (music by Jimmy Calire) received its debut production at OYES. He was the lyricist for "Divine Encounter" produced by the Academy for New Musical Theater. His "Banana Slugs Fight Song" was heard in the movie "The Baxter." He is a co-writer of "Life in the Slow Lane" recorded by Roberta Donnay and "I Don't Want to Know" recorded by Spencer Day. His "David Copperfield, The New Musical" made its sold-out debut at Mountain Community Theater's New Works Weekend in August 2017 and further sold out a full production run in December 2018 with Jewel Theatre Company. Jeffrey is a member of the Dramatists Guild and ANMT.

About Mountain Community Theater: 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 <https://mctshows.org>.