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'My Favorite Year' launches in remodeled Mesa Community College theater

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Submitted by Carol Askey, a spokeswoman for Mesa Community College.

Mesa Community College's Act I Musical Productions presents "My Favorite Year," opening Oct. 18 in the newly renovated MCC Theatre.

Based on the 1982 film starring Peter O'Toole and the Tony-winning Broadway play, "Year" is set in 1954, and Benjy Stone, freshman writer on TV's "King Kaiser Comedy Cavalcade," is assigned the task of baby-sitting veteran Hollywood swashbuckler Alan Swann while he's doing a live guest appearance on the show.

The effort to keep the reckless Swann off the booze and out of the papers during the rehearsal week nearly drives Benjy to the brink. But when he's given an unexpected glimpse into Swann's broken heart, Benjy begins to discover a thing or two about life and love.

"My Favorite Year" is produced by SueAnne Lucius, MCC Music Department chair, and shows at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19-10 and Oct. 25-27 with 2 p.m. matinees Oct. 20 and 27 at the theater on MCC's main campus, Dobson Road and Southern Avenue.

MCC cast members include identical twins Harrison and Hayden Jones, who double cast in the role of Benjy; Britanee Hudson and Kate E. Cook, double cast in the role of Alice Miller; and Caitlin Dhuse and Ariana Lucius, double cast in the role of K.C. Downing, assistant to the producer. King Kaiser is played by Nathan Luis.

Other cast members include Justin Peterson, Emmy Antillon, James Blount and Marshall Glass.

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