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Ross Valley Players Presents The Musical THE HELLO GIRLS

Opening January 30, 2026 at The Barn Theatre, Marin Art & Garden Center

An untold World War I story comes alive in a musical that is joyful, uplifting, and deeply inspiring.

ROSS, CA – Ross Valley Players (RVP) is proud to present The Hello Girls, a moving and entertaining musical by Peter C. Mills and Cara Reichel that brings to life the extraordinary true story of America's first women soldiers. The production opens Friday, January 30, 2026, following a preview performance on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at The Barn Theatre, located on the beautiful campus of the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross, CA.

The Hello Girls tells the remarkable story of bilingual telephone operators recruited by the U.S. Army during World War I and sent to France to operate critical communication lines near the front. Though their service was vital to the war effort, these women were denied recognition as veterans for decades. This production celebrates their courage, resilience, and determination through storytelling that is as joyful and entertaining, as it is meaningful.

Blending heartfelt storytelling with music inspired by early 20th-century styles, The Hello Girls offers audiences an uplifting and empowering theatrical experience that honors service, while delighting audiences every step of the way.

Cast

- Grace Banker by Monica Rose Slater
- Suzanne Prevot by Grace Margaret Craig
- Louise Le Breton by Jacqueline Lee
- Helen Hill by Malia Abalone
- Bertha Hunt by Abigail Wissink
- General Pershing by Joseph Walters
- Captain Riser by Nelson Brown
- Soldier Matterson by Dean Marchant
- Soldier #1 by Mikey Lister

• Soldier #2 by Landers Markwick

Understudies

- Emma Gardner
- Olivia Quinn
- Maeve Smith
- Jonathan Blue

Creative Team

- **Director:** Maeve Smith
- **Producer:** Steve Price
- **Producer:** David Smith
- Stage Manager: Dianne Harrison
- Assistant Stage Manager: Ben Vasquez
- Set Design: Ron Krempetz
- Sound & Projections Design: Billie Cox
- Costume Design: Valera Coble
- Lighting Design: Frank Sarubbi
- Choreography: Jonathan Blue
- Property Design: Dianne Harrison
- Master Builder: Michael Walraven
- Dialect Coach: John Rustan
- Musical Director: Christopher Hewitt
- Scenic Painting: Dhyanis

Performance Information

• **Dates:** January 30 – March 1, 2026

• Preview: Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

• Opening Night: Friday, January 30, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

• Press Night: Friday, January 30, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

• Performances: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

• Location: The Barn Theatre, Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross, CA

• Tickets: \$45 General Admission; \$30 ages 18 and under. Available at <u>rossvalleyplayers.com</u>

<u>Press tickets:</u> two press tickets are issued for Friday, January 30, 2026. RVP will accommodate other date requests as necessary. Email <u>boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com</u> to exchange tickets once received (If available).

The following productions complete the 96th Season. Please note the information about press tickets and exceptions to the regular schedule.

RVP NEW WORKS: TÚ SOLO TÚ by Bay Area playwright Ramón Bustos

Directed by David Acevedo

March 27 – April 12, 2026

Preview: Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Night: Friday, March 27, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Press Night: Friday, March 27, 2026, at 7:30 PM

Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Exceptions: 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, February 14.

MS. HOLMES & MS. WATSON – APT. 2B by Kate Hamil

Directed by Mary Ann Rodgers

May 15 – June 14, 2026

Preview: Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Night: Friday, May 15, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Press Night: Friday, May 15, 2026, at 7:30 PM

Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Exceptions: 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, May 30.

TICKET INFORMATION

Season subscriptions are available at www.rossvalleyplayers.com. Single tickets are \$45 and \$30 for previews and ages 18 and under. Group rates are available: \$38 per ticket for groups of 8–12 and \$36 per ticket for groups of 13 or more. RVP members receive a \$4 discount. Group rates available for groups of 8 or more. There are no additional ticket fees. Contact the box office at boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com for more information.

BARN THEATRE

All performances occur at the Barn Theatre on the campus of the Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., in Ross. Parking is found in the Center's main parking lot.

ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

Founded in 1930, Ross Valley Players is one of the longest running community theaters around. RVP is proud of our many awards and nominations. Among others, our productions have been nominated by Dean Goodman, the Bay Area Theater Critics Circle (BATCC), and Theatre Bay Area (TBA) Awards. RVP is also proud to be the resident theater company at the Marin Art and Garden Center. Visit our website at http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com for more information.