

SOUTHERN COLORADO REPERTORY THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES RETURNING CAST MEMBERS FOR 2010 SUMMER SEASON

TRINIDAD – The Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre (SCRT) announces the return of four audience-favorite actors, and a featured role for SCRT Artistic Director Fred Vaugeois, among its 2010 summer cast members. This year marks the company’s eighth summer theatre season and will include productions of **NUNSENSE**, **BABY** (a musical), and **SQUABBLES**.

Returning actors this season are Dianne Benjamin-Hill, Jake Williamson, Kent Randell and Courtney Capek. The latter three were favorite performers from the 2009 season. Benjamin-Hill first played at the SCRT in 2008.

In the 2009 Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre season, Williamson and Randell both performed in the runaway hit musical comedy **FOREVER PLAID**. Williamson played “Sparky” while Randell played “Smudge.” The show was a successful production for the SCRT, reaching record audiences in 2009. Capek was adored in her role as the title character in **SYLVIA**, a dog, and she also performed in **CRIMES OF THE HEART** as Babe Botrelle.

In 2009, Williamson played the role of Greg in **SYLVIA**, the title character’s owner. He also portrayed Doc Porter in **CRIMES OF THE HEART**. For the 2010 season Jake Williamson will perform in **BABY** as Danny, a first time young father, and in **SQUABBLES** as Hector, the Puerto Rican handyman, both roles adeptly suited to the talented performer.

The 2010 Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre summer season is Jake Williamson’s third with the company. A Denver resident, Jake has been working toward completion of his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre at Metropolitan State College. In 2008, Williamson was honored as a nominee of the Denver Post Ovation – Readers’ Choice Award for his role in **LEND ME A TENOR**, which he performed with SCRT.

Kent Randell returns to Trinidad this summer to take on the roles of Nick, the eager father and gym coach in **BABY** and as Jerry, the successful jingle writer in **SQUABBLES**. This year marks Randell’s second season with the SCRT. Last season he performed in **FOREVER PLAID**.

Capek, now in her third season at the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, can be seen this upcoming season in all three productions. In **NUNSENSE**, she performs the comical role of Sister Robert Anne. In **BABY**, she will play Lizzie, a young unmarried college student about to have her first child, and in **SQUABBLES**, Capek will perform as Alice, an attorney and wife of jingle-writer Jerry Sloan in the hilarious comedy.

Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre audiences will remember Dianne Benjamin-Hill from her 2008 season performances of Julie in the comedy **LEND ME A TENOR**, restaurant owner Hannah Ferguson in **SPITFIRE GRILL** and as the feisty Rita La Porta in the musical **LUCKY STIFF**. Benjamin-Hill is a member of Actor’s Equity Association, the national labor union representing professional actors. She comes to Trinidad from Minnetonka, Minnesota, this summer to perform as Mother Superior in the comedy spectacle **NUNSENSE**, as Arlene, a surprised forty-something soon to be mother in **BABY**, and as Mildred a bickering mother in the

humorous play **SQUABBLES**. It would appear to be Benjamin-Hill's season of "maternal" roles at SCRT.

Veteran of the stage and Artistic Director of Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, Fred Vaugeois will perform the role of the loveable curmudgeon, Abe, in this season's production of **SQUABBLES**. Vaugeois last performed on the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre stage in the farce RUMORS in 2006. He also gave a heartwarming performance in the role of Nunzio in the Italian play OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS in 2005.

Winner of four Outer Critics Circle Awards including Best Off Broadway Musical, in its original New York production, **NUNSENSE** is a show about a fundraiser put on by the Little Sisters of Hoboken to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God). It is zany and outrageously funny, but be warned, **NUNSENSE** is habit forming.

BABY tells the story of three couples on a university campus as they deal with the painful, rewarding and agonizingly funny consequences of this universal experience. There are the college students, barely at the beginning of their adult lives; the thirty-some things, having trouble conceiving but determined to try; and the middle aged parents, looking forward to seeing their last child graduate from college when a night of unexpected passion lands them back where they started.

SQUABBLES pits a father in law against a mother in a comedic succession of bickering. Jerry Sloan is a successful writer of advertising jingles married to an equally successful lawyer. Living with the happy couple is the not so happy Abe Dreyfus, Jerry's curmudgeon of a father in law. Abe is a funny guy to the audience, but not to Jerry. The situation is exacerbated when Jerry's mother Mildred loses her house in a fire and needs a place to stay. Abe and Mildred can't stand each other. This play is one hilarious confrontation after another until the heart-warming finale.

For ticket information please contact the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre at www.SCRTheatre.org, 719-846-4765 or visit the Box Office at 132 East Main Street in Trinidad. Season tickets prices start at \$35 for all three productions and single performance ticket prices start at \$13.