College of Marin Performing Arts Department Presents
A Mystery Musical
Directed By JAMES DUNN

As American as apple pie, this fabulous show has never been done in Marin County and promises not to disappoint. (It’s everyone’s favorite bad boy adventure story.) The Opening Night Gala Performance on March 1, 2013, includes the dedication of the James Dunn Theatre and James Dunn’s 80th birthday.

Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception with James Dunn
Friday, March 1, 2013, 6:30 pm
John H. Myers Rehearsal Hall, PA 75
Performing Arts Building
COM Kentfield Campus

A limited number of tickets are available at $65 each for the pre-show talk with James Dunn and reception, including musical performances, hors d’oeuvres, preferred seating at the gala performance, and post-show birthday party.

Opening Night Gala Performance
Friday, March 1, 2013, 8 pm
James Dunn Theatre
COM Kentfield Campus

NOTE:
The announcement of the actual title is restricted by Rodgers and Hammerstein Theatricals until mid-January 2013
Become a Sponsor of the Arts

College of Marin’s Performing Art’s drama, dance, and music productions have captivated Marin audiences for decades with electrifying performances. These productions provide extraordinary learning opportunities for students to study with professional instructors who have helped inspire and launch a number of careers, including Academy Award-winning Actor Robin Williams, Broadway choreographer Patti Colombo, and Emmy Award-winning composer Mark Adler.

One Special Evening
A Lifetime of Opportunity

Budget cuts to public education have been especially challenging for performing arts programs. Now, more than ever, private contributions are essential for the ongoing operation and continuing support of our award-winning dance, drama, and music programs. Exemplary and generous philanthropy is invited and welcome.
Gala Performance and Dedication of College of Marin’s James Dunn Theatre

This Gala Performance is guaranteed to be a very special night on stage and off! On March 1, 2013, College of Marin will celebrate the reopening of its newly remodeled performing arts theatre with a Gala Performance of a Mystery Musical (announcement of title is restricted until January 6, 2013, by Rodgers and Hammerstein Theatricals) directed by Drama Professor James Dunn.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with a special welcome by COM Superintendent/President Dr. David Wain Coon, followed by a pre-show talk with James Dunn and live music from the show. The Gala Performance, starting at 8 p.m., will be followed by the dedication of the James Dunn Theatre and 80th birthday bash for James Dunn.
About Local Theatre Arts Icon and Drama Professor James Dunn

For nearly 50 years, College of Marin students have studied with acclaimed Drama Professor James Dunn. The Gala on March 1, 2013, will celebrate Dunn’s many achievements culminating with the dedication of the College of Marin James Dunn Theatre, which was unanimously approved by the District’s Board of Trustees in 2012. The Gala will also commemorate Dunn’s 80th birthday and audience members will be invited to sing happy birthday followed by cake, coffee, and a chance to mingle with the director, cast, and crew in the newly remodeled theatre lobby.

Dunn founded the College of Marin Drama Department in 1964, taught full time for 30 years, and continues to teach on a part time basis. He served as chair of the department until 1994, directing more than 250 plays. He continues to teach Shakespeare and direct spring productions.

“I’ve always tried to instill a love of the subject in my students. I love the idea of turning people on to another world that they didn’t even think about when coming to school in their wildest dreams, to give students a sense of who they are. I’ve loved every moment about being a teacher.”
– James Dunn

Outside of the College, James Dunn has been the artistic director of the Marin County Mountain Play for the past 28 years. He has also worked as a visiting director at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, The Old Globe Theatre in San Diego, The Denver Center Theatre Company in Denver, Colorado, The Juilliard School in New York City, and Marin Theatre Company.

College of Marin Drama Students

Well-known names such as David Dukes, Robin Williams, Kathleen Quinlan, Joel Blum, and Leslie Hendrix are just a few of the many former College of Marin drama students.
College of Marin is Where Dreams Have Come True for Generations of Marin Residents

Since 1926, College of Marin has been a vital source of education, culture and opportunity for the people of Marin. Over 350,000 local residents have attended the College whether to seek a degree, transfer to a university, train for a new career, learn new skills, pursue the arts, or engage in lifelong learning. College of Marin continues to be, and will be for generations to come, a treasured community resource, a vibrant place for learning and an enduring cultural center. As public sector support is reduced or threatened, private support is crucial to sustaining and keeping College of Marin a vital community resource.

Elevating Our Community’s Quality of Life Through the Visual and Performing Arts

An important measure of a thriving community is the abundance of its artistic endeavors. From pre-historic petroglyphs to computer animation, from drumming circles to symphonies, artistic expression has long been a vital part of how we express our deepest cultural values, commemorate our most cherished rituals, and examine our most challenging issues. College of Marin Performing and Visual Arts Programs provide a nexus for inspiring creativity, learning, and personal growth through classes, cultural events, and community collaborations.

Preparing Students for Higher Degrees of Achievement

Known for its academic excellence, accessibility, and affordability, College of Marin is the place where generations of Marin residents have started their higher education. Many of the best paying careers today require a college degree. College of Marin offers courses that satisfy the lower division requirements for transfer as a junior to the University of California, California State University System, private universities, and out-of-state universities. Many thousands of College of Marin students have transferred to universities and earned baccalaureate and higher degrees. Students earning the first two-years of their baccalaureate at College of Marin save tens of thousands of dollars on the cost of the higher education. Thousands of our esteemed alumni have been successful in transferring to UC Berkeley and other prestigious schools.

A Workforce Development Engine Delivering Learning Opportunities for New Careers

College of Marin’s workforce preparation programs offer vital career training and skills development opportunities for students seeking good jobs in high demand fields. An associate in science degree (generally a two-year program) or a certificate
of proficiency (generally a one-year program) may be earned in a variety of fields, including nursing, automotive technology, court reporting, multi-media, accounting, organic farming, dental assisting and more. The curriculum for these programs is driven by industry demand and often requires new classroom technologies. Instructors too must keep their skills and certifications up to date.

A Vital Resource for Those in Need of Basic Skills and English as a Second Language

It is very difficult to succeed in life or find a good paying job without basic English and math skills. English as a Second Language (ESL) and basic skills classes at College of Marin provide students important opportunities to improve their English speaking, listening, reading, math, and writing skills. These classes help thousands of students each year with pre-employment preparation, community interaction, cultural enrichment and professional advancement. One of the fastest growing populations in Marin is comprised largely of those who speak English as a second language. By helping people become self-supporting members of society through education, College of Marin offers a cost-efficient and accessible option helping to increase employment and contribute to the overall quality of life in our community.

A Place Where Learning Continues

Lifelong learning at College of Marin provides high-quality learning opportunities and activities that challenge, inform, entertain, and enrich the lives of students of all ages. One program in particular, Emeritus College (EC) was established in 1974 for older adults. There are no previous educational requirements to participate in the array of exciting courses and activities offered through College of Marin’s Community Education Program, which is designed for students with a lifelong passion for learning. The benefits of lifelong learning are substantial, including improving health, increasing self-confidence, and learning new life skills.
Drama Department

Since its inception nearly 50 years ago, the highly acclaimed Drama Department at College of Marin has inspired thousands of students to dwell in the worlds of Shakespearean classics, celebrated musicals, improvisational comedy, historical monologues, and thought-provoking experimental productions.

Founded in 1964 by celebrated director James Dunn, a College of Marin graduate who received the 2011 Life Achievement Directing Award from the San Francisco Bay Area Critics Circle, the program has become a professional training ground for Hollywood movie stars, Broadway actors, and community theater headliners. Some of the best known graduates are Robin Williams, David Dukes, and Kathleen Quinlan; but hundreds of students have gone on to study in conservatories and work in academia, national repertories, television, and film. With over 250 productions to date, the department has earned numerous honors and its instructors have received many prestigious awards. The program offers students a unique opportunity to learn about the industry from seasoned professionals. The college recently received the 2012 Bohemian Best of the North Bay, Best Performing Arts Center in Marin County.

Dance Department

Since the Dance Program at College of Marin was founded in 1972 by the late Carol Ott, thousands of students have stepped, twirled, and pirouetted through the campus on their way to four-year college programs, professional careers, and other creative ventures. The dance program has a rich curricular diversity and also serves the creative goals of the community at-large.

One of the few community colleges in California to provide a comprehensive associate degree in dance, College of Marin’s six highly-trained dance instructors teach technique classes in beginning to advanced levels of Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Choreography, Conditioning/Injury Prevention and Technique Analysis,
Tap, African Haitian, Salsa, and Hip Hop. Students have joined with peers in Drama and Music to choreograph and stage musicals such as *Amadeus*, *My Fair Lady*, *West Side Story*, *Hair*, and *H.M.S. Pinafore*. Many students continued on to prestigious arts training and professional careers.

Faculty members have studied with illustrious teachers nationwide, owned dance companies, and been members of dance companies in the U.S. and abroad. Many have received grants and awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State of California, Marin County, and the Marin Arts Council. The program is preparing to move into new state-of-the-art facilities with two beautiful studios.

**Music Department**

The Music Department has been a vibrant part of the college for over 80 years, starting with a small orchestra and chorus in the late 1920s and blossoming to a comprehensive university-level transfer program devoted to inspiring a broad spectrum of artists and ground-breaking community performances.

Teaching excellence and creative collaborations with internationally acclaimed musicians have long established the Music Department as a key artistic contributor to the San Francisco Bay Area music scene. This great tradition is carried on by several large performance groups, including the College of Marin Symphony Orchestra, Marin Oratorio, the Symphonic Band, and Contemporary Opera Marin—all of which provide the community with free or low-cost performances both on campus and at venues throughout Marin County.

The Music Department offers a comprehensive music major program leading to an associate of arts degree in music or fulfilling the requirements to transfer to a college or university as a junior. Many Music Department alumni have gone on to successful careers in musical performance or composition in classical, jazz, popular, and film music. In addition to classes for music majors, a number of courses are appropriate for those wishing to rekindle their musical abilities and interests, increase instrumental or vocal competency, or perform with a large or small ensemble.
Our Sponsorship Opportunities

Special Opening Night Gala Performance Featuring Legendary Drama Professor James Dunn

Find out more about the benefits of becoming a sponsor or supporter of College of Marin’s Performing Arts Education Programs and events by calling 415.485.9528.

$50,000+ – Grand Finale Sponsor

- Presenting sponsor recognition at the Gala Performance
- Presenting sponsor recognition at Pre-show Talk with James Dunn and at the Reception
- Premier sponsor recognition at 2013 season performances
- Logo or name on Gala Performance tickets
- Preferred seating
- VIP parking
- Acknowledgement in COM class schedule distributed to 100,000 Marin County residents
- Mention in gala press release
- Name on donor wall
- Recognition on College of Marin’s Performing Arts Web page for one year
- Full-page recognition in gala program
- 8 premium tickets, including Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception
- Two seats dedicated
- 8 Drama Department Season Tickets

$25,000 – Showstopper Sponsor

- Premier sponsor recognition at Gala Performance
- Premier sponsor recognition at 2013 season performances
- Preferred seating
- VIP parking
- Acknowledgement in COM class schedule distributed to 100,000 Marin County residents
- Mention in gala press release
- Name on donor wall
- Recognition on College of Marin’s Performing Arts Web page for one year
- Full-page recognition in gala program
- 6 premium tickets, including Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception
- Two seats dedicated
- 6 Drama Department Season Tickets
$10,000 - Headliner Sponsor
• Premier sponsor recognition at Gala Performance
• Preferred seating
• VIP parking
• Acknowledgement in COM class schedule distributed to 100,000 Marin County residents
• Mention in gala press release
• Name on donor wall
• Recognition on College of Marin’s Performing Arts Web page for one year
• 1/3 page recognition in gala program
• 4 premium tickets, including Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception
• Two seats dedicated
• 4 Drama Department Season Tickets

$5,000 - Standing Ovation Sponsor
• Mention in gala press release
• Standing Ovation Sponsor recognition gift
• Acknowledgement in COM class schedule distributed to 100,000 Marin County residents
• Name on donor wall
• Recognition on College of Marin’s Performing Arts Web page
• 1/4 page recognition in gala program
• 2 premium tickets, including Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception
• One seat dedicated
• 2 Drama Department Season Tickets

$3,000 - Applause Sponsor
• Mention in gala press release
• Applause Sponsor recognition gift
• Acknowledgement in COM class schedule distributed to 100,000 Marin County residents
• Name on donor wall
• Recognition on College of Marin’s Performing Arts Web page
• 1/8 page recognition in gala program
• 2 premium tickets, including Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception
• One seat dedicated
• 2 Drama Department Season Tickets

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