



# News Release

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## **Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre presents classic Cole Porter musical *Anything Goes* at the Firehouse Arts Center**

**Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter**  
**Original Book by P.G. Wodehouse & Guy Bolton**  
**and Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse**  
**New Book by Timothy Crouse & John Weidman**

**Pleasanton, CA, December 19, 2016 — Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre is proud to present the classic Cole Porter musical *Anything Goes* with Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter, Original Book by P.G. Wodehouse & Guy Bolton and Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse, and New Book by Timothy Crouse & John Weidman**

The show will run from January 28 through February 12, 2017: Fridays, 2/3 & 2/10 at 8pm; Saturdays, 1/28 & 2/4 & 2/11 at 8pm; Saturday matinees, 2/4 & 2/11 at 2pm; and Sunday matinees 1/29 & 2/12 at 2pm. All performances will take place at Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue located in Pleasanton, CA. Tickets are \$19-\$40 each, and are available at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or online at [www.pcrtproductions.org](http://www.pcrtproductions.org) or [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

### **Synopsis:**

The S. S. American is sailing between New York and England with a comically colorful assemblage of passengers: Reno Sweeney, a popular nightclub singer and former evangelist, her pal Billy Crocker, a lovelorn Wall Street broker who has come aboard to try to win the favor of his beloved Hope Harcourt (who is engaged to another passenger, Sir Evelyn Oakleigh), and a second-rate conman named Moonface Martin, aka “Public Enemy #13.” Song, dance, and farcical antics ensue as Reno and Moonface try to help Billy win the love of his life. It’s a wonder that all the romances are sorted out and disaster is averted aboard the magical ship where ***Anything Goes!***

This rousing, big dance musical spectacular is an amusing story wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores. Terrific Cole Porter songs include: *It's De-Lovely*, *Friendship*, *I Get A Kick Out Of You*, *All Through The Night*, *Anything Goes*, *You're The Top* and *Blow, Gabriel, Blow*.

**Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's *Anything Goes*:**

Critically acclaimed, professional Director/Actor, David Judson, will direct this Cole Porter classic at the intimate Firehouse Arts Center. He will be supported in bringing this vision to the Firehouse stage by acclaimed Music Director, Brett Strader and Choreographer, Suzanne Brandt.

Of PCRT's production of this classic musical, Judson says, "I am absolutely thrilled to work with this big, professional cast. *Anything Goes* features incredible Cole Porter music and fantastic dancing, including tap. This show is sure to have our audience humming the famous tunes and tapping their feet as they watch this spectacle. I'm equally thrilled to work with such an incredible creative team including the critically acclaimed Music Director Brett Strader and Choreographer Suzanne Brandt. This show features Broadway National Touring actors and amazing professional dancers. Our pro orchestra will be playing their hearts out. Join us for a truly upbeat, fun, entertaining, joyful, and invigorating time."

The cast features national touring professional actors, including **Joy Sherratt\*** as "Reno Sweeney" (national tours of *Grease*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*) and **Christopher Vettel\*** as "Sir Evelyn Oakleigh" (national tours of *Annie* and *Sunset Boulevard*) – both of whom were last seen on the PCRT stage in the World Premiere of *Enchanted April-A New Musical Romance*. In addition, professional actors **Amy Franklin Leonards\*** as "Hope Harcourt" (commercial credits including Legal Zoom, Leap Frog, and Salesforce, "Marian" in PCRT's *Music Man* and last seen as the lead character, "Rose", in *Enchanted April*) and **Michael Patrick Gaffney\*** as "Elisha Whitney" (*Shear Madness* and his solo show, *The Oldest Living Cater Waiter* at the SF Fringe Festival which received one of the Best of Fringe Awards) will appear with other regional professionals and a fully professional orchestra. Rounding out the principle characters is **Tim Wagner** as "Billy Crocker" (last seen with PCRT in *Singin' in the Rain* and recently seen in *Showgirls The Musical*, West Coast Premiere -- Peaches Christ Productions at the Victoria Theatre in San Francisco).

[\*Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers]

During the run of the show, theatre lovers can also enjoy a special opportunity to interact with the actors:

- A Free *Inside the Show* discussion with the actors and director will take place after the Sunday Matinee performance on January 29, 2017.

**Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre** celebrates human life by engaging audiences with Professional, Innovative and Inspiring theatre in the Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton. [www.pcrtproductions.org](http://www.pcrtproductions.org)

**The Firehouse Arts Center** is dedicated to inspiring passion through the arts. In the Firehouse Arts Center, we combine the sophistication of the culturally rich Bay Area arts landscape with the intimacy of our own hometown to achieve the ultimate representation the best features of our Pleasanton community. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

# *Anything Goes*

## FACT SHEET

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Music Direction by Brett Strader

Choreography by Suzanne Brandt

Staring Joy Sherratt\* as “Reno Sweeney”, Christopher Vettel\* as “Sir Evelyn Oakleigh”, Amy Franklin Leonards\* as “Hope Harcourt”, Michael Patrick Gaffney\* as “Elisha Whitney”, and Tim Wagner as “Billy Crocker”, along with a talented cast and ensemble of professional and regional actors.

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**WHAT:** *Anything Goes* presented by Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

**WHERE:** Firehouse Arts Center  
4444 Railroad Avenue located in Pleasanton, CA 94566

**WHEN:** **January 28, 2017 – February 12, 2017**  
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**SPECIAL EVENTS:** *Inside the Show*: Following the 2pm matinee performance on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

**COST:** \$19-\$40  
Season Subscription also available  
**Discounts:** 10% discount is available to groups of 10 or more, contact the box office directly

**TICKETS:** (925) 931-4848 or online at [www.pcrtproductions.org](http://www.pcrtproductions.org)