

PRESS RELEASE

The Vacaville Ballet Company presents brand new pirate-themed production May 16-18

VACAVILLE, CALIF. Apr. 28, 2014 – The Vacaville Ballet Company will present *Mutiny!* on Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18 at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive.

Evening performances on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 at 7pm and afternoon performances on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 at 1pm. Tickets are available at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre box office, open Tues.-Fri. 12pm-6pm. Tickets range from \$15-\$20. Visit www.vacavilleballetcompany.org or www.vpat.net for more information.

Artistic Director, Cassandra Kamakeeiana, has created an all new, pirate-themed, swashbuckling ballet filled with daring sword fights and adrenaline-pumping treasure hunts that pose the question: What are you willing to lose and take from others in order to gain your precious treasure?

Mutiny! follows the Captain, performed by Vacaville High School and Vanden seniors Abby Sculley and Macie La Grand, and her First Mate, performed by Vacaville Christian High School Junior Katelyn Reid and Will C. Wood Sophomore Victoria Joyce, on the open sea. The Captain's ever-consuming need for more gold in attempt to fill the deep chasm where her heart once was only yields innocent bloodshed. On their last raid, the crew finds the family that holds the last piece of the treasure map. Some of the pirates don't want that blood on their hands and the First Mate and her faithful companions are thrown overboard after they take a stand against the Captain and her blinded greed.

The beaten mutineers yearn for reassurance there is more to life than their meager attempts to find earthly riches. Piled in their dingy, the waves swell and they are taken in by the sea and encounter all aquatic wildlife, including the beautiful ladies of the sea, lead by the enchanting Mermaid, performed by Winters High School senior Jill Oates and Justin-Siena High School senior Angelica Bouzos.

The Mermaids help the mutineers find land and they wake up on the sandy shore, realizing they are on the very island the treasure resides! But they are not alone. They find themselves along all varieties of wildlife as well as the Captain's crew and the race is on to see who will find the treasure first! What will be found in the hearts of our mutineers? Have they truly changed their ways and decided to use their new gifts for the good of others? Or, like the Captain, will they be captivated by the beauty of these riches and ensnared by their own greed? For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Mutiny! includes music from the soundtracks of Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies, composed by Klaus Badelt and Hans Zimmer.

Mrs. Kamakeeiana was initially inspired by the dramatic and diverse music as well as a childhood growing up with such classics as Robert Louis' *Treasure Island* and even 1980's fan favorite *The Goonies*, among others. Mrs. Kamakeeiana's own personal views and life experiences served as the foundation of this original story giving it depth, topped with the expected sword fights and treasure hunts we have all come to expect from a pirate adventure.

In January, 2014, the Vacaville Ballet Company found its new home within the Royal School of Ballet in Downtown Vacaville, 409 Main Street.