



# *Holiday* Memories

The Quarantine Edition

Directed by Maggie Mixsell



Group E

Anne Bach, Cami Helmuth & Gary James

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## A Note from the Executive Director Teri Ball

During these strange and challenging times, we may not be able to open our doors for live performances, but that doesn't mean we can't bring you wonderful entertainment from the artists of Santa Barbara. Since May we have produced several different digital offerings in our ongoing Digital Arts Festival. Visit our website to learn about the other [Holiday Memories Videos](#), our [Pianos on State Street Concert](#) and the other great events. We have some more fun surprises coming up. Your support of this series, and all these digital events, will help us survive this intermission and be ready to welcome all our artists and audiences back hopefully very soon! We are doing everything we can to keep our staff employed and the theater lights on, and we appreciate your help in making that possible. Enjoy the show, tell your friends, and please stay safe and healthy. (Don't forget to wash your hands, stay 6 feet apart and wear your mask!)

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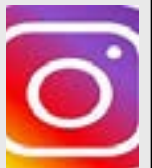
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We are celebrating our 30th Birthday this year and would love to see & hear about your memories of your Center Stage adventures. Share your photos and stories on Facebook or Instagram, or email them to us and we will share them. While we can't gather at least we can enjoy some fun shared memories!  
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**HOLIDAY MEMORIES  
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*Better To Give Than To Receive*

**by Cami Helmuth**

*Once Upon An Easter*

**by Gary James**

*Kendall Christmas Show*

**by Anne Bach**

**A Center Stage Theater Production**

**Directed by Maggie Mixsell**

**Lighting by Antonio Cruz Ventura**

**Video Editing by Kaede “Kai” Kogo**

**Production Consultant Vickie Scott**

## Performers



**Anne Bach** is a Marriage and Family Therapist who specializes in the uses of writing for healing. She is also a writing teacher who leads workshops on the creative process for screenwriting conferences, advertising agencies, and writer's groups. She also consulted on a documentary for Warner Brothers. She is a poet who has given many readings. As an actor, she has done a range of stage and feature film work. Her most recent performance was in a memoir evening produced by the Marsh Stage in Berkeley.



**Cami Helmuth** has enjoyed writing, performing and painting for many years, and appreciates the opportunity to bring one of her personal stories to life once again here at Center Stage Theater. She wishes to thank her husband John for his never ending support, and Maggie and Teri for directing and producing this virtual show with their usual professionalism and sense of humor. You can see Cami's artwork at [www.artworkbycamihelmuth.com](http://www.artworkbycamihelmuth.com), and more of her stories at [www.camihelmuth.com](http://www.camihelmuth.com).



**Gary James:** After decades of being part of the workaday world I have the luxury of exploring other ways to occupy my time, at my leisure. Writing has emerged as a newfound passion. Choosing words to match my thoughts, editing, refining and at some point declaring a piece "finished". I feel a kinship to canvas artists or songwriters (of which I am one) who could go on and on with a new dab of paint or a new musical lick, but alas, must put down the paint brush or the emerging tune and offer up the completed work...I hope you enjoy this, my most recent word painting... my most recent word song! Please visit my website at [www.innertunespublishing.com](http://www.innertunespublishing.com).



**Maggie Mixsell, (Director)** teaches performance and directing classes at SBCC. For seventeen years she was the Artistic Director & Director of Education Speaking of Stories. She previously taught in the BFA Acting program and for the Orientation division at UCSB. She received her Masters Degree in Dramatic Art with a directing emphasis in 1995 from UCSB. Her most recent productions as a director include Kate Cortesi's *LOVE* at Center Stage, Sam Shepherd's *Back Bog Beast Bait* at UCSB, *Lady and the Clarinet*, *Burn This* and *Camping with Henry and Tom* for which Maggie won the Independent Theatre Award for Directing. Other local shows directed by Maggie include *Two Rooms*, *Keely and Du*, *Mark Twain: the Trouble Begins at Eight*, *Eleemosynary* and *The Glass Menagerie*. Before concentrating on directing, Maggie worked as a lighting designer having credits with Maverick Players, Dramatic Women and the Santa Barbara Shakespeare Festival. Maggie will be teaching two performance classes through SBCC Adult Education in the spring semester of 2021.



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*While we are unable to welcome audiences back in person, we will continue to offer videos like these to bring you great entertainment and to help sustain the theater through this prolonged intermission. With your help we will be here for another 30 years! If you enjoyed the performance please help us spread the word! Invite your friends to purchase this video through our website and stay tuned for more!*

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