



# SOMEONE LIKE YOU

JAN 9—FEB 9, 2025



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# SOMEONE LIKE YOU

By Christine Quintana  
An Arts Club Silver Commission

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*Someone Like You* was commissioned by the Arts Club Theatre Company, Vancouver, British Columbia, as part of their Silver Commissions program and received its world premiere at the Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre in October 2023.

**JANUARY 9—FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

## CAST

**Praneet Akilla** Harjit  
**Ivy Charles** Kirsten  
**Steffanie Davis** Isabelle

## CREATIVE

**Jivesh Parasram** Director  
**Wladimiro Woyno Rodriguez** Set & Lighting Designer  
**Donnie Tejani** Costume Designer  
**Mishelle Cuttler** Sound Designer  
**Stephen Drover** Dramaturg  
**Lisa Goebel** Intimacy Director & Movement Consultant

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**Philomena Sondergaard** Stage Manager  
**Caroline Tang** Apprentice Stage Manager

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Arts Club Theatre Company On Tour. We're thrilled once again to take Arts Club productions on the road to your community and we thank you for your patronage. In the fall of 2023, we produced Christine Quintana's *Someone Like You* at our Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre. It received such a thrilling reception from audiences that we decided to bring it to our On Tour audience, so audiences across the lower mainland can also experience the warmth of this homegrown take on the classic play *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

*Someone Like You* was developed through the Arts Club's Silver Commissions program, which exists only with remarkable and inspiring donor support. This program provides funding to complete new plays and has fostered the development of 38 new plays by local playwrights. All of that is made possible through the generosity of our valued patrons and champions, Stan and Kathy Hamilton. Thank you!

Another recent success of this program is Dorothy Dittrich's *The Piano Teacher: A Healing Key*, which was recently published and last year won the Governor General's Award for Drama. We're very proud of our Silver Commissions program, and we hope you are proud too of the remarkable local talent here in BC.

Next up with Arts Club On Tour is *Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash*. This production was originally mounted last summer at our Granville Island Stage, where it played to packed houses taking in the brilliant music of Johnny Cash. Don't miss it!

If you're making your way to downtown Vancouver this winter, consider taking in another Arts Club show. The swashbuckling *The Three Musketeers* takes over our Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage from January 16. Rounding out our winter at the Granville Island Stage is the 2024 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Primary Trust*, from February 6.

Thanks for being here to support local professional theatre made by this community for this community. As a not-for-profit registered charity, we know we couldn't do all that the Arts Club does without your support.

Enjoy the show!

**Ashlie Corcoran** Artistic Director  
**Peter Cathie White** Executive Director



# 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 BC 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 COMPANY



**Praneet Akilla** Harjit

**For the Arts Club** *The Orchard (After Chekhov)* (debut, 2019); *Cipher, Someone Like You*

**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 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.



**Ivy Charles** Kirsten

**For the Arts Club** *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (debut, 2023); *Little Shop of Horrors* (co-production with Citadel Theatre)

**Other Theatre** selected credits: *Hamlet, Twelfth Night* (Bard on the Beach); *Parade* (Raincity Theatre); *In My Day* (ZeeZee Theatre); *Beautiful Man* (Pi Theatre); *Orlando* (RMTC); East Van Panto: *Pinocchio* (Theatre Replacement); *A Chorus Line, Urinetown, Cabaret, Antony & Cleopatra* (Studio 58)

**Film & TV** selected credits: *Novelette Is Trying, So Help Me Todd, Mahalia, Mild Life*

**Other** Ivy is a Jessie award-nominated and Ovation! award-winning actor. She was Head Coordinator of the Diversity Committee in her final year of Studio 58 and Head Facilitator the previous. Ivy was awarded the Hnatyshyn Developing Artist Grant in 2019.



**Michelle Cuttler** Sound Designer

**For the Arts Club** *The Matchmaker* (debut, 2018); *Made in Italy, Someone Like You*

**Other Theatre** *The Seventh Fire* (Delinquent/Newworld); *A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare in Love, Lysistrata* (Bard on the Beach); *Clean/Espejos* (Newworld)

**Other** *I'm so glad to be back at the Arts Club working with this fantastic team.*



**Lisa Goebel**  
Intimacy Director &  
Movement Consultant

**For the Arts Club** *Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey, Choir Boy, Father Tartuffe, Red*

*Velvet, Sexy Laundry, Ring of Fire, Guys & Dolls, Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*

**Other Theatre** Recent credits include acting in *Middletown* (Sticks and Stones); intimacy directing *Die Fledermaus* (Vancouver Opera); and choreographing *Hamlet* (Bard on the Beach).

**Other** Studio 58 grad.



**Steffanie Davis**  
Isabelle

**For the Arts Club** *Someone Like You* (world premiere)

**Other Theatre** selected credits: East Van Pantos:

*Robin Hood, Beauty and the Beast* (Theatre Replacement); *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); *Frog Belly Rat Bone* (Axis)

**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: Steffanie will be making her Bard on the Beach debut this summer on the main stage in *Much Ado About Nothing* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona!*

IG: Steffwithanff.



**Jivesh Parasram**  
Director

**For Arts Club** *Someone Like You* (debut, 2023); *Cambodian Rock Band* (upcoming, 2025)

**Other Theatre** East Van

Pantos: *Robin Hood, Beauty and the Beast* (Theatre Replacement/CULTCH); *SWIM* (Pandemic/Conspiracy); *Take d Milk, Nah?, Daughter* (Pandemic); *Measure for Measure* (Bard on the Beach); *Szepty/Whispers* (Rumble/V.West); *Sound of the Beast* (TPM)

**Other** Award-winning multidisciplinary artist of Indo-Caribbean descent; Co-Founder, Pandemic Theatre; Artistic Director, 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** *El Terremoto* (Tarragon Theatre); *As Above* (Belfry Theatre); East Van Pantos: *Beauty and the Beast*, *Robin Hood* (Theatre Replacement); *Never the Last* (Delinquent Theatre); *Espejos: Clean* (Newworld Theatre & South Coast Repertory)

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



**Philomena Sondergaard**  
Stage Manager

**For the Arts Club** *Someone Like You* (Apprentice Stage Manager, 2023)

**Other Theatre** *Something Rotten*, *Cats* (Theatre Under the Stars); *Baskerville*, *Cinderella* (Gateway Theatre); *Crazy for You*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Will Rogers Follies* (Royal City Musical Theatre); *Cabaret* (Raincity Theatre); *Betroffenheit* (Kidd Pivot/Electric Theatre Company)

**Other** *Philomena is excited to be returning to this wonderful show and grateful to live and work on the traditional and unceded lands of the Kwikwetlem, Katzie, Musqueam, Sto:lo, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*



**Caroline Tang**  
Apprentice Stage Manager

**Arts Club Debut**  
**Other Theatre** East Van Pantos: *Robin Hood*, *Beauty and the Beast* (Theatre

Replacement); *Parifam* (Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre); *The Lightning Thief* (CTORA); *Tosca* (UBC Opera); *Chinatown* (City Opera Vancouver); *Newsies* (Theatre Under the Stars)

**Other** Caroline is a proud graduate of the UBC BFA Theater Design and Production program. *Caroline is thrilled to be making her Arts Club debut and is thankful to her loved ones for their constant support!*



**Donnie Tejani**  
Costume Designer

**For the Arts Club** *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (2017, 2018), *Jitters*, *The Humans*, *Mamma Mia!*, *The Curious*

*Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Sweat*, *Matilda: The Musical*, *A Thousand Splendid*

*Suns*, *The Sound of Music* (2019), *Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol* (2021), *Kim's Convenience* (2022), *Kinky Boots*, *The Legend of Georgia McBride*, *Me Love Bingo: Best in Snow*, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Someone Like You* (2023)

**Other** Donnie has built his career wearing many hats in the wardrobe department and has established himself in Vancouver as a dresser, wig stylist and Jessie Award winning costume designer. At age 19, he became the Head Dresser at the Stanley Stage and after years of learning tricks from the 'front lines' he shifted focus to design going on to work with companies such as Theatre Under the Stars, Newworld Theatre, and Vancouver Opera. He satisfies his cravings for work behind the scenes by touring internationally as the Wardrobe Supervisor for Kidd Pivot. Donnie's work can also be seen on the runways of drag competition series' such as RuPaul's *Drag Race: All Stars*, *Drag Race Canada* and *Call Me Mother* (S2).  
@donnietejani



**Wladimiro Woyno Rodriguez**  
Set & Lighting Designer

**For the Arts Club** *Someone Like You*

**Other Theatre** selected credits: *The Flying Dutchman* (Vancouver Opera); *Struck* (Ghost River Theatre); *Romeo and Juliet* (Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Canada); *Wakey, Wakey* (Pacific Theatre); *Since I Can Remember* (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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