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## **Santa Cruz Shakespeare presents Alfred Hitchcock's *THE 39 STEPS***

*Patrick Barlow's modern adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's 'man on the run' comedic thriller opens at the DeLaveaga Park on July 8, 2017.*

**Santa Cruz, CA** – Santa Cruz Shakespeare presents *The 39 Steps* adapted by Patrick Barlow from the comedic thriller by Alfred Hitchcock. *The 39 Steps*, the first play in Santa Cruz Shakespeare's 2017 repertory season, previews July 5 through July 7, and opens on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at 8:00pm. All performances are at The Grove in DeLaveaga Park and run through September 3, 2017.

*The 39 Steps*, a four-actor farce, follows a dashing fugitive, Richard Hannay, as he goes on the run after the murder of a woman, Annabella Schmidt, whom he had only met just before her death. In order to clear his name, he searches for a group of spies who were pursuing her and threatening Britain's security. Hannay encounters on his adventures a plethora of whimsical characters all played by two actors and one actress.

*The 39 Steps* features Brian Smolin in the title role of the fugitive 'Hannay,' Grace Rao as 'Annabella,' 'Margaret,' and 'Pamela,' Mike Ryan as 'Clown 1,' and Allen Gilmore as 'Clown 2.'

*The 39 Steps* is directed by Paul Mullins, whose productions with SCS include last season's *Hamlet* and with the previous Shakespeare Santa Cruz *Henry V*. Scenic co-design by Annie Smart and Justine Law, costume design by B. Modern, sound design is by Steven Cahill, and lighting design by Kent Dorsey.

- WHAT:** **Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps***  
adapted by Patrick Barlow, directed by Paul Mullins
- WHEN:** Previews: July 5, 6, 7  
Opening: July 8 playing through September 3  
Evening performances start at 7:30 PM and 8:00 PM.  
Matinee performances start at 2:00 PM.
- WHERE:** In The Grove at DeLaveaga Park
- TICKETS:** **Online:** [www.santacruzshakespeare.org/tickets](http://www.santacruzshakespeare.org/tickets)  
**By Phone:** 831-460-6399  
**Ticket Office Phone Hours:** Tuesday–Friday 12:00PM–5:00PM
- TICKET PRICES:** \$25 – \$55 for single tickets.  
Member tickets, group rates, student and senior discounts, and special preview prices are available.  
\$25 Rush tickets are available one hour prior to performances.

*For press tickets, or to arrange an interview with Mike Ryan, Artistic Director, or other SCS artists, contact Lane Jouvett, Marketing Director at 831-460-6396, x6.*

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