Cabrillo College’s Theatre Arts Department will present the popular Tony Award winning musical comedy Sweet Charity, November 6 through 21, at The Cabrillo Crocker Theater. A percentage of ticket sales from each performance will benefit a different local non-profit.

Written by Neil Simon and originally conceived for the stage by Bob Fosse, “Sweet Charity” is a tender, poignant and consistently funny look at the adventures, or rather the misadventures, in the ways of love encountered by the gullible and guileless lady known as Charity Hope Valentine. Charity, a young New Yorker working as a dance hall hostess, has few prospects in life but always dreams that there is something better in store for her, even though she always gives her heart and her dreams to the wrong man.

Charity sings, dances, laughs and cries her way through romances with the “animal magnetism” hero, the “ultra-chic continental” hero, and the “impossible-to-believe-but-he’s-better-than-nothing” type hero.

"‘Sweet Charity’ is set in New York City in the early 1960’s when the ‘hip’ new Beat Generation was emerging from the post-war, Donna Reed era,” states director Kathryn Adkins. "Young people were trying to make sense of life through poetry, bongos and the works of French surrealists like Jean Genet and Marcel Duchamp. Charity is a free spirit, hopeful for the future, who embraces life. She could easily be a ‘Beat’ woman and yet at the
same time she yearns for a little home and family with a man who will love her. My vision for this production includes all these contradictions." It also includes choreography by Deanna Ross and musical direction and live orchestra conducted by Don Adkins.

Composer Cy Coleman has captured the rhythms and sounds of the time, and lyricist Dorothy Fields the vernacular and fun of New York.

The show is a comedy in every sense of the word, as playwright Neil Simon has a particular talent for looking at the truly amusing side of life. Don't miss the classic song and dance numbers such as "Big Spender," "If My Friends Could See Me Now," "There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This," and many more.

Pick a night to see Sweet Charity that supports your favorite local charity:
November 6 - Dominican Hospital Foundation • November 7 - Walnut Street Women's Center • November 12 - CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) • November 13 - Santa Cruz Community Counseling • November 14 - Hospice of Santa Cruz County • November 19 - Family Service Agency of the Central Coast • November 20 - 3PM Matinee - Santa Cruz Aids Project • November 20 - Evening Performance - WomenCARE • November 21 - Jacobs Heart

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**What:** Cabrillo Theatre Arts Department presents "Sweet Charity"
**When:** November 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 Friday & Saturday Nights at 8 PM Sunday Matinees 11/7, 11/14, 11/21 at 2 PM Saturday Matinee 11/20 at 3 PM
**Where:** Cabrillo Crocker Theater, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos
**Tickets:** www.ticketguys.com or 831-479-6331 $20 General, $16 Students/Seniors, $13 w/Activity Card or Under 10.