

## **Pizarro: 'The Kite Runner' will fly a little longer at San Jose Rep**

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Good buzz and great box office have turned "The Kite Runner" into a nice late-season hit for the San Jose Rep, which is extending the show for a week.

"We are extremely pleased that this exquisite and moving play, with all its South Bay connections, is hitting a chord with our community," said Rep Managing Director Nick Nichols.

The play, of course, is based on the bestselling novel by San Jose author Khaled Hosseini and was adapted for the stage by San Jose State University professor Matthew Spangler.

The additional shows will be held April 21-26 at the Susan and Phil Hammer Theatre Center in downtown San Jose. For ticket information, go to [www.sjrep.com](http://www.sjrep.com) or call 408-367-7255.

**FASHIONABLE EVENT:** The Ballet San Jose School's fashion show fundraiser Wednesday at Silver Creek County Club was a great success, bringing in more than \$31,000.

Event Chair Marie LoPresto said she was simply blown away by the swanky show, which had the distinction of being organized by Nordstrom. LoPresto said it's the first time in years that the upscale retailer had produced a fashion show in the South Bay.

The ballet school has plenty to celebrate on top of the successful show, too. Seventeen of its students will be performing in Ballet San Jose's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which opened Thursday night at the Center for the Performing Arts.

**WINING AND DINING:** Southern Santa Clara County wines will be in the spotlight tonight at the 11th annual South Valley Wine Auction and Food Fest.

The party at the Morgan Hill Community and Culture Center gets started at 6 p.m. It will feature food from 11 Morgan Hill restaurants and wine from 13 wineries from Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door, with proceeds benefiting the sports programs at Live Oak and Sobrato High Schools, as well as Murphy and Britton middle schools. Go to [www.southvalleywineauction.org](http://www.southvalleywineauction.org) or call 408-838-8719 for information.

**FOOLISH NOTION?** Musing about the temporary state sales tax hike that hit on April Fool's Day, Hijinx Comics owner Dan Shahin said, "You're a fool if you actually believe it's temporary."

No foolin'.

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