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CABRILLO STAGE RESURRECTS THE MARX BROTHERS IN MUSICAL FARCE
A Night At The Nutcracker brings together song, slapstick comedy,
and the ballet for a zany Christmas treat

APTOS—Cabrillo Stage, the professional musical theatre company at Cabrillo College, concludes their 31st repertory season with the West Coast premiere of the musical farce *A Night At the Nutcracker*, playing December 14 through 30 at the Cabrillo Crocker Theater.

The Marx Brothers played havoc with the worlds of opera and horse racing. What if they'd had a crack at a ballet company? The hilarity ensues in this musical comedy when the world's greatest detective, Felix T. Filibuster teams up with Pinchie the silent butler and his Italian friend, Pepponi. Together they come to the rescue of Constance Stuffington, patron of the arts, whose fortune has been swindled away. Can opening night of the city's *Nutcracker Suite Ballet* be saved in time? With slapstick comedy, one-liners, chases, beautiful girls, musical numbers and the craziest version of *The Nutcracker* you'll ever see, ***A Night at the Nutcracker*** is a Christmas musical treat that's fun for the whole family!

Audiences can expect to see their favorite Cabrillo Stage actors, such as Nicholas Ceglio as Groucho (Felix T. Filibuster), Max Bennett-Parker as Chico (Pepponi) and Matt Dunn as Harpo (Pinchie). Andrew Ceglio directs the production, while Jon Nordgren music directs the full pit orchestra.

EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS - December 15!

Don't miss a rare treat to meet and talk with the authors of *A Night At the Nutcracker*, Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, along with composer Ed Alton, on Saturday, December 15. There will be a free reception open to the public, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Cabrillo Sesnon House. Reception is limited to first 160 guests. Please RSVP at www.cabrillostage.com. After the evening's performance expect a lively Q&A at the post-show discussion with authors, actors and directors in the Crocker Theater.

WHAT: Cabrillo Stage's *A Night At The Nutcracker*

WHEN: December 14 - 30, 2012

Wednesday - Sunday evenings at 7:30 PM, weekend matinees at 2:00 PM

WHERE: Cabrillo Crocker Theater, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA

TICKETS: Online now at www.cabrillostage.com.

Staffed box office at 831-479-6154 starting November 27. Prices \$20 - \$40 (*includes ticket fees*).

Night with Authors: Saturday, December 15, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Seson House. Please RSVP at www.cabrillostage.com for admittance.

About Cabrillo Stage

Cabrillo Stage is a non-profit, non-union professional summer stock musical theatre company dedicated to presenting full-scale Broadway musicals to the greater Monterey Bay Area. Producing a diversity of musical theatre works with the goal of educating as well as giving its audiences quality family entertainment, Cabrillo Stage is recognized as one of the three major annual performing arts events in Santa Cruz County. Each summer since 1981, Cabrillo Stage has provided thousands of Santa Cruz county residents and visitors with unforgettable, critically acclaimed productions, noted for innovative sets, beautiful costumes, an outstanding pit orchestra and talented, professional performers. Cabrillo Stage is committed to providing a nurturing, supportive, artistic environment that allows all of its artisans, professional and non-professional, the opportunity to create musicals with high quality production values.