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YMTC PRESENTS

Rodgers' and Hammerstein's **SOUTH PACIFIC** July 18 to July 27, 2014

Music by Richard Rodgers Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan

El Cerrito, CA (June 18, 2014) - Youth Musical Theater Company closes its ninth season with *South Pacific* to the stage this July. Directed by YMTC Artistic Director, **Jennifer Boesing** (*Sunday in the Park with George, Urinetown, Sweeney Todd*); Music Direction by **David Möschler** (San Jose Rep's *One Night with Janis Joplin*, West Edge Opera - *Hydrogen Jukebox*, Awesöme Orchestra, A.C. T. - *Mr. Burns*), and choreography by **Pam Crane**.

SOUTH PACIFIC runs from **July 18** to **July 27** at the El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater. Tickets (\$15-\$28) are now on-sale at www.ymtcberkeley.org or by phone at (510) 595-5514. Group, senior, student, and military discounts are available.

ABOUT THE SHOW:

Set in an island paradise during World War II, two parallel love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war: Nellie, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with a mature French planter, Emile but succumbs to her prejudice and refuses his marriage proposal upon discovering that the mother of his children was an island native. Meanwhile, Lt. Joe Cable denies himself a future with Liat, a local Tonkinese girl, out of the same fears. When Emile is recruited to accompany Joe on a dangerous mission that claims Joe's life, Nellie realizes that life is too short not to seize her own chance for happiness, thus confronting and conquering her prejudices.

Based on James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1947 book, **SOUTH PACIFIC** features such timeless favorites as "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "This Nearly Was Mine," and "There is Nothin' Like a Dame." The original Broadway production opened in April of 1947, winning the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1950 and ten Tony awards. The 2008 Broadway revival at Lincoln Center won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival.

About the Performers:

SOUTH PACIFIC will feature a cast of 36 students from 7th grade to university from San Francisco, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, and El Cerrito as well as a thirty piece live orchestra.

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CALENDAR LISTING:

Show Run: July 18 to July 27, 2014

Opens: Friday, July 18 at 7:30 pm

Press: Friday, July 18 at 7:30 pm or by arrangement

All performances: Friday 7:30 pm; Saturday at 7:30 pm; Sunday at 1:00 pm

Where: El Cerrito Theater for the Performing Arts

TICKET PRICES: General Admission: \$15-28. Tickets available at www.ymtcberkeley.org or at the door 1 hour prior to performance. For more information call 510-595-5514. Student, Senior, Group, and Military discounts available.

PHOTOS

High-resolution photos for **SOUTH PACIFIC** are available at www.ymtcberkeley.org/press-room/ or upon request by emailing lauren@ymtcberkeley.org