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Little Shop of Horrors

SEPTEMBER 7-OCTOBER 8, 2023 STANLEY INDUSTRIAL ALLIANCE STAGE

Someone Like You

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(Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwəta? (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We are honoured to live, work, and create on this land together.

A Message from the Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

2023-2024 Season

Dear Friends:

working behind the scenes.

region's vibrant arts scene.

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking the 60th anniversary of the Arts Club Theatre Company.

Since its inaugural season, the Arts Club Theatre Company has become a treasured part of the province's cultural life, presenting a wide array of innovative and engaging theatrical productions —with a special focus on new Canadian theatre— and supporting artists through professional development activities. The company's success is testament to the generosity of the community and the talent and dedication of the performers and the many creative individuals

This milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of the organization, to celebrate its many achievements, and to set goals for the future. I commend the Arts Club Theatre Company and its supporters for contributing to the

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada

Welcome

Welcome to the Arts Club's Diamond Anniversary season, celebrating 60 years of staging local professional theatre in this community. In a nod to our history of staging international hits as well as supporting local artists to tell local stories on our stages, we're launching this season with our production of the celebrated international hit musical Little Shop of Horrors at our Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage and our production of a new Arts Club Silver Commission from local playwright Christine Quintana, Someone Like You, at our Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre.

For, if you didn't know, the Arts Club Theatre Company has always existed to celebrate and elevate local artists. and artisans. Our very name derives from our origins, in 1958, as a private watering hole for artists in a time when the only way to drink publicly was to be a member of a "club." From such humble, non-thespian beginnings, the Club expanded to become a local not-for-profit theatre company when, in 1964, a group of local theatrelovers and artists banded together to convert an attic above the pub into a small performance space, our original Seymour Street Stage. In this space, these original Arts Clubbers could not only stage plays they loved from around the world, but they could also stage plays they wrote, plays the Vancouver of 60 years ago needed to see, to experience, to feel.

We, as a company, have always cherished our origin story. We began as a local theatre company dedicated to the advancement of local artists and continue to be so today. Our values are deeply rooted in Vancouver and British Columbia, and our local identity is the vital component of our mission.

So, welcome to this 60th season of staging local and international work at the Arts Club. We tip our hat to our founder, Yvonne Firkins, and our visionary Artistic Director Emeritus, Bill Millerd, for their inspiration and courage. We salute our fellow Arts Clubbers who work with us today, and have worked here in our past, both on and off our stages, for their dedication to our art. And we celebrate all of you who support the Arts Club, a not-for-profit registered charity, through your patronage, donations, and loyalty. We wouldn't be here 60 years later without you. Thank you.



ASHLIE CORCORAN artistic director
PETER CATHIE WHITE executive director

60 Years of Transformation: A Note from Bill Millerd

My introduction to the Arts Club Theatre at 1181 Seymour Street was in the spring of 1970. I climbed a darkened staircase, turned a corner at the end of a hall, and walked into a large room with a vaulted ceiling. Chairs on platforms surrounded an empty space. Yvonne Firkins, one of the grand dames of Vancouver theatre, started the company with professional actors in January of 1964. Two years later Yvonne passed on and the theatre survived under the care of three trustees who were members of the Club on the first floor. I was hired as a Stage Manager. In 1972, I convinced the trustees that I should run the theatre, a job I did as Artistic Director for 46 years. I didn't do it alone—many individuals joined me: board members, actors, directors, designers, stage management, production and technical personnel, administrative and guest services staff, artistic associates, volunteers, friends, and colleagues, theatre artists all.

In 1979, I convinced some people that we should have a theatre on Granville Island—in fact, two theatres, plus a Production Centre to build sets, props, costumes. After the beloved Seymour Street theatre closed in 1991, I convinced more people that we should seek a replacement, which ended up beyond any expectation in the renovation of the Stanley Theatre, opening in 1998. Even more people were involved in the journey to 162 West 1st where a theatre was born in a building with rehearsal halls, offices, and costume shop in 2015. In 60 years the company has evolved from chairs on platforms in a former Gospel hall to three thriving contrasting theatre venues. Support has been there from public funding and numerous donors. Importantly for 60 years the audience has been in attendance at performances at each stage of the transformation of the company. A salute to 60 years!

BILL MILLERD artistic director emeritus

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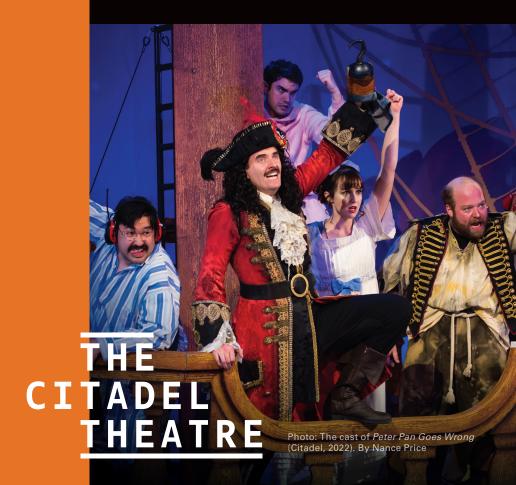


The Citadel Theatre is proud to partner with the Arts Club Theatre Company on this production of

Little Shop of Horrors

The Citadel in Edmonton, AB, is an important contributor to the national theatre landscape, creating work and training artists seen on stages around the country and internationally. We grew from audacious beginnings over 50 years ago, and plan to honour that spirit with an inclusive, innovative, and international approach to our future.

DARYL CLORAN **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**SARAH POCKLINGTON **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**





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BOOK AND LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN, SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE WPA THEATRE (KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING DIRECTOR) ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY BY THE WPA THEATRE, DAVID GEFFEN, CAMERON MACKINTOSH AND THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION



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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
WAS ORIGINALLY
DIRECTED BY HOWARD ASHMAN
WITH
MUSICAL STAGING BY EDIE COWAN

September 7-October 8, 2023 Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage

starring

IVY CHARLES ronnette

CECILLY DAY ensemble (understudy for chiffon, crystal, ronnette, voice of audrey ii)

BRAYDON DOWLER-COLTMAN audrey ii puppeteer

VICTOR HUNTER ensemble (understudy for seymour, orin track, mr. mushnik, audrey ii puppeteer)

ROCHELLE LAPLANTE chiffon/understudy for audrey **MADELEINE SUDDABY** voice of audrey ii & mrs. luce

ALI WATSON crystal

TENAJ WILLIAMS seymour krelborn
ASHLEY WRIGHT mr. mushnik
JOHN ULLYATT orin scrivello, d.d.s. et al
SYNTHIA YUSUF audrey

musicians

CAITLIN HAYES keyboard 1
SEAN BAYNTUN keyboard 2
MARK RICHARDSON guitar
MONICA SUMULONG-DUMAS bass
COLIN PARKER drums/percussion

CREATIVE TEAM

ASHLIE CORCORAN director
GIANNA VACIRCA choreographer
CAITLIN HAYES musical director
BEYATA HACKBORN set designer
CARMEN ALATORRE COSTUME designer
REBECCA PICHERACK lighting designer
DAVE CLARKE sound designer
JONATHAN HAWLEY PURVIS fight director
MICHELLE THORNE intimacy director
ADAM HENDERSON dialect coach
EMMA WELHAM assistant director*
MELICIA ZAINI assistant costume designer
MICHELLE HARRISON stage manager
NYSSA BEAIRSTO assistant stage manager
STEPHANIE BARCLAY apprentice stage manager

*This position is funded by the Canadian Guild of Stage Directors & Choreographers (CGDC).

The Arts Club gratefully acknowledges Play Patrons BRUCE AND DALE FLEXMAN

Song List

ACT I

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Prologue ("Little Shop of Horrors") —Chiffon, Crystal, and Ronette
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- "Skid Row (Downtown)" —Company
- "Da-Doo" —Chiffon, Crystal, and Ronette (with Seymour speaking)
- "Grow for Me" —Seymour
- "Ya Never Know" Mushnik, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronette, and Seymour
- "Somewhere That's Green" —Audrey
- "Closed for Renovation" —Seymour, Audrey, and Mushnik
- "Dentist!" -Orin, Chiffon, Crystal, and Ronette
- "Mushnik and Son" —Mushnik and Seymour
- "Sudden Changes" —Seymour
- "Feed Me (Git It)" —Audrey II and Seymour
- "Now (It's Just the Gas)" —Orin and Seymour
- "Coda (Act I Finale)" —Chiffon, Crystal, Ronette, and Audrey II

ACT II

- "Call Back in the Morning" —Seymour and Audrey
- "Suddenly, Seymour" —Seymour, Audrey, Chiffon, Crystal, and Ronette
- "Suppertime" —Audrey II (with Seymour and Mushnik speaking)
- "The Meek Shall Inherit" —Company
- "Sominex/Suppertime II" —Audrey and Audrey II
- "Somewhere That's Green" (reprise) —Audrey (with Seymour speaking)
- "Finale Ultimo (Don't Feed the Plants)" —Company

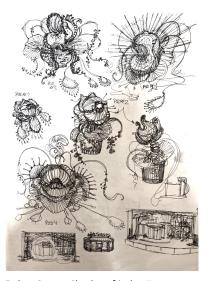
The Making of a Monster: Cultivating Audrey II

The designs started back in April with research—what mechanisms/structures have worked in the past, what hasn't, favourable materials, etc. When the basic structures were explored, I drew up some initial concept sketches of an overall aesthetic and shared those with Ashlie; the designs gravitated towards a more overly-feminized look for Twoey. Madeleine Suddaby was cast as our excellent voiceover artist and we wanted to lean into her natural voice and amplify that quality with the puppets' design.

Once designs were approved and the build was officially started, Amy, our puppet-builder, constructed prototypes of the first 3 Pods while Michael, our head of props, worked on a prototype system for Pod 4. We discussed scale during those first few weeks: if the heads of each Pod graduated sizes in a logical progression, whether they would read on the Stanley stage, etc.

When I arrived mid-July, we went fabric shopping, prioritizing textural, metallic, and shot fabric that would read as ethereal under light. Once our puppeteer Brayden Dowler-Coltman was on contract, he came in and tested out what we had so far. We were able to collaborate with his input, especially with the mechanism of Pod 4; it was invaluable having Amy and Braydon in the same room, discovering and working things out *in situ*.

BEYATA HACKBORN set designer



Earliest Concept Sketches of Audrey II



Amy Harris with Pods 1 and 2

Artistic Team



CARMEN ALATORRE costume designer

For the Arts Club Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol, No Child..., Mustard, Topdog/

Underdog, Bittergirl: The Musical, The Day before Christmas, Good People, Peter and the Starcatcher, In the Heights, Driving Miss Daisy, Armstrong's War, The Patron Saint of Stanley Park, My Granny the Goldfish

Other Theatre Bard on the Beach, Electric Company Theatre, Manitoba Royal Theatre Centre, The Globe in Regina, Citadel, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Milwaukee Rep Theatre
Other Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria and recipient of four Jessie Richardson Theatre Awards.



STEPHANIE BARCLAY apprentice stage manager

For the Arts Club Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (debut, 2023) Other Theatre Matilda,

The Prom, Something Rotten!, We Will Rock You (Theatre Under the Stars); A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet (Bard on the Beach); Into the Woods, Secret in the Wings (CapU Theatre) Film & TV Done/Undone
Other Recipient of UBC's Trek Excellence Scholarship and the TUTS Rising Star Internship Award; graduate of CapU and UBC.



SEAN BAYNTUN keyboard 2

For the Arts Club Avenue Q, Rock of Ages, Disney's Beauty and the Beast Other Having grown up

steeped in classical music in his father's piano studio, Sean made his orchestral debut as a solo pianist at 16 with White

Rock Symphony, and at 18 performed as a soloist with the VSO. He earned his Master's in Piano Performance at Rice University (Houston), studying with Dr. Jon Kimura Parker. Exploring beyond classical piano, Sean worked in many diverse genres including jazz. rock, pop, and musical theatre. He has conducted and musically arranged hundreds of band, orchestra, and theatre performances. He represents 20% of Leisure Club (indie rock/pop), 50% of DAñSE (improvised electronic dance), and plays synths and keys in Other PPL (electro R&B). Most recently, Sean music directed The Prom at Theatre Under the Stars.



NYSSA BEAIRSTO assistant stage manager

Arts Club Debut
Other Theatre Nevermore,
The Invisible - Agents of
Ungentlemanly Warfare

(Catalyst); Pride and Prejudice, Jane Eyre, Matilda, Christmas Carol, Shakespeare in Love (Citadel Theatre); Unsung, Here There Be Night (WWPT); The Wrong People Have Money, The Mountaintop (Shadow); Measure for Measure (Freewill Shakespeare); Two-Headed/Half-Hearted (NLT)

Other Graduate of the University of Alberta, Nyssa is an Edmonton-based stage manager, happily hiding in the safety of the shadows backstage. She could not be more thrilled to be making her debut at Arts Club with this fantastic show!



IVY CHARLES ronnette

For the Arts Club Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (debut, 2023) Other Theatre selected credits: In My Day (Zee

Zee Theatre Company); Beautiful Man (Pi Theatre); Orlando (RMTC); East Van

Panto: Pinocchio (Theatre Replacement); A Chorus Line, Urinetown, Antony and Cleopatra, Cabaret (Studio 58) Other Ivy is a Jessie-nominated actor who hails from Winnipeg, MB—Treaty 1 Territory, homeland of the Métis Nation. She is now based in Vancouver. BC, on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples—Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Nations. Ivy is a Studio 58 graduate. She was the Head Coordinator of the Diversity Committee and then the Head Facilitator the following year. Ivy was awarded the Hnatyshyn Developing Artist Grant in English Theatre in 2019.



DAVE CLARKE sound designer

For the Arts Club Cost of Living (debut, 2019) Other Theatre Enough (Northern Light

Theatre); All the Little Animals I Have Eaten (Shadow Theatre); After Faust (Invisible Practice); Deafy, The Royale (Citadel Theatre)

Other Dave is a musician, actor and writer. He has composed music and produced sound designs for theatre, film, dance, and multi-media for three decades. Dave is a CODA – a Child of Deaf Adults. Watch out for the 2024 Western Canadian tour of his family musical performed in spoken English and American Sign Language, Songs My Mother Never Sung Me (Concrete Theatre).



ASHLIE CORCORAN director

For the Arts Club The Curious Incident of The Dog in The Night-Time (debut, 2019); recent

favourites: The Matchmaker, Bed & Breakfast, Cost of Living, The Sound of Music, Redbone Coonhound, Teenage Dick, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical Other Theatre The Barber of Seville (Vancouver Opera); Mamma Mia! (Citadel Theatre); Me & My Girl (Shaw

Festival); The Magic Flute (COC); Mustard (Tarragon Theatre); upcoming: The Magic Flute (Vancouver Opera)
Other Ashlie is the Artistic Director of the Arts Club (since 2018) and is the proud mom of a spirited toddler.



CECILLY DAY ensemble (understudy for chiffon, crystal, ronnette, voice of audrey ii)

For the Arts Club Beautiful: The Carole King

Musical, The Sound of Music (2019/2022)
Other Theatre Escape to Margaritaville,
Ragtime (Theatre Calgary); The Wizard of
Oz (Western Canada Theatre); The Cake
(Pacific Theatre); A Charlie Brown Holiday
Double Bill (Carousel Theatre for Young
People); Hairspray (Theatre Under the
Stars)

Film & TV Dragon Prince, Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist, Prom Pact Other 2015 Aida Broadbent Award; 2015 Outstanding Newcomer Ovation! Award.



BRAYDON DOWLER-COLTMAN audrey II puppeteer

Arts Club Debut
Other Theatre Network
(Citadel Theatre/RMTC);
Pride & Prejudice, Jane Eyre, The Tempest,

A Christmas Carol (Citadel Theatre); Burning Bluebeard (Edmonton Actors Theatre); Shakespeare's RaJ (Kill Your Television); To Be Moved, Scaramouche Jones, Subway Circus (Blarney Productions); The Salon of the Talking Turk (Teatro La Quindicina); Fortune Falls (Catalyst Theatre/ATP); Passion Play (Wild Side Productions) Other University of Alberta, BFA; Citadel/ Banff Centre Professional Theatre Training Program; Frantic Assembly Training Program. A huge thank you to Amy, Michael, Beyata and the entire props team for building such thrilling puppets to bring to life each night.



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BEYATA HACKBORN set designer

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre Village Wooing, Playboy of the Western World, Shadow

of a Doubt, Damn Yankees, Doctor's Dilemma, Gem of the Ocean, Trouble in Mind, Devil's Disciple, Flush (Shaw Festival); Jersey Boys (Citadel); MOB, Metronome (WWPT); EDAY (Theatre Network); Freaky Green Eyes (Backstage Theatre); A Room with a View (Banff Centre)

Other Beyata is an Alberta-based set and costume designer—but she has to jump around a lot for contracts. She's a truly mediocre juggler and loving member of a dog/friend family back in Edmonton.



MICHELLE HARRISON stage manager

For the Arts Club The Sound of Music, Kinky Boots, Peter and the Starcatcher

Other Theatre The Flying Dutchman,
A Midsummer Night's Dream, HMS
Pinafore, Blond Eckbert, Orfeo ed Euridice,
The Music Shop, The Barber of Seville,
La Traviata, La Cenerentola, La Bohème,
Eugene Onegin, Le Nozze di Figaro
(Vancouver Opera); For a Look or a Touch
(Pacific Opera Victoria); It's a Wonderful
Life (Patrick Street Productions); Il
Barbiere di Siviglia (Burnaby Lyric Opera);
A Christmas Carol (Gateway); Mies Julie
(Baxter Theatre Centre/Cultch); Whose
Life Is It Anyway? (Real Wheels); Uncle
Vanya (Blackbird)

Other Michelle is a graduate of the University of British Columbia.



CAITLIN HAYES musical director/keyboard 1

For the Arts Club Godspell (as Assistant Musical Director)

Other Theatre selected credits as Musical Director: Closer Than Ever (Gateway Theatre); Carrie, Urinetown

(CapU Theatre); Annie (Chemainus Theatre Festival); Ernest in Love, Mame, Good News, Fiorello! (Applause! Musicals); Carrie, bare, Grey Gardens (FCP)

Other Honoured to work and live on the unceded land of the Coast Salish people. Caitlin is a faculty member at Capilano University's theatre department, and is also the accompanist of the renowned Vancouver Youth Choir. Thanks for supporting live theatre!



adam HENDERSON dialect coach

For the Arts Club Dial M for Murder (debut, 2003); as Dialect Coach: Mary Poppins, One Man, Two

Guvnors, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, The Matchmaker, Cost of Living, Buffoon, Kinky Boots, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

Film & TV Dialect Coach for Disney's Tomorrowland, Shogun, Turner & Hooch, Arrow, Magicians, Altered Carbon, Nancy Drew, Sunny

Other Theatre director and voice actor. Graduate of The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. Instructor at Vancouver Film School.



victor HUNTER ensemble (understudy for seymour, orin track, mr. mushnik, audrey ii puppeteer)

For the Arts Club Kinky

Boots (debut, 2022)
Other Theatre Matilda the Musical,
Mary Poppins, Beauty and the Beast
(Theatre Under the Stars); Grease
(Chemainus Theatre Festival); Rock of
Ages (Renegade); Crybaby the Musical
(Awkward Stage); You're A Good Man,
Charlie Brown (Globe Theatre)
Other voice: Dragalia Lost (Nintendo),
Zombies, Run!, Marvel Move. Host of
Sharlayan Dropouts, a Final Fantasy XIV
podcast (patreon.com/bloodgodpod);
Sega Saturn enthusiast.



ROCHELLE LAPLANTE chiffon/understudy for audrey

For the Arts Club Peter Pan Goes Wrong (debut, 2022)

Other Theatre Clue, Peter Pan Goes Wrong (Citadel Theatre); Caribbean Muskrat (Teatro La Quindicina); Macbeth (Freewill Shakespeare Festival); Hiraeth (Bright Young Things); CTRL-ALT-DEL, Hoodies (Concrete Theatre)

Other Graduate of National Theatre School of Canada. I am so thrilled to be back at The Arts Club this season – enjoy the show!



COLIN PARKER drums/percussion

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre Matilda: The Musical, The Prom (Theatre Under the

Stars); The Rocky Horror Show (Studio 58); The Marvellous Wonderettes (Chemainus Theatre Festival); Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (Gateway Theatre)

Other Houseband drummer for Princess Cruises; Banff Centre for the Arts Residency with Last Ark Out; Vancouver International Jazz Festival with Last Ark Out; The Rat Pack: Direct from Vegas! tour; Graduate of Vancouver Community College.



REBECCA PICHERACK lighting designer

For the Arts Club Teenage Dick, Cost of Living Other Theatre Thousand Islands Playhouse,

Buddies in Bad Times, Canadian Stage, GCTC, National Arts Centre, The Shaw Festival, Tarragon Theatre, Mirvish Productions, Volcano Theatre Company Other Three Dora awards for outstanding design.



JONATHAN HAWLEY
PURVIS fight director

For the Arts Club Teenage Dick, Redbone Coonhound, Kinky Boots, Sweat, The Curious Incident of the Dog

in the Night-Time Other Theatre Julius Caesar, Henry V, Romeo & Juliet, The Taming of the Shrew, Shakespeare in Love, As You Like It, Macbeth (Bard on the Beach); Silver Arrow, Shakespeare in Love, Crazy for You, Evangeline, West Side Story, Romeo & Juliet, Spamalot, A Midsummer Night's Dream (Citadel); Singin' in the Rain (Chemainus Theatre Festival) Film & TV The Last of Us, Infidelity Can Be Fatal, Planning on Forever, Motherland, When Calls the Heart, Fortunate Son Other Five-time Sterling award nominee and three-time winner for Fight Direction.



MARK RICHARDSON guitar

For the Arts Club Rock of Ages (2016) Other Theatre recent productions: Carrie (CapU

Theatre); Spring Awakening (Renegade); Ring of Fire (First Impressions); The Girl Next Door (Painted Fern); The Rocky Horror Show (Studio 58); Cabaret (Arbutus Studio)

Other Guitarist for symphonic rock band Ophelia Falling, studio and live session guitarist, music educator.



MADELEINE SUDDABY voice of audrey ii & mrs. luce

For the Arts Club Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol (debut,

2021)

Other Theatre Matilda: The Musical (Theatre Under the Stars); Cabaret, Company (Raincity); Joseph (Gateway); Naughty But Nice, Touch Me (Forte);

Shrek (Globe); Anything Goes (RCMT); Kinky Boots (Mirvish); Avenue Q (Stage West)

Other Two-time Ovation! award winner. Graduate of Capilano University. *Much love to mutti, vati, and Daniel.* YouTube: Madelaide.



MONICA SUMULONG-DUMAS bass

For the Arts Club Bittergirl: The Musical (debut, 2017); Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain

Christmas Carol

Other Theatre recent credits: Carrie (CapU Theatre); The Lightning Thief, The Percy Jackson Musical (CTORA); Matilda: The Musical, The Prom (Theatre Under the Stars)

Film & TV Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist, Julie and the Phantoms

Other Community Theatre Coalition award winner for Best Music Director (Girlfriend, Fighting Chance Productions). Graduate of Capilano University's Jazz Studies program. Monica is excited to be back for her third show with the Arts Club! A very special thanks to Rosco and Drew, family and friends who have pushed and supported me though all the ups and downs and being with her every step of the way!



MICHELLE THORNE intimacy director

For the Arts Club Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, The Birds and the Bees, Teenage Dick

(as Intimacy Director), Noises Off (as Assistant Director)

Other Michelle Thorne is a practice-based Director, Designer, and Educator residing on the traditional lands of the xwmə0kwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. Thorne's work focuses on building community through innovative and collaborative performance arts experiences. Thorne is the co-founder

and former Artistic Director of Theatre; Just Because in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Since graduating with an MFA in Directing from the University of British Columbia, she has worked with Excavation Theatre, Rice & Beans Theatre Company, the Arts Club Theatre Company, Playwrights Theatre Centre, Vancouver Fringe, Keyano Theatre, and Arts Council Wood Buffalo.



JOHN ULLYATT orin scrivello, d.d.s. et al

For the Arts Club Matilda: The Musical Other Theatre A Christmas Carol, Every

Brilliant Thing, The Pillowman, Cabaret, Spamalot, Billy Bishop Goes to War, I Am My Own Wife (Citadel Theatre); A Little Night Music, Great Expectations (Grand Theatre); Funny Girl (Segal Centre); Best Brothers (Belfry Theatre)
Other Co-Founder of Firefly Theatre and Circus; Street Artist: 21st Century Gargoyles, Crosswalk Theatre, The Human Fountain. Four Sterling awards and a Jessie award.



GIANNA VACIRCA choreographer

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre recent choreography credits: Jersey Boys (Citadel

Theatre, Assistant Choreographer); I Don't Even Miss You (Tiny Bear Jaws); A Christmas Carol (Citadel Theatre, remount); Shakespeare's Will (Thou Art Here); Machinal, Lysistrata (University of Alberta); Howl (Abbadam)
Other Gianna Vacirca is a dancer, actor,

choreographer, and performance artist from the prairies. She is also an Italian pastaia and the creator of Bell'uovo, a bespoke naturally colourful handmade pasta business based in Edmonton (@ bell_uovo). She overjoyed to be joining Ashlie and this incredible team of artists for her Arts Club debut. Big love to my husband Oscar for being dance partner extraordinaire and choreography guinea

pig. And THANK YOU to the many important movement mentors (Ashley, Amber, Julie, Ainsley, Lin, Marie, Miss O... to name a few) for sharing their brilliance, especially to my Teresa, the most inspiring dance influence of all.



ALI WATSON crystal

For the Arts Club Disney's Beauty and the Beast (debut, 2018); No Child..., Kinky Boots, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

Other Theatre Grease (WCT); The Fianceé (Persephone), What If (Green Thumb) Film & TV The Melobies, Starstruck: A Cinderella Story, My Singing Monsters: Fandemonium

Other After a five-minute-long hiatus, Ali lives on to "She-bop" another day!! (But in something a little bit different than the last show you would've seen her in.) Ali is thrilled to be back on the Stanley stage for this sci-fi cult-classic that she grew up loving. Enjoy the show! And DON'T feed the plants...



EMMA WELHAM assistant director*

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre Pool (No Water) (Wpg Fringe); Sexual Misconduct of the

Middle Classes, Orlando (RMTC); The Dark Lady (SIR/SOTS); Escaped Alone (Full of Days); Meet Me at Dawn (Theatre by the River); A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder (Dry Cold); To: Morrow (Sarasvati); House at Pooh Corner (MTYP) Other Many thanks to Ashlie and the CGDC for making this dream a reality! emmawelham.com

*This position is funded by the Canadian Guild of Stage Directors & Choreographers (CGDC).



TENAJ WILLIAMS seymour krelborn

For the Arts Club Beautiful: The Carole King Musical Other Theatre Into the

Woods (MTC); Network, The Color Purple (MTC/Citadel); Ragtime: A Concert Performance, A Christmas Carol (Theatre Calgary); Clue, Cipher (Vertigo Theatre); The Fiancée (The Citadel); Sweat (Theatre Aquarius); The Color Purple (Neptune Theatre); Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, Charlotte's Web (ATP); Take Care (Here for Now); King Lear, Macbeth (Shakespeare Company); Naughty But Nice (Forte); Sextet (Verb) Film & TV JANN (Ctv/Hulu); Wynona Earp (Sci-Fyi); Big Sky (NBC); Meet Me at Christmas (Hallmark) Other Lieutenant Governor General Award, 2022.



ASHLEY WRIGHT mr. mushnik

For the Arts Club Sweat, Cost of Living (coproductions with Citadel Theatre)

Other Theatre recent favourites: Room (Grand Theatre/Mirvish); Hamlet (Free Will Players); The Merry Wives of Windsor (Bard on the Beach); Floyd Collins (Patrick Street Productions/Talk is Free); Shakespeare in Love (MTC/Citadel); Les Misérables (Mirvish); Slavs, The Black Rider (Tarragon); True Love Lies (Factory); Omnium Gatherum, Fernando Krapp, Of Mice and Men (Canadian Stage); The Trials of Ezra Pound (Stratford Festival); recent directing: Deafy (Citadel Theatre); The Merry Wives of Windsor (Free Will Players); Twelfth Night (Studio Theatre). Film & TV Copper, Murdoch Mysteries, Mayday, Flash of Genius, Princess, Degrassi, Missing



SYNTHIA YUSUF audrey

For the Arts Club Beauty and the Beast (debut, 2018); The Sound of Music (2019), Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain

Christmas Carol
Other Theatre Harry Potter and the
Cursed Child (Mirvish); BLACKOUT
(Musical Stage Co.); The Boy in the Moon
(Neworld/ Cultch); Elephant and Piggie
(Carousel Theatre for Young People);
Mamma Mia! (Citadel)
Other After working in Toronto for a
year and a half as part of the original
Canadian company of Harry Potter and
the Cursed Child, Synthia is thrilled to be
home and back at the Arts Club! Thank

you always to Colin and Peter for their



unwavering support.

MELICIA ZAINI assistant costume designer

For the Arts Club
Forgiveness (Assistant
Costume Design)
Other Theatre God Said

This (Pacific Theatre); My Little Tomato (vAct); Courage Now (Firehall Arts Centre)

Film & TV Costume Designer for Sorry For Your Cost (BOLDLY); Breakdown Artist for Avatar: The Last Airbender (season 1, Netflix)

Other Melicia (they/them) was born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia to a family of Chinese ancestry, and is grateful to be living and creating on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. meliciazaini.com





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SOMEONE LIKE YOU

BY CHRISTINE QUINTANA
AN ARTS CLUB SILVER COMMISSION

World Premiere October 5–29, 2023 Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre

starring

PRANEET AKILLA harjit
JASMINE CHEN kristin
STEFFANIE DAVIS isabelle

RICK RINDER stage manager

creative team

JIVESH PARASRAM director

STEPHEN DROVER dramaturg

LISA GOEBEL intimacy director

WLADIMIRO ANTONIO WOYNO RODRIGUEZ Set & lighting designer

DONNIE TEJANI COSTUME designer

MISHELLE CUTTLER sound designer

STEFFANIE DAVIS consultant - body politics & inclusivity

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JULIAN LOKASH movement consultant

PAMELA JAKOBS Stage manager

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Playwright's Note

Someone Like You is a love letter.

To the romantics, the cynics, and the lonely; to the ones who never got asked to slow dance, and pretended they didn't care; to the ones who were the butt of the jokes everyone else found funny; to the ones who love a city that doesn't always love them back; to the girlies who cry at brunch, and the girlies who mop them up and refill the coffee; to the men who bear their solitude in silence; to those recovering from the skeletal beauty ideals of the world we grew up in, and the ones rewriting the script; to late nights under Vancouver skies; to life affirming friendships, and imperfect love. To laughing in the face of everything that hurts.

We have filled this production with love, because the world needs stories that make us laugh, that make us draw closer to the people in our lives, and that reflect back a world where we, too, are loved.

So, grab a drink, snuggle up to your partner or your bestie or the stranger beside you (maybe introduce yourself first) and enjoy the show.

This is a love letter to you.

CHRISTINE QUINTANA

The Challenge of Contemporary Costumes

Contemporary costuming is something I'm always wary of as a designer because the challenges can sneak up on you!

I often hear, and even used to think myself, that contemporary is a breeze, but it can be a whole different beast when everyone involved (yes even you, Arts Club patron) is a knowledgeable critic! Think of how much you know about the fit, brand, and colour of jeans you like versus what you know about the Edwardian gown you'd wear to a dinner party in the Spring. (Don't tell anyone I told you but we get to cut some corners on accuracy.) But I digress; the challenge on Someone Like You is that it's modern-day Vancouver! So I really wanted to capture these characters well enough that you know what kind of person they are before they've spoken a word, while hopefully staying subtle and casual enough that these characters reflect the kind of folks you see riding the 99 down Broadway.

Now fingers crossed, you barely notice the research, planning, and fine details, and it all just blends seamlessly into the world of the play... Funny how that works, isn't it?

DONNIE TEJANI costume designer













Artistic Team



PRANEET AKILLA harjit

For the Arts Club The Orchard (After Chekhov) (debut, 2019); Cipher Other Theatre selected credits: Coriolanus

(Bard on the Beach); Iceland (Theatre Calgary); The Penelopiad (Grand Theatre); Blackhorse (Caravan Farm Theatre); Wet (ItsAZoo Productions)

Film & TV Skymed, Motherland: Fort Salem, Nancy Drew

Other Praneet Akilla is an award-winning Indian-Canadian Actor. He is also an accomplished producer, having a produced a variety of critically acclaimed short films and digital series with his new production company, Akilla Express, focusing on telling unique, genre-bending stories from a Third Culture Global Majority perspective.



JASMINE CHEN kristin

For the Arts Club The Wedding Party, The Great Leap (Cultural Creative Consultant), The Cull Other Theatre K BODY

AND MIND (A Wake of Vultures); Chimerica (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre/Canadian Stage); The Bakkhai (Stratford Festival); Sweet Charity, The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide (Shaw Festival); Antigone (Young Peoples Theatre); The Winter's Tale (Canadian Stage); upcoming: Jade Circle (Gateway Theatre)

Film & TV The Power (Amazon); Holidazed (Hallmark); FutureFutures (CBC Gem)

Other Winner of the Jon Kaplan Legacy Canadian Stage Performer Award; Recipient of the Gina Wilkinson Award for Female Directors.



MISHELLE CUTTLER sound designer

For the Arts Club The Matchmaker (debut, 2018); Made in Italy Other Theatre The

Seventh Fire (Delinquent/Neworld); A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare in Love, Lysistrata (Bard on the Beach); Clean/Espejos (Neworld) Other I'm so glad to be back at the Arts Club working with this fantastic team.



STEFFANIE DAVIS isabelle

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre selected credits: We Will Rock You (Theatre Under the Stars); Cabaret (Raincity

Theatre); Stile & Drewe's The Three Little Pigs (Carousel Theatre for Young People); Grease (Chemainus Theatre Festival); The Best Laid Plans (Patrick Street Productions)

Film & TV Grease: Rise Of The Pink Ladies, Julie And The Phantoms, Charmed Other 2023 Leading Players Project with EveryBody On Stage in Toronto, 2022 Arts Club Acting Intensive Cohort. Up next: Theatre Replacement's East Van Panto playing Belle in Beauty & The Beast! da Costa Talent. IG: Steffwithanff.



STEPHEN DROVER dramaturg

For the Arts Club as Dramaturg: Redbone Coonhound, The Cull, Forgiveness, Teenage Dick;

as Director: Skydive, Hand to God, Mustard, The Patron Saint of Stanley Park Other Theatre Indian Arm, The Society for the Destitute presents Titus Bouffonius, Cock, Julius Caesar, Harlem Duet, Mary's Wedding, Macbeth, Richard III, The Last Days of Judas Iscariot

Other Stephen is a graduate of Memorial University, UBC, and the University of Ottawa. He oversees New Works and Professional Engagement with the Arts Club.



LISA GOEBEL intimacy director

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre selected Intimacy Direction credits: Starwalker

(Urban Ink); Yaga (Touchstone Theatre); The Five Vengeances (Affair of Honor); China Doll (Gateway Theatre); Henry V, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Harlem Duet, Romeo and Juliet (Bard on the Beach)

Other Certified Intimacy Director through Intimacy Directors and Coordinators; graduate of Studio 58.



PAMELA JAKOBS stage manager

For the Arts Club Miracle Mother (debut, 1994), The Matchmaker, Miss Bennet: Christmas at

Pemberley, Mamma Mia!, Fun Home, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Mom's the Word: Nest 1/2 Empty, Bittergirl: The Musical, Avenue Q, Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery, Rock of Ages, The Valley, The (Post) Mistress, A Christmas Story, Les Misérables, It's a Wonderful Life, Educating Rita, Xanadu, Spamalot, The Penelopiad, Cost of Living, Only Child, Peter Pan Goes Wrong, The Legend of Georgia McBride, Million Dollar Quartet (2023)

Other Theatre Love Bomb (Shameless Hussy); Shakespearean Rhapsody (Carousel Theatre for Young People) Other Two-time Jessie Award nominee; UBC BFA graduate. Thanks to Craig and Rose for all their love and support.



JIVESH PARASRAM director

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre selected credits: Szepty/Whispers (Rumble/V.West); Take

d Milk, Nah?, Daughter (Pandemic); The Sound of the Beast (Theatre Passe Muraille) Other Jivesh (Jiv) Parasram is a multidisciplinary artist of Indo-Caribbean decent. He is the founding Artistic Producer of the award-winning, and unfortunately titled, collective "Pandemic Theatre," and also the current Artistic Director of Rumble Theatre.



CHRISTINE QUINTANA playwright

For the Arts Club as actor: She Stoops To Conquer (debut, 2012); Saint Joan; Musical Theatre Intensive

student, Box Office Attendant, LEAP Program Assistant, Associate Dramaturg Other Theatre Clean/Espejos (Neworld Theatre and South Coast Repertory); Selfie (Théâtre la Seizième /Young People's Theatre); upcoming: East Van Panto: Beauty and the Beast (Theatre Replacement/The Cultch); As Above (Belfry Theatre), El Terremoto (Tarragon Theatre)

Other Grateful to live and create on the stolen lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. christinequintana.ca.

RICK RINDER stage manager

For the Arts Club most recently: Cipher Other Theatre Many productions at each of The Centaur Theatre (Montreal), National Arts Centre (Ottawa), CanStage (Toronto), Manitoba Theatre Centre (Winnipeg), Theatre Calgary, Citadel Theatre (Edmonton) and 15+ seasons at the Vancouver Playhouse. Rick also stage-managed and toured much of the planet with The Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Other Rick lives in Maple Ridge with his wife, Nadine, who keeps him happy, and his dog, Phoebe, who keeps him active. Thanks to Pam Jacobs and Ace Martens for this opportunity to dip my toes back in the business.



DONNIE TEJANI costume designer

For the Arts Club Me Love Bingo: Best in Snow Other Theatre Anne of Green Gables (Gateway

Theatre); Crazy For You (RCMT); Cabaret (Rain City Theatre); Oz (CTYP)

Film & TV Call Me Mother (season 2, OutTV); Atti's Attic: The Heart of Christmas (CTORA)

Other Jessie award winner (Company – Rain City Theatre). Donnie is also proud to be a dresser with years of experience at the Arts Club as well as a wig stylist primarily in the drag scene with work gracing international stages, including the runway of RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars.



WADIMIRO ANTONIO WOYNO RODRIGUEZset & lighting designer

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre credits include: The Flying

Dutchman (Vancouver Opera); Struck (Ghost River Theatre); Romeo and Juliet (Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Canada); Wakey, Wakey (Pacific Theatre); Since I Can Re (The Wooster Group); Kiss (Yale Repertory Theatre); Parade (Nederlands Dans Theater, Netherlands); The Last Voyage of Donald Crowhurst (Ghost River Theatre) Other Wladimiro A. Woyno Rodriguez is a live performance designer and technologist with experience spanning contemporary theatre, opera, dance, concerts, and time-based installations. His work explores and contributes performance designs that engage the sensory imagination. Originally from Bogotá, Colombia, he holds an MFA in Design from Yale School of Drama. wawr.ca





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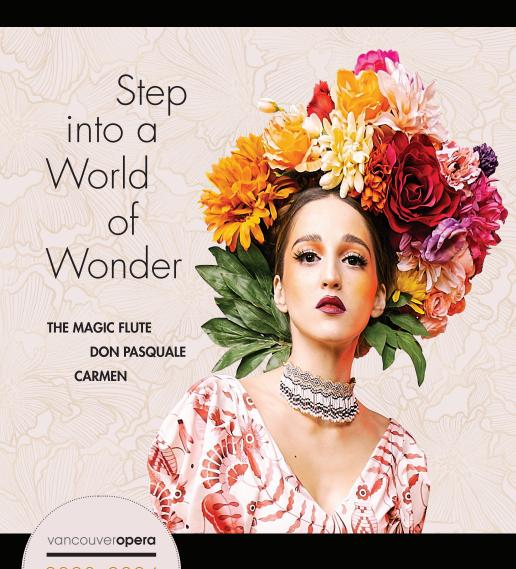
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