

## ENTERTAINMENT

# On stage: 'Private Lives,' 'La Celestina,' Kathleen Madigan

Ventura

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## Theater

### VENTURA COUNTY

**“Is He Dead?”**: Conejo Players Theatre presents Mark Twain’s comedy about a struggling artist who fakes his own death to settle his debts. 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 6, 351 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks. \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors, students and military. 805-495-3715; conejoplayers.org.

**“Private Lives”**: Camarillo Skyway Playhouse presents Noel Coward’s three-act comedy about a divorced couple who discover they are honeymooning with their new spouses at the same hotel. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 16, 330 Skyway Drive, Camarillo. \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors, students and military, \$10 children ages 12 and under. 805-388-5716; skywayplayhouse.org.

**“15 Men in a Smoke-Filled Room”**: Elite Theatre Company presents Colin Speer Crowley’s work exploring the concept of fate. Set in June 1920 at the Republican National Convention in Chicago, the play centers around Warren G. Harding as he considers the prospect of becoming the Republican presidential nominee. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 30, 2731 Victoria Ave., Oxnard. \$20 general admission, \$17 seniors, students and military, \$12 children ages 12 and under. 805-483-5118; elitetheatre.org.

**“Inspecting Carol”**: Panic! Productions presents Daniel Sullivan’s comedy set behind the scenes of a struggling theater’s annual production of “A Christmas Carol.” 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 23, Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 W. Hillcrest

Drive, Thousand Oaks. \$25 general admission, \$22 seniors and students. For tickets and information, visit [panicproductions.org](http://panicproductions.org).

**“La Celestina”:** Teatro de las Américas will close its 2018 season with a musical version of the classic tragicomedy “La Celestina” by Fernando de Rojas, presented as a Mediterranean Cantata by Venezuelan director Costa Palamides. 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14, 21 and 22, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard. For tickets and information, visit [teatrodelasamericas.org](http://teatrodelasamericas.org).

**“Man of La Mancha”:** Ojai Art Center Theater presents the classic musical by Dale Wasserman and Mitch Leigh based on the novel “Don Quixote” by Miguel de Cervantes. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 7, 113 S. Montgomery St., Ojai. \$30 general admission, \$25 seniors, \$15 people 25 and under. 805-640-8797; [ojaiact.org](http://ojaiact.org).

**“True West”:** Santa Paula Theater Center presents Sam Shepard’s darkly comedic play about two estranged brothers who reconnect at their mother’s home while she is away on vacation. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 7, 125 South 7th St., Santa Paula. 805-525-4645; [santapaulatheatercenter.org](http://santapaulatheatercenter.org).

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## **Comedy**

### **VENTURA COUNTY**

**Clean Comedy Night:** Moorpark Friends of the Library will hold its 6th annual Clean Comedy Night featuring sets by three stand-up comedians, including Jason Love. 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16, High Street Arts Center, 45 E. High St., Moorpark. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. For tickets and information, visit [cleancomedy.bpt.me](http://cleancomedy.bpt.me).

**Live Standup Comedy on the Hill:** Hillcrest Center for the Arts and producer, comedian and host Jason Love will continue a monthly standup comedy series featuring a different comic every month. 403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 805-381-1246; [hillcrestarts.com](http://hillcrestarts.com).

**Kathleen Madigan:** Comedian Kathleen Madigan will make a stop on her national “Boxed Wine and Bigfoot” tour. Sept. 14, Civic Arts Plaza, 2100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks. Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000 or ticketmaster.com. Information: 805-449-2787.

**J.R.’s Comedy Club:** Located inside Mimi’s Cafe, the comedy club will host a comedy show at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Ongoing, 400 N. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks. 805-413-2848; tocomedy.com.

## **Dance**

## **UP NORTH**

**African drumming class:** Malik Sow, an African master drummer from Senegal, and Solo Soro from Ivory Coast lead a weekly class in West African drumming from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at Lightning Ridge Screen Printing, 4435 McGrath St., Ventura. Cost is \$20 per class and a drum can be rented for \$5. For information or to arrange a drum rental, call 805-650-7455.