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Maraya Performing Arts
Bonita Vista High School Bolles Theater
April 17-18, 2026

The GRUNCH

A New Children's
Musical

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome to WHOOVER ACADEMY!

The Grunch explores themes of family, teamwork, kindness, and resilience. I chose this show because it embodies so much of what we teach at Maraya Performing Arts.

This production is especially meaningful to me because it brings me full circle. I grew up right here in the South Bay. The room you are sitting in today is the actual choir room where I spent my high school years. I graduated from Bonita Vista High School in 1992, and returning decades later feels both surreal and deeply nostalgic. Not much has changed since then. The familiarity of this school makes this the perfect space to transform, to imagine, and immerse ourselves in the magic of storytelling.

There are lyrics in this show that describe our students' journey...

"If you love something you gotta go after it, look to your gut. Be the one who's tried everything possible no matter what. There are things out there evil and dangerous but you'll get by. Dreams will come to you like you want them to...if you just try."

I am beyond proud of the dedication, creativity, and courage our students have brought to this stage. What they have accomplished together is something truly special. And just as importantly, our families have shown up with unwavering support - helping to build a vibrant, connected community. Together, we have created something bigger than a show...we have created a team, a family, and a shared experience that reflects exactly what Maraya Performing Arts is about.

The Grunch reminds us to follow our passions even if it's scary. It's about daring to dream anyway.

So if there's something you love...go after it.

Trust your gut.

Just Try.

Because that's where the magic begins.

With gratitude,
Anjanette Maraya-Ramey
(Miss AJ)

Maraya Performing Arts Academy

presents

THE GRUNCH: A NEW CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Book, Music and Lyrics by
Denver Casado and Betina Hershey

Music Arrangements by
Denver Casado

Additional Material by
Brian Dawson

Producer, Director and Choreographer:
Anjanette Maraya-Ramey

Music Director:
Melanie Jimenez

SONGS

Only the Theatre For Me	Drama Group, Grunch, Mills
More Like Me	Grunch, Mills, Apple
We're Gonna Write a Musical	Principal Augustus, Mrs. Woods, Drama Club, Grunch, Mills
How Can a Critic	Mrs. Grunch, Critics
Jazz Hands	Drama Club, Grunch, Mills
Three Feet Tall	Junior Stars, Principal Augustus, Mrs. Woods, Isadora
Train to Whoover	Conductor, Mrs. Grunch, Critics
All Part of the Magic	Rachel, Allen, Jamie
If You Love Something	Isadora, Junior Stars
More Like Me (Reprise)	Grunch, Mills
All Part of the Magic (Reprise)	Drama Club
The Whoover Muisical	Principal Augustus, Mrs. Woods, Drama Club, Mrs. Grunch, NY Post Critic
All Part of the Magic Finale	FULL CAST
Curtain Call	FULL CAST

CAST

***Members of our Musical Theatre Competition Team**

Rudy Grunch	*Roman Vicente Mendez
Mills, Junior Star	*Luke Gonzalez
Harper	Artemis Piña
Jayden, Critic	*Abygail Laguitan
Leslie, Critic	*Azul Gonzalez-Zepeda
Chris, Junior Star	Josiah Quimlat
Collin, Critic	*Easton Armas
Rachel	Sophia Carles
Robyn, NY Post Critic	Daisy Bernardo
Javier	*Ann Frankenberger
Jamie	Eloise Parada
Allen	Alyssa Cobian
Isadora	Camilla Perez
Principal Augustus & Reporter	*Dale Frankenberger
Mrs. Woods	Penelope Valle
Mrs. Grunch, Drama Club Kid	Izzie Nosal
Junior Star: Apple	Adelyn Stellin
Junior Star, Train Conductor	Esme Torres
Junior Star	Emiliano Aguilera
Junior Star	Jordyn Roberson

Production & Creative Teams

Producer, Director, Choreographer	Anjanette Maraya-Ramey
Music Director	Melanie Jimenez
Costumes	Rochelle Pinarivera (Chair), Carmen Arcineaga (Chair), Jem Frankenberger, Janelle Villa
Sets & Props	Bill Stellin (Chair), Karina Armas, Camille Galang, Oscar Perez, Paola Parada,
Hair & Makeup	Sierra Lopez, Izzie Nosal, Artemis Piña, Rochelle Pinarivera
Show Chairs	Alejandra Pereyra, Elizabeth Stellin, Nancy Zepeda

CREW

Parent Committees

Marketing	Monique and Danny Quimlat (Chairs), Paola Parada
Fundraising and Sponsorships	Crystina Roman (Chair), Liz Castro (Chair) Monique and Danny Quimlat, Richard and Jade Cobian, Alejandra Pereyra, Mayra Carles
House Management	Monique and Danny Quimlat (Chairs), Karina Armas, Tom Frankenberger
Green Room	Jem Frankenberger (Chair), Rochelle Pinarivera (Chair), Jade Cobian, Sierra Lopez, Sandra Lopez, Alejandra Pereyra
Load In/Load Out Crew	Jem Frankenberger (Chair), Camille Galang (Chair), Oscar Perez, Willie Armas, Liz Castro, Richard Cobian, Bill Stellin
Run Crew	Jem Frankenberger (Chair), Liz Castro, Nancy Zepeda, Elizabeth and Bill Stellin

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SHOUT OUTS:

Sophia! We are so very proud of all that you do and work hard for. We love you so so much! Hugging you extra tight. Love, Azaria and Kira

Sophie, I love watching you light up on stage. Your love for performing is so fun and contagious. It's been so special watching you grow and find your confidence. I'm so proud of you—keep shining. Love you always. Love, Mom

Roman, watching you shine on stage makes us so incredibly proud. Wishing you the best of luck and a fantastic show! We love you! — Uncle, Aunt Stephanie, Chinito, and Gohan.

Congratulations Easton! We are all so proud and excited for you! Keep shining and following your dreams. Well done. Bravo! We love you Easton!!!! Grandma and Grandpa Armas

Congratulations Alyssa! From, Joe Ferma

Alyssa, use your super-powers! Inclusion matters! Love, Familia Cobian

Anjanette, Congratulations, Anak! We love you and are so proud of you. Ingat and Mahal Kita, Mom and Dad.

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Alejandra Pereyra + Family

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SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Thank you to our parents and families who made this show possible and for allowing me the privilege of teaching your children.

To our donors and sponsors who make our program financially viable and sustainable.

To Melanie Jimenez, our amazing Music Director for her can-do attitude and adaptability.

To my parents Romy and Josie Maraya who made me the woman I am today. Thanks for forcing me to sing Karaoke, play piano, and for teaching me humility and gratitude.

To beautiful husband, Mr. Matt Ramey who continues to fuel me with love and support. To our amazing fur baby, Phoebe who provides comfort and is the official Maraya studio mascot!

Please consider making a financial donation to ensure that our youth have continued support to participate in programs and musical productions for many years to come!

www.marayaarts.com/donate

*Maraya Performing Arts Collective is our 501c3 nonprofit arm.
All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.*

PHOTOS



Daisy, We are so proud of you and your hard work. We love you! Mom and Dad.



Alyssa, use your super-powers!
Inclusion matters! Love, Familia Cobian



Job well done, Camilla! You have worked so hard and we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and sister.



To our favorite star Azul: we've loved watching you shine from the front row of life. Break a leg! Love Mom and Dad.

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A New Children's Musical

Bolles Theater
Chula Vista, CA
751 Otay Lakes Road Chula Vista, CA 91913

The GRUNCH
A New Children's Musical

A Site-Specific, Immersive Theatre Experience

Director and Choreographer
Arijetette Maraya-Ramay

Motiv Director
Vierale Zuteect

5 performances:
Friday, April 11 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 10 at 1PM and 2PM
Sunday, April 10 at 6PM and 8PM

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MARAYA EVENTS

FREE OPEN HOUSE

Ages 7-14

Maraya Performing Arts Studio

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Try our Broadway Bound Triple Threat Program
with classes in Acting, Vocal, Acro and Dance
Limited Spots Available. Advanced Registration Required:
marayaarts.com/community

CHULA VISTA POETRY SLAM FEST

FREE Family Friendly Event

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Roman Mendez performs at 1:00 PM

Memorial Bowl Amphitheater in Chula Vista

www.poetsundergroundpress.com/about-the-festival

MTC: MUSICAL THEATRE COMPETITION

April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2026

Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center - Mission Valley

Come support Aby, Ann, Azul, Dale, Easton, Luke and Roman at competition.

\$20 Observer Pass. Purchase on Site.

INFO: <https://mtctringlethreat.com/home>

SIX: TEEN EDITION

AUDITION PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Ages 13-19 years old

May 15, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Limited Spots Available. Advanced Registration Required. \$75 per person.

<https://marayaarts.com/six>

MARAYA EVENTS

MARAYA PERFORMING ARTS PROFESSIONAL THEATRE COMPANY

UPCOMING WORKS:

BAYANIHAN: FOR LIFE, FOR BLOOD

September 11 and 12, 2026

Southwestern College Performing Arts Theater

New Original Work:

La Jolla Playhouse WoW Festival

April 2027

MARAYA EVENTS

FOUNDER STORY:

Anjanette Maraya-Ramey (Miss AJ) founded Maraya Performing Arts with a simple but powerful belief: the arts have the power to transform lives.

Anjanette is a professional dancer, choreographer, and educator and holds a **BFA in Dance and Choreography from the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts)**. Her artistic work blends storytelling, movement, and theatrical expression, and she has been **commissioned to create original works for organizations including La Jolla Playhouse, The Old Globe, East West Players, San Diego Dance Theater, and Grossmont College, to name a few.**

Earlier in her career, Anjanette served as **Company Manager for the Tony Award-winning La Jolla Playhouse**, where she worked on productions that later transferred to Broadway including **Bonnie & Clyde, Peter and the Starcatcher, Memphis, 33 Variations, to name a few.** This experience shaped her commitment to preparing young artists for the professional theatre industry.

Anjanette also brings extensive experience in nonprofit leadership and arts funding. She holds a **Master's Degree in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from the University of San Diego (USD)** and served as **Senior Funding Manager for the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture**, where she oversaw public arts funding programs.

Maraya Performing Arts was shaped by Anjanette's personal journey of resilience. As a **leukemia survivor**, she understands firsthand the life-saving importance of blood donation. She serves as a **community ambassador for the San Diego Blood Bank** and created ***Bayanihan: For Life, For Blood***, an original dance-theatre work that encourages diverse communities to donate blood to help strengthen and diversify San Diego's blood supply.

In the midst of the uncertainty of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, Anjanette took a leap of faith and opened Maraya Performing Arts in 2020. She was determined to create a space where young artists could find confidence, community, and their creative voice.

Today, Maraya Performing Arts reflects that vision: a place where artists are encouraged to **dream boldly, work with discipline, and build resilience through the transformative power of the arts.**