

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**For Immediate Release**

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**CALENDAR LISTING**

**Who:** Alva Sound Art Studio presents

**What:** *MorningStar*, a play by Nicholas Alva, with original music by Nicholas Alva, Ramon Sender, Alicia Bay Laurel, Joe Dolce, Brian Skinner, Mira Alfasa, Tanya Boone-Alva, Kelly Ann Walton, Wilder Bentley and Lou Gottlieb.

**Where:** at Spreckels Performing Arts Center in Rohnert Park, 5409 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA 94931, phone: (707) 588-3400,  
[www.morningstarplay.com](http://www.morningstarplay.com)

**When:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 • Fridays, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 8PM  
Saturdays, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at 8PM  
Sundays, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM

**Tickets:** \$16 general admission. Student and group rates available. Visa and MasterCard accepted. Tickets may be purchased by phoning the Spreckels Box Office at (707) 588-3400, in person during the Box Office hours of noon to 5 PM Tuesday-Saturday, or at the door the day of performance one hour before curtain. Reservations/advance sale are recommended as seating is limited.

**Synopsis:** Pam, a woman seeking an alternative to today's lifestyle, visits Morning Star and meets Lou Gottlieb, owner and caretaker. Lou takes her back in time on his journey through those tumultuous times, when his conscience directed him to go against the Law of the Land, and how his decisions affected him and the greater community. Based upon the true story of Morning Star Ranch, the unintentional commune growing on a piece of land opened to all by Lou Gottlieb, *MorningStar* is a story of people who are attempting to at least raise the question of how human beings should live with the earth and how society at large reacts to them. A local event which took place at a specific time (Occidental, California from the mid 1960s to the early 1970s), *MorningStar* is also a universal story that occurs both constantly and cyclically throughout eternity.