



## Press Release

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# *Nunsense*

*April 15 through May 16*

*(March 26, 2010):* The Covina Center for the Performing Arts announces the opening of Dan Groggin's musical review *Nunsense* April 15, for a six week run at its newly reconstructed facility at Citrus and Badillo. *Nunsense* will be performed Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm with Sunday matinees offered at 2 pm.

*Nunsense* opened in 1985 and became the second longest running off-Broadway show in musical theatre history, winning Outer Critic Circle Awards for Best Book, Best Music and Best Production. The show is a musical review staged by five nuns seeking to raise money for the burials of departed sisters who have been poisoned by a tainted batch of vichyssoise. Desperate for funds, the sisters co-opt a local high school stage for their review, handily performing star solo turns, dance routines and audience quizzes on a set that remains from the school's recent production of the musical *Grease*.

Featured in CCPA's production are veterans and newcomers to the CCPA stage from throughout the San Gabriel Valley, Long Beach and Los Angeles. *Sally Robinson* is the Mother Superior Sister Mary Regina, a former circus performer; *Jacquelyn Levy* is her ambitious second in command, Sister Hubert; *Caitlin Lopez* is the street-wise Sister Mary Regina; *Ann Villella* is ballerina wanna-be, Sister Mary Leo, and *Joanna Levin* is Sister Mary Amnesia, a novice who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. *Amanda Ditto* and *Christina Wagenet* complete the ensemble.

The production is directed by Alison England Sam, most recently seen in her one-woman show '*Opera, Broadway, and Beyond*' at CCPA. England Sam also performed *Mama Rose* in 2009's *Gypsy* and directed *HMS Pinafore* at CCPA in October, 2009. Yazmine Fleming-Peterson is musical director for *Nunsense*; Dan Cloud is performance pianist. Angelo Collado is producer/technical director and Stacy Benjamin will stage manager, assisted by Adreinne Mora.

Tickets for the production, which will run until May 16, are \$34, and may be obtained by calling the box office at 626-331-8133 or by visiting the CCPA website at [www.covinacenter.com](http://www.covinacenter.com).

