

Broadway Bound Is Coming To Castro Valley

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Neil Simon's hit show "Broadway Bound" is opening at the Chanticleers Theatre in Castro Valley on Friday night, July 23 at 8:00 p.m. Time magazine referred to "Broadway Bound" as "The best play of the 1980's" and the NY Post called it "the most successful non-musical in American theatre history. The show is about a family's dreams: grandpa's, mom's, dad's, and their Broadway-bound sons'.

KGO radio personality, Marty Nemko, directs and from auditions held on May 24, has assembled a fine cast of actors from all over the Bay Area. The cast includes the husband and wife team of Chris Chapman (Jack) and Sue Trigg (Kate) (of Oakland) as the parents of the boys Stanley and Eugene, played by Patrick Barresi (of San Francisco) and Brady Woolery (of El Cerrito). Karol Strempeke (of Alameda) portrays Blanche and Kip Wixson (of Castro Valley) is Ben.

Chanticleers, Castro Valley's oldest theatre company (formerly The Little Red School House in Palomares Canyon), has been entertaining audiences since 1948. For 62 years, the group has performed some 190 shows.

Theatre goers attending the show on Friday, July 23, will be treated to Chanticleers' Opening Night Gala after the show, including complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres. "Broadway Bound" runs Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. through August 15, with twilight matinees on Sundays August 1, 8 and 15, curtain at 6:00 p.m. There will be talk-back sessions for audience members after the Sunday twilight matinee performances on August 1, 8 and 15. This is your chance to ask questions and hear special behind-the-scenes tidbits from the director and the entire cast. Doors open ½ hour prior to performances. For reservations call 510-SEE-LIVE (510-733-5483). Ticket prices are \$18 General, \$15 Students and Seniors (55+) (and bargain night pricing of \$13 for all seats on Friday, July 30). Performances are at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue, Castro Valley. Visit www.chanticleers.org.

Pictures Attached:

#1: (L to R) Patrick Barresi (Stanley) and Brady Woolery (Eugene) (Picture Credit: Sarah Linda Gossett-Raderman)

#2: Broadway Bound Cast: (L to R) Kip Wixson (Ben); Karol Strempeke (Blanche); Sue Trigg (Kate); Chris Chapman (Jack); Patrick Barresi (Stanley) and Brady Woolery (Eugene) (Picture Credit: Floyd Wayne)