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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY DAVID VAN BELLE

BASED ON THE NOVELLA BY CHARLES DICKENS

CAST

Ruth Alexander Mrs. Dilber, Hilda Fezziwig,

Alto Saxophone, Piano, Ensemble

Julien Arnold Marley, Mr. Fezziwig,

Banjo, Ensemble

Patricia Cerra Marnie, Ensemble

Kevin Dabbs Drums, Ensemble

Ivy DeGagné Tim Cratchit

Oscar Derkx Fred, Bass, Ensemble

Braydon Ben, Ghost of Christmas Future,

Dowler-Coltman Ensemble

Ted Dykstra Ebenezer Scrooge

Chariz Faulmino Singer, Phyllis, Ensemble

Daniela Fernandez Belle, Shopgirl, Ensemble

Steven Greenfield Barker, Conductor, Piano,

Trombone, Ensemble

Graham Mothersill Topper, Ensemble

Priya Narine Fanny, Ensemble

Glenn Nelson Nelson, Ensemble

Lilla Solymos Ghost of Christmas Past,

Ensemble

John Ullyatt Ghost of Christmas Present,

Santa, Ensemble

Patricia Zentilli Emily Cratchit, Ensemble

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Sofia Berry, Liam Cloran, Shelby Dutertre, Maksymilian Holko, Athena Reyes, Zenon Roessler, Ella Schaloske

UNDERSTUDIES

Ruth Alexander Piano

Chariz Faulmino Belle, Fanny

Kristi Hansen Emily Cratchit, Hilda Fezziwig,

Mrs. Dilber, Phyllis, Singer

Mathew Hulshof Fred, Topper, Ben,

Ghost of Christmas Future

Graham Mothersill Ghost of Christmas Present

Priya Narine Marnie

Glenn Nelson Ebeneezer Scrooge

Troy O'Donnell Marley, Fezziwig, Nelson, Barker

CREATIVE TEAM

Daryl Cloran Director

Cory Sincennes Set & Costume Designer

Leigh Ann Vardy Lighting Designer

Mishelle Cuttler Sound Designer, Music Director

Steven Greenfield Associate Music Director

Gianna Vacirca Choreographer

Laura Krewski Original Choreographer

Wayne Paquette Assistant Director

Cynthia

Jimenez-Hicks Assistant Director

Janine Waddell Intimacy Director

Michelle Chan Stage Manager

Molly Pearson Assistant Stage Manager

Gaby Phaneuf Assistant Stage Manager

Frances Bundy Apprentice Stage Manager

Adam Blocka Children's Supervisor

Jenna Kerekes Production Assistant,

COVID-19 Health Captain

Caitlan Argueta Production Assistant

Meg Walker Production Assistant

VENUE Maclab Theatre

AGE RECOMMENDATION 6 +

RUN TIME Approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes

INTERMISSION 15 minutes

SYNOPSIS Packed with your favourite classic Christmas tunes, this adaptation of the beloved tale of a miserly old man who is invited to change his ways by the Ghosts of Christmas, will carry you away into the magical era of films like *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Miracle on 34th Street*.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Kelsie Acton, Trish Cooper & Isaac Vint, Kristi Hansen, Carly Neis & Cynthia Jimenez-Hicks, Alison Neuman, Stefanie Wiens, Clinton Carew, and Laurence Mollerup.









WELCOME TO A CHRISTMAS CAROL!

David van Belle's exquisitely written adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* is a magical way to celebrate the live return of one of Edmonton's most beloved family holiday traditions! An ageless tale of a miserly old man who receives visits from the ghosts of Christmas, ultimately inspiring him to change his ways, provides us all with hope. This holiday favourite comes wrapped in those familiar Christmas songs reminiscent of our childhoods while presenting us with a sensory reminder of the joy of the season.

We premiered this new production in 2019. Last year, in the midst of the pandemic, we re-imagined the production for film and were able to share this beautiful production online. And now, we are so excited to gather again in person to share this story with you! COVID-19 considerations have made us take a new approach to this year's production yet again. While we're thrilled to present live theatre again, we value the safety of our audience, artists, and staff above all. In addition to our vaccine and mask protocols, we have also made a few changes to the show. The backstage area in the Maclab Theatre is very small, so we have reduced the cast size of the production this year to ensure everyone is safe. Also, you may notice that our youth chorus is a little bit taller this year than usual. This year, the chorus is comprised of youth who are 12-15 years old, which allows us to ensure that everyone working on the production is able to be vaccinated and safe. We hope very much to return to a larger cast again next season!

Most importantly, we are proud to celebrate our 20th year of partnership with Edmonton's Food Bank. Our thanks to Capital Power for their generous offer to match the first \$20,000 in donations made to the Food Bank this year. Please consider making a donation on your way out of the theatre tonight to help those less fortunate and keep our community strong.

We're so happy that you're here. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and bustling excitement of a Dickensian tale... and from all of us at the Citadel, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Daryl Cloran

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PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTES FROM DAVID VAN BELLE

We snap awake, eyes still squeezed shut, body tense from the torment we've just been through. Our minds are racing—so many things happened, it's hard to process it all. All we know is the pounding of our hearts and the taste of metal in our mouths.

Our senses begin to feed us information. Bed. Pyjamas. Pillows.

Was it real, or was it all just a nightmare? And is it finally over?

We open our eyes just a crack. Morning. Daytime. Light!

What day is it today? Do we even dare hope?

I am overwhelmed with joy and gratitude to return to live performances of *A Christmas Carol* this year, and I hope you are too. One of the things that I love about the theatre is that it speaks directly to the times in which we experience it, in a way that the fixed worlds of film and TV can't. And hoo-boy, the world has changed since we last gathered to hear the story in 2019. A lot.

My mentor, playwright and director Blake Brooker, was fond of asking a piercing question: Who are you now? It was his way of exploring how we change over and over again through our lives, and it's a potent question at this critical turning point in global history.

Who are we now, this Christmas 2021? I think we're Scrooge. All of us, right at this moment, having endured the anger, sorrow and terrors of this long, long night, squinting and blinking amidst the hopes and possibilities of returning to light.

Will we return to the lives we led before, lives of self-interest, destruction and miserliness? Or will we live in the Spirit of Christmas, that spirit, distilled five times, of humble openness, humanity and love, and keep it all our years?

We have a chance right now, all of us together. A chance to learn the lessons that this long night and its terrifying visions have taught us. A chance to say "I will not be the person I was because of all that I have seen." A chance to change.

What day is it today? Why, it's Christmas Day! Let's make it count.





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REPRESENTATION

The Citadel Theatre recognizes the importance of authentic representation of different bodies and abilities on stage and in the stories we tell. As we look to the future of *A Christmas Carol,* it is our priority that an actor with lived experience of disability and/or chronic illness be sought to play "Tim" in subsequent productions of Dickens' classic story.

To be truly inclusive for disabled artists takes time, energy, and investment in reimagining building structures and creative processes; it must be done well to ensure barriers are removed to provide a welcoming and effective working space for all. We have spent the last six months putting plans in place to host a disabled actor in the role in our Maclab Theatre, including community consultations, space audits, staff training in disability awareness, and fundraising for renovations. We recognize that this will be ongoing work with constant reflection and investment in resources.

The Citadel would like to extend our sincere gratitude to those that provided paid consult over the last six months and have worked to hold us accountable in our commitments: Kelsie Acton, Kristi Hansen, Carly Neis with Cynthia Jimenez-Hicks, Alison Neuman, Trish Cooper and Isaac Vint.

We would like to thank the Edmonton Community Foundation for making a commitment of \$100 000 in matching funding towards the much-needed accessibility renovations within our building.

Older buildings like the Citadel Theatre are filled with significant barriers to participation for disabled artists and audience members alike, from a lack of accessible seating options to stairwells without lift access, insufficient washroom options, and aging elevators. We are working diligently to secure additional funding to update our building so all can feel welcome, safe, and independent. If you or your business would like to join us in this endeavour, please contact Sydney Stuart, Fund Development Director, at sstuart@citadeltheatre.com.

After the last six months of work, including an incredible region-wide audition process, we are so excited to introduce you to our "Tim" for the



2022 production of A Christmas Carol: 9-year-old Elias Martin! Elias loves LEGO and playing frisbee! Elias and his family will be joining us in 2021 to see behind the scenes, watch the show, and to start working with the Citadel team in preparation for next year's production.

WELCOME, ELIAS! WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR DEBUT NEXT DECEMBER!



RUTH ALEXANDER MRS. DILBER, HILDA FEZZIWIG, ALTO SAXOPHONE, PIANO, ENSEMBLE, UNDERSTUDY -

Citadel: *Once*. Ruth moved from the U.K. to Edmonton in 2017. Theatre credits include *The Children* (The Roxy Theatre); *TWO* (Edmonton Fringe Festival); *Silence* (Timms Centre); *Richard III* (Northern Broadsides); *Les Misérables* (U.K. Tour); *Sweeney Todd* (Manchester); *Blonde Bombshells of 1943* (London); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Vienna); and *Macbeth* (Liverpool). Ruth's television credits include a recurring role on *Coronation Street,* and she was a regular member of the BBC Radio Drama team. She feels honoured to be a part of Edmonton's festive theatre tradition.



JULIEN ARNOLD MARLEY, MR. FEZZIWIG, BANJO, ENSEMBLE

Julien Arnold is an Edmonton-based actor and director. Previous Citadel Theatre credits include A Christmas Carol, The Garneau Block, Ring of Fire, Once, Sense and Sensibility, West Side Story, Spamalot, Beauty and the Beast, The Wizard of Oz, Servant of Two Masters, and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Other selected Edmonton credits include Two (Atlas Theatre), The Finest of Strangers (Teatro La Quindicina), The Taming of the Shrew (Freewill Shakespeare Festival), The Comedy Company (Shadow Theatre), Spelling Bee (Mayfield Dinner Theatre), A Skull in Connemara (Theatre Network), and Suburban Motel (Punctuate! Theatre).

Thank you to Sheiny Satanove.



PATRICIA CERRA MARNIE, ENSEMBLE

Patricia is an award winning artist with a multi-faceted career as an arts leader, producer, director, and actor. Recently she won the Sterling Award for Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role, Comedy. She was the Intern Artistic Director with Neptune Theatre in Halifax. She is now the Artistic Programs Associate with Musical Stage Company in Toronto. Citadel credits include: The Fiancée, A Christmas Carol, The Silver Arrow: The Untold Story of Robin Hood, Shakespeare in Love. Upcoming in Edmonton: The Mountaintop (Shadow Theatre).

More: patriciacerra.com



KEVIN DABBS DRUMS, ENSEMBLE

Kevin is honoured, mirthful, and 'spirited' (see what he did there?) to be back at the Citadel for this wonderful re-imagining of ye olde Dickens yuletide classic! Kevin introduced Theatresports™ to the Winnipeg improv scene back in the 80s. He has toured all over North America as a drummer. He was featured in *Spin Magazine* for his *Metallica Drummer* video. Select theatre credits: *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (Neptune Theatre); *The Full Monty, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Wedding Singer* (Mayfield Theatre). Kevin feels so lucky to be working on this production with such a talented bunch of humans! Enjoy!

Love to Jack, Madison, Christine, and all staff and students at Elmwood School!



IVY DEGAGNÉ TIM CRATCHIT

Ivy is thrilled to be returning to the Citadel, where her production highlights include Young Jane in *Jane Eyre* (Collider Festival), Susan Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol*, and Agnes in *Slight of Mind* (Theatre Yes coproduction). You may also recognize lvy as the 2019 Fringe Theatre Festival co-mascot, Max from *Where the Wild Things Fringe*. A proud student of Victoria School of the Arts, lvy enjoys creating through theatre, music, and visual art. lvy would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers for their support and encouragement.



OSCAR DERKX FRED, BASS, ENSEMBLE

Oscar Derkx is an actor and musician based here in Edmonton. He is also featured in several films, and is a producer for the podcast My Best Friend Thinks She's Buffy. Selected credits: As You Like It (RMTC/Citadel Theatre); Peter and the Starcatcher, Once, A Christmas Carol (Citadel Theatre); Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Winter's Tale (Freewill Shakespeare Festival); Lost Lemoine (Teatro La Quindicina); Suburban Motel Series (Punctuate! Theatre); The Antyssey (Concrete Theatre); Ride (Lunchbox Theatre). Upcoming: Peter Pan Goes Wrong (Citadel Theatre/Arts Club); Evelyn Strange (Teatro La Quindicina). Thank you to Sean Croal.



BRAYDON DOWLERCOLTMAN BEN, GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE, ENSEMBLE

Braydon is an Edmonton-based theatre artist. He is pleased to be coming out of semiretirement for this production. Select theatre credits include: Burning Bluebeard (Edmonton Actor's Theatre); Shakespeare's R&J (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); Passion Play (Wild Side Productions); A Christmas Carol, The Tempest, The Pillowman (Citadel Theatre). Training: Citadel/Banff Centre Professional Training Program; University of Alberta BFA acting program. Upcoming: Jane Eyre (Citadel Theatre).



TED DYKSTRA EBENEZER SCROOGE

Ted has acted, directed, and created for every major theatre in Canada and many around the world including New York, London, and Tokyo. He is a founding member of Soulpepper Theatre, and co-founder of The Coal Mine Theatre, both in Toronto. Arguably best known for co-creating one of Canada's most successful plays, 2 Pianos, 4 Hands, Ted also wrote hit musical Evangeline (Citadel Theatre, Charlottetown Festival). He has acted in countless TV shows and movies, watch for him on Season 6 of The Expanse and hear him as Dad Tiger on Daniel Tiger's Neighbourhood. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including six Doras, a Gemini, a Sterling, a Merritt, a Chalmers, and the key to his hometown, St. Albert! Ted regularly thanks the universe for his wife Diana Bentley, and his children Theo, Rosie, and Henry!



CHARIZ FAULMINO SINGER, PHYLLIS, ENSEMBLE, UNDERSTUDY BELLE, FANNY

Chariz Faulmino (She/they/Siya) is a Filipinx-Canadian multi-disciplinary performer based in Amiskwacîwâskahikan, Treaty 6 Territory. Recent Credits include: Erlking Film, Summer Roadshows (Chris Scott); S.I.S.T.E.R. Remount (Citadel Theatre/Fox Den Collective); Sprouts Festival 2021 (Concrete Theatre); Almost A Full Moon - Collider Festival, Windows Into New Work (Citadel Theatre); Letters To No One & Songs To No One (Dammitammy Productions). They wish you a Happy Holidays & Maligayang Pasko! Thank you to her loved ones who encourage and lift her everyday.

To her loved ones who are here in spirit.



DANIELA FERNANDEZ BELLE, SHOPGIRL, ENSEMBLE

Daniela Fernandez (she/her) is a Latinx multidisciplinary artist. She is a graduate of the MacEwan University's Theatre Arts program. Over the last year, Daniela has been diving into the world of sound, with the support of local designers. In 2020, she was one of the inaugural recipients of the RBC Horizon Emerging Artists Program at The Citadel Theatre for Sound Design. Recently, she designed The Fiancée (Citadel Theatre) and *Hiraeth* (Bright Young Things). Daniela can be found performing on stage in Mamma Mia! (Mayfield Dinner Theatre) and sound designing Smoke (Tiny Bear Jaws) this upcoming year. Feliz Navidad y un prospero año nuevo a todos!



GREENFIELD ASSOCIATE MUSIC DIRECTOR, BARKER, CONDUCTOR, PIANO, TROMBONE, ENSEMBLE

Born and raised in Mohkínstsis (Calgary), and now proudly calling Amiskwacîwâskahikan (Edmonton) home, Steven (he/him) is a music director, musician and actor, with credits that span over 85 productions across Canada. Recent credits include Into the Woods (MacEwan), Ring of Fire and Once (Citadel), 'Max' in Lend Me a Tenor (Mayfield), The Comedy Company (Shadow), and 'Jerry Lee Lewis' in Million Dollar Quartet (Arts Club). Upcoming: Peter Pan Goes Wrong and ELVIS (Citadel), Million Dollar Quartet (Theatre Calgary), Ring of Fire (Aquarius), and The Wrong People Have Money (Shadow).



KRISTI HANSEN UNDERSTUDY EMILY CRATCHIT, HILDA FEZZIWIG, MRS. DILBER, PHYLLIS, SINGER, ENSEMBLE

Kristi is a disabled theatre artist and the cofounder/co-Artistic Director of The Maggie Tree. Previous credits include: hiraeth (Bright Young Things); Dear Rita (Confed Centre); Candide (Edmonton Opera); The Silver Arrow and Alice Through the Looking Glass (Citadel Theatre); The Invisible (Catalyst Theatre); The Hollow (Vertigo Theatre); Irma Voth (Theatre Network); Christina/Philippe (Northern Light Theatre); The Sound of Music (National Arts Centre); Comedy of Errors, King Lear, Romeo and Juliet, and Love's Labour's Lost (Freewill Players); The Supine Cobbler, Age of Arousal, and Hroses: An Affront to Reason (The Maggie Tree).



MATHEW HULSHOF UNDERSTUDY FRED, TOPPER, BEN, GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE,

ENSEMBLE

Mathew is an Edmonton-based artist, last seen at the Citadel as Mr. Darcy in Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley. Other credits include Bed and Breakfast (Theatre Network), Happy Birthday Baby J (Shadow Theatre) A Fit, Happy Life!, A Lesson in Brio, I Heard About Your Murder (Teatro La Quindicina), Witch Hunt at the Strand, (Workshop West), Deathtrap (Mayfield), What Gives (Lunchbox Theatre), Nevermore (Catalyst/Persephone Theatre), Our Man in Havana (Bright Young Things). Mathew is a five-time Sterling Award nominee. He won for his performance in Concrete Theatre's production of Smokescreen.



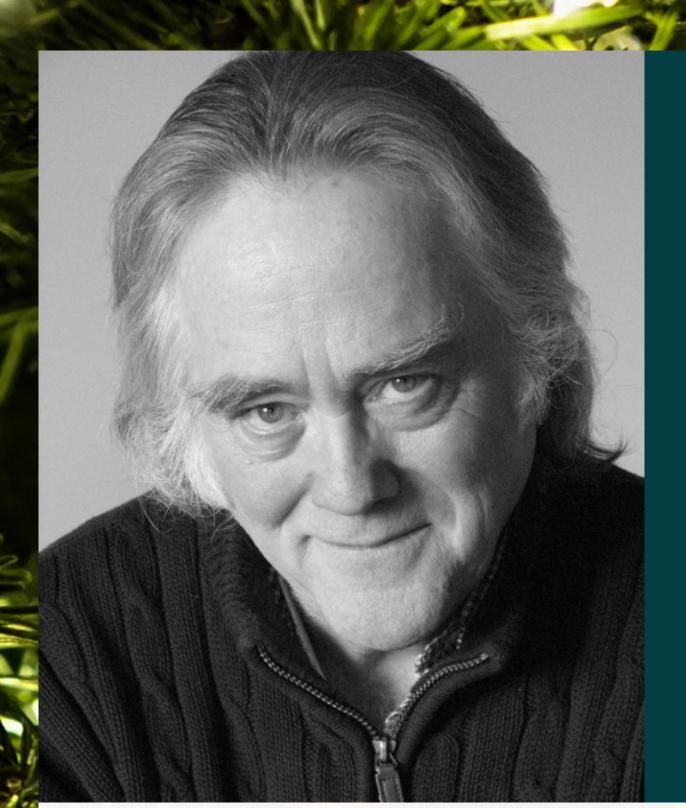
GRAHAM MOTHERSILL TOPPER, ENSEMBLE, UNDERSTUDY GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Graham is thrilled to get out of the house again, and to spend time with everyone here tonight. Theatre credits include: A Christmas Carol (Citadel Theatre), A Christmas Carol, The Crucible, The Tempest (Theatre Calgary); Fortune Falls (Catalyst Theatre/ATP); until the next breath (Catalyst Theatre), CTRL – ALT – DEL, The Antyssey (Concrete Theatre); How to Leave, The Curing Room (Theatre Outré/Theatre BSMT); The Fall of the House of Atreus (Impossible Mongoose Productions). Film/television credits include: Wynona Earp, Like Right Now, Dive, King Crow. Happy Holidays!



PRIYA NARINE FANNY, ENSEMBLE, UNDERSTUDY MARNIE

Priya is delighted to finally return to this wonderful story. Select credits include: *A Christmas Carol* (Citadel); *Slight of Mind* (Citadel/Theatre Yes); *Queen Lear is Dead* (Fox Den Collective); *Constellations* (Flaming Peanuts); *She's Not Him and He's Not Her* (Empress of Blandings); *Meet Me Under the Gnarly Tree* (Cardiac Theatre); *Chrysothemis, The School For Scandal* (Studio Theatre). Priya is a graduate of the BFA Acting program at the University of Alberta. Endless love and thanks to my family and friends, especially Blaire and Willow.



GLENN NELSON, ENSEMBLE, UNDERSTUDY EBENEZER SCROOGE

Citadel: The Candidate, The Party, A
Christmas Carol, Peter and the Starcatcher,
Death of a Salesman, One Man, Two
Guvnors, and Beauty and the Beast. Glenn is
delighted to be part of A Christmas Carol with
these remarkable people. At Shadow Theatre:
Outside Mullingar, Mistakes Were Made, The
Odd Couple, Sexy Laundry and Flyfisher's
Companion.



TROY O'DONNELL UNDERSTUDY MARLEY, FEZZIWIG, NELSON, BARKER, ENSEMBLE

Troy is an actor and director. He is also an Artistic Associate with the Freewill Shakespeare Festival. Previous Credits Include: The Tempest, Julius Caesar, Hamlet (Citadel Theatre); Much Ado About Nothing, The Winter's Tale, The Two Gentlemen of Verona (Freewill Shakespeare Festival); The 39 Steps (Mayfield); It's a Wonderful Life, Ten Lost Years, A Christmas Carol (Theatre Northwest); The Umbrella (Quest Theatre); The Early Bloomer, Smokescreen (Concrete Theatre); Anxiety, Shoot/Get Treasure/Repeat, The Righteous Woman (Theatre Yes); An Inspector Calls, The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe, The Diary of Anne Frank (Rosebud Theatre).



LILLA SOLYMOS GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST, ENSEMBLE

Lilla (she/her) is a Hungarian-Canadian artist who was born in Budapest. She is thrilled to join the *A Christmas Carol* family for her sixth year! She started acting at Foote Theatre School at the age of six and has been involved with theatre ever since. Lilla is a 9th grader at Vic and a dancer at DU. Her newest passion is diving:) Previous credits: *A Christmas Carol* (Citadel Theatre), *Matilda the Musical* (Citadel Theatre/Manitoba Theatre Centre), *The Bad Seed* (Teatro La Quindicina). Happy Holidays, everyone! Kellemes Ünnepeket!



JOHN ULYATT GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT, SANTA, ENSEMBLE

John is very familiar to Citadel audiences from *South of China* in 1996 to *Every Brilliant Thing* right before the pandemic. Favourite Citadel roles include *Cabaret, The Pillowman, Matilda* (co-production with RMTC/Arts Club), *Beauty and the Beast* (co-production with Theatre Calgary), *Rocky Horror Show, Death of a Salesman,* and *Billy Bishop Goes To War.* He has worked across the country in many theatres from The Segal Centre in Montreal to The Belfry Theatre in Victoria. For the past year and a half, John has been Head Distiller at Lone Pine Distilling. Merry Christmas!



PATRICIA ZENTILLI EMILY CRATCHIT, ENSEMBLE

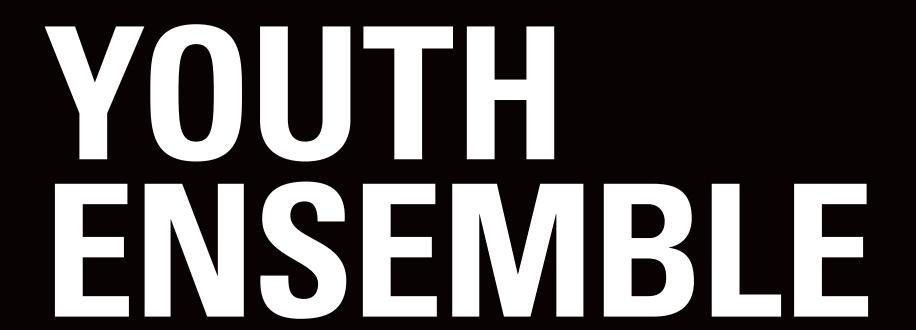
Patricia Zentilli has performed across Canada in theatre, television, and film. Edmonton Theatre credits include Mamma Mia!, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, Alice Through the Looking Glass (Citadel Theatre); The Last 5 Years, The Gravitational Pull of Berenice Trimble (Theatre Network); Matara (Workshop West); Mack and Mabel (Plain Jane); Noises Off, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Little Shop of Horrors, Putnam Counting Spelling Bee, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Mayfield). This Spring, Patricia will be playing Judy in Citadel Theatre's production of 9 to 5: The Musical.



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BACK ROW (L TO R): ZENON ROESSLER,
ATHENA REYES, LILLA SOLYMOS,
MAKSYMILIAN HOLKO,
IVY DEGAGNÉ, ELLA SCHALOSKE,
LIAM CLORAN

SEATED ON FLOOR (L TO R): SOFIA BERRY,
SHELBY DUTERTRE



DARYL CLORAN DIRECTOR

Artistic Director of the Citadel. Daryl has directed internationally in countries such as South Africa and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and across Canada, including: Shaw Festival, National Arts Centre, Theatre Calgary, Neptune Theatre (Halifax), Arts Club (Vancouver), Canadian Stage and Tarragon (Toronto). For the Citadel, Daryl has recently directed: *The Fiancée, Shakespeare in Love, Matilda, The Silver Arrow,* and *The Candidate & The Party*. Daryl's Beatles-infused adaptation of *As You Like It* has played at the Citadel, Bard on the Beach (Vancouver), RMTC (Winnipeg) and is currently running at Chicago Shakespeare Theater.



DAVID VAN BELLE PLAYWRIGHT

David is an Edmonton-based playwright whose works include *The Highest Step in the World, Liberation Days, GIANT,* and *The Last Voyage of Donald Crowhurst.* David has been Writer-in-Residence for the Edmonton Public Library, Playwright-in-Residence at Alberta Theatre Projects, an ensemble member of One Yellow Rabbit and Creator-in-Residence for Ghost River Theatre. *A Christmas Carol* couldn't have been written without many wise and useful observations from his partner Vanessa Sabourin. And this year's production is dedicated to Harry Van Belle, his dearly loved father, with hope for a gentle journey into the next adventure.



CORY SINCENNES SET & COSTUME DESIGNER

Cory is an award-winning designer whose set, costume, lighting, and video designs have received both national and international recognition. Cory earned a degree in Architectural Studies from Carleton University before studying design at Ryerson Theatre School. He also holds a MFA in Theatre Design from the University of Alberta. Recent designs include Ring of Fire, Matilda, Once, Shakespeare in Love, Crazy for You, Million Dollar Quartet, Venus in Fur, Romeo and Juliet, Spamalot, The Rocky Horror Show, Evangeline, Peter and the Starcatcher, Mary Poppins, and Next to Normal.



LEIGH ANN VARDY LIGHTING DESIGNER

Citadel: The Silver Arrow. Recent favourite projects include The Neverending Story (Stratford); The Color Purple, Kamp (Neptune Theatre); The Secret Life of a Mother (Theatre Centre); Between Breaths, The Colony of Unrequited Dreams (Artistic Fraud); The Glace Bay Miners' Museum, Metamorphoses (National Arts Centre); What a Young Wife Ought to Know, and The God That Comes (2b theatre). Leigh Ann is a member of the Associated Designers of Canada. She is the recipient of seven Merritt awards for design, and was nominated for the Siminovitch Prize. When not designing, she teaches at the National Theatre School of Canada.



MISHELLE CUTTLER MUSIC DIRECTOR, SOUND DESIGNER

Mishelle is a composer, sound designer, and musician based in Vancouver. Past projects at the Citadel: The Candidate, The Party, and Sweat. Other favourites include: Made in Canada (rice & beans), The Quarantettes (Neworld/The Chop), Shakespeare in Love, Lysistrata, Done/Undone (Bard on the Beach); The Matchmaker (Arts Club); Break Horizons: a concert documentary (The Cultch); and Titus Bouffonius (Rumble). Next up: Clean (Neworld); and The Seventh Fire (Delinquent). Mishelle is a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and of UBC Theatre. She is a member of the Associated Designers of Canada. www.mishellecuttler.com



GIANNA VACIRCA CHOREOGRAPHER

Gianna Vacirca is a dancer, actor, choreographer and performing artist. She is also an Italian pastaia and the creator of bell'uovo, a bespoke naturally colourful handmade pasta business based here in Edmonton (@bell_uovo). Coming up, Gianna will be performing in Jane Eyre at the Citadel before choreographing Tiny Bear Jaws' newest play and heading to Toronto for Why Not Theatre's RISER. Previous Credits Include: Bears (Punctuate! Theatre & Dreamspeakers & Citadel Theatre); Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley, A Christmas Carol (Citadel Theatre); Noises Off (Mayfield Dinner Theatre); Vague Harvest, Ludicrous Pie, A Second Round of Seconds (Teatro La Quindicina); Blood: A Scientific Romance (The Maggie Tree); Hamlet, Two Gentlemen of Verona, Comedy of Errors (Freewill Shakespeare Festival).



LAURA KREWSKI ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHER

Choreography credits include Mamma Mia!, West Side Story, Spamalot, and Shakespeare in Love (Citadel Theatre); Next to Normal (Citadel/Theatre Calgary); Enron (National Arts Centre); Home is a Beautiful Word (Belfry/ Persephone Theatre); Jesus Christ Superstar, Chicago, and Footloose (The Mayfield); Candide (Edmonton Opera); The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Belfry/Arts Club); and new musicals RICH and Rapa Nui (MTYP). Laura has choreographed original musicals Vigilante, Nevermore, Frankenstein, Hunchback, Fortune Falls, and The Invisible for Catalyst Theatre. Laura has received the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, five Sterling Awards, a Betty Mitchell and a Lucille Lortel nomination for her work on the Off-Broadway run of Nevermore.



WAYNE PAQUETTE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Wayne is a director, producer, stage manager based in Amiskwacîwâskahikan (Edmonton). He is the Artistic Director of Blarney Productions. Previous directing credits for the Citadel include: A Christmas Carol, Blackbird, Polaroid Stories; The Blonde, the Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead (co-director); West Side Story, The Wizard of Oz, The Glass Menagerie, Shining City, and Doubt: a parable (assistant director). Much love to Denise and Aimée.



CYNTHIA JIMENEZ-HICKS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Cynthia (she/her) is a Filipino-settler theatre artist from Amiskwaciwâskahikan. She has developed new Canadian theatre with companies such as the Stratford Festival, fu-GEN Asian Canadian Theatre, Bad Hats, Studio 180, and Factory Theatre. Cynthia's new play, TUNE TO A (co-created with Carly Neis and Cameron Kneteman), aims to shine a spotlight on disability representation and allyship - it will be premiering at Azimuth's Chinook Festival in 2022. Theatre Highlights: The Candidate, The Party, A Christmas Carol (Citadel Theatre), Girls Like That (Tarragon Theatre), This London Life (Grand Theatre), Boys, Girls and Other Mythological Creatures (Carousel Players). Film & TV: From (Epix Studios & MGM International), In The Dark (CW Network), Hudson & Rex (Shaftesbury/ Pope Productions), Barbelle (Boss&Co). Training: National Theatre School of Canada. Up next Cynthia is joining the San Francisco cast of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child.



JANINE WANDELL INTIMACY DIRECTOR

Janine is an Edmonton based Intimacy and a Sterling nominated Fight Director, as well as an Intimacy Coordinator and Stunt Performer. Previous Citadel and Young Company Credits Include: The Fiancée; The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time; After Juliet; Midsummer Night's Dream; Bat Boy: The Musical. Previous Theatre Credits Include: Simone el le Whole Shebang (L'UniThéâtre); MacBeth (The Malachite Theatre Collective). Film Credits Include: Under the Banner of Heaven (FXP, Imagine Television); Billy the Kid (MGM International); Black Summer (Netflix); The Ballad of Audrey Earnshaw (Gate 67 Films). She is the lucky mother of four.



MICHELLE CHAN STAGE MANAGER

Michelle is the resident stage manager at the Citadel Theatre and has been privileged to be working with the amazing team here for the last 21 seasons. Some of her favourite past Citadel Theatre credits include: A Christmas Carol, Every Brilliant Thing, Ring of Fire, Once, The Silver Arrow, Shakespeare in Love, West Side Story, Avenue Q, One Man, Two Guvnors, Spamalot, Private Lives, Beauty and the Beast, A Few Good Men, The Sound of Music, The Rocky Horror Show, August: Osage County, The Forbidden Phoenix, Sweeney Todd, Heaven, and Mary's Wedding.



MOLLY PEARSON ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

Citadel: Made in Italy, The Garneau Block (Stage Manager); Children of God, Peter and the Starcatcher, and A Christmas Carol (Assistant Stage Manager). Molly's recent credits include stage managing The Two Gentlemen of Verona, A Comedy of Errors, and The Merchant of Venice (Freewill Shakespeare Festival); Last Chance Leduc (Snowflake Productions); Shakespeare's R&J (Kill Your Television); Bello (Concrete Theatre/L'UniThéâtre); Bust (Theatre Network); The Passion of Narcisse Mondoux (Northern Light Theatre/L'UniThéâtre); and assistant stage managing Vigilante (Catalyst Theatre).



GABY PHANEUF ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

Gaby is ecstatic to be a part of Citadel
Theatre's Production of A Christmas Carol.
Previous Credits include: A Closer Walk
With Patsy Cline, Keep Calm & Rock On,
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FRANCES BUNDY APPRENTICE STAGE MANAGER

Frances is a stage manager, lighting designer, front of house manager and will be directing for the UofA's upcoming New Works
Festival. She is also the Technical Director for independent company ReadyGo Theatre.
Previous credits include: Here There Be Night, Slight of Mind (Workshop West), Brother Rat, I, Animal, Monster (ReadyGo Theatre), The Secret in the Wings, Don Juan Comes Back from the War, Richard III (Timms Centre for the Arts). She would like to thank Erik for being her rock every day.

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The Citadel Theatre is in the heart of amiskwaciwâskahikan ⊲Γ¬Ь·Γ¬¬İ¬¬Ь□ΔЬ¬ (Edmonton, AB), and we are proud to call Treaty 6 territory home. As a regional theatre, it is integral that we ensure that the stories we tell, as well as the composition of our artists, board, staff, students, and audience are reflective of the diverse lived experiences in this dynamic city.

We commit to dismantling the systems of oppression that our organization has benefited from. We acknowledge our privilege as one of the largest arts organizations in Alberta, and one of the largest regional theatres in Canada; it is our responsibility to enshrine this commitment at the heart of our company. We pledge to be held accountable to this ongoing work with transparency and in dialogue with our community.

We believe this work requires immediate and ongoing action and constant reflection. We are building an anti-racism and anti-oppression intersectional framework through training, paid consultation, internal analysis, the building of an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, a commitment to Edmonton's 35//50 Initiative, and significant policy change and accountability through the entire organization.

We are proud to be part of our city's vibrant theatre community and commit to working together with our colleagues to exchange knowledge and ensure lasting systemic change at the Citadel and throughout the arts community. We welcome and celebrate all voices, all bodies, and all experiences.

This is a living statement that has been crafted by Citadel Theatre's Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee. It was last updated on May 26, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact:

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VISION STATEMENT

The Citadel Theatre believes in being Inclusive, Innovative, and International in our programming and practices

INCLUSIVE We celebrate, welcome, and share stories with the many different communities that make up Edmonton. Our stages come alive with different voices and cultures. We strive to make our productions and our facilities inclusive and accessible; we believe the Citadel is a place where everyone belongs.

INNOVATIVE Our programming will celebrate new work, new performance styles, and productions that experiment with dramatic form. We will develop large-scale new work by Edmontonian, Canadian and international playwrights. We will create collisions between different art forms, and present work that includes dance, music, and digital storytelling.

INTERNATIONAL We will present and collaborate with exciting theatre-makers from around the world, as well as taking the fantastic work of the Citadel to audiences everywhere.

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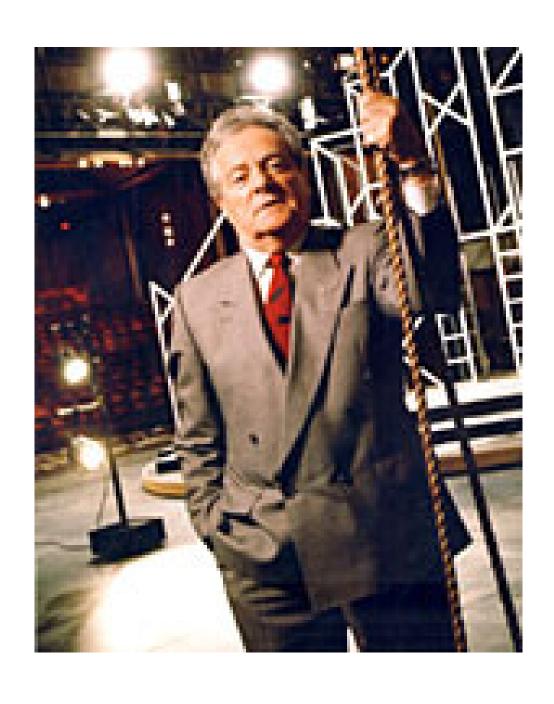
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