

OVATION

ROYAL
MTC
MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE

VOL 31 • NO 6
APR/MAY 2024

WORLD PREMIERE

THE COMEBACK

By Trish Cooper and Sam Vint



JOHN
HIRSCH
MAINSTAGE

HERMANOS

RESTAURANT & WINE BAR

JOIN US FOR DINNER
BEFORE THE SHOW!

MTC SEASON TICKET HOLDERS RECEIVE 15% OFF

179 BANNATYNE AVE | WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R3B 0R5

For reservations book at Hermanos.ca or call 204-219-0779

MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to the final show of our 2023/24 season. It has been heartening to see our theatres teeming with happy patrons this season and we are so grateful for your support!

We're thrilled to present the world premiere of *The Comeback*, and to close out our season with what is truly a quintessential Manitoban play. This play was commissioned by MTC, when Trish and Sam first met with me pre-pandemic to pitch a comedy about the antics and sometimes hilarious culture clash of their blended family. They have shared their personal story, using the struggle of marriage, raising kids and grasping with identity as fodder to tell their tale of a perfectly imperfect family. Ultimately, amidst all this, LOVE is the resounding centre of the play.

The playwrights have also created a meta-theatrical element by constructing the character of Adam as a playwright struggling to write a play. With that conceit, the play becomes a love letter to the theatre, and to the act of storytelling itself.

The energy and attention it takes to shepherd a new play to the stage is immense and I am so grateful to Ian Ross as a dramaturg in the early drafts, and to Eric Coates as director/dramaturg for his guidance in the play's development over the past year. I also acknowledge the brilliant team of actors who have contributed so much to *The Comeback* on its journey to the stage.

I am thrilled to share this heartfelt and hilarious play with you all. Thanks for joining us at the theatre.

Enjoy the show,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly'.

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre is proud to call Manitoba home. Royal MTC is located in Winnipeg on Treaty 1, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Anishinew and Dakota people, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We are thankful for the benefits sharing this land has afforded us, acknowledge the responsibilities of the Treaties, and embrace the opportunity to partner with Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

THEATRE ABBREVIATION LEGEND

A.C.T. American Conservatory Theater • San Francisco, CA	Rainbow Rainbow Stage • Winnipeg, MB
Arts Club Arts Club Theatre Company • Vancouver, BC	RNT Royal National Theatre • London, England
ATF Atlantic Theatre Festival • Wolfville, NS	Royal Alex The Royal Alexandra Theatre • Toronto, ON
ATP Alberta Theatre Projects • Calgary, AB	RSC Royal Shakespeare Company • Stratford-upon-Avon, England
BAM Brooklyn Academy of Music • NYC	RWB Royal Winnipeg Ballet • Winnipeg, MB
Bard on the Beach Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival • Vancouver, BC	Sarasvati Sarasvati Productions • Winnipeg, MB
Belfry The Belfry Theatre • Victoria, BC	Segal The Segal Centre for Performing Arts • Montreal, QC
Blyth Blyth Theatre Festival • Blyth, ON	Shaw Shaw Festival • Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
Broadway Theatre district • New York, NY	SIR Shakespeare in the Ruins • Winnipeg, MB
CBC Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	Soulpepper Soulpepper Theatre Company • Toronto, ON
Centaur Centaur Theatre Company • Montreal, QC	Stratford Stratford Festival • Stratford, ON
Citadel The Citadel Theatre • Edmonton, AB	SummerWorks SummerWorks Theatre Festival • Toronto, ON
COC Canadian Opera Company • Toronto, ON	TA Theatre Aquarius • Hamilton, ON
CS Canadian Stage • Toronto, ON	Tarragon Tarragon Theatre • Toronto, ON
Dora Dora Mavor Moore Award • Toronto, ON	TBTR Theatre by the River • Winnipeg, MB
Drayton Drayton Entertainment • Ontario	TC Theatre Calgary • Calgary, AB
Dry Cold Dry Cold Productions • Winnipeg, MB	TIFT Talk is Free Theatre • Barrie, ON
Factory Factory Theatre • Toronto, ON	TNB Theatre New Brunswick • Fredericton, NB
GCTC The Great Canadian Theatre Company • Ottawa, ON	Toronto Free Toronto Free Theatre • Toronto, ON
Grand The Grand Theatre • London, ON	TPM Theatre Projects Manitoba • Winnipeg, MB
HGJT Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company • Toronto, ON	TSO Toronto Symphony Orchestra
Mirvish Mirvish Productions • Toronto, ON	U of M University of Manitoba
Moving Target Moving Target Theatre Company • Winnipeg, MB	U of T University of Toronto
MTYP Manitoba Theatre for Young People • Winnipeg, MB	U of W University of Winnipeg
NAC National Arts Centre • Ottawa, ON	ViC The Village Conservatory for Music Theatre • Winnipeg, MB
Necessary Angel Necessary Angel Theatre Company • Toronto, ON	VP Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company • Vancouver, BC
Neptune Neptune Theatre • Halifax, NS	West End Theatre district • London, England
NFB National Film Board of Canada	WCT Western Canada Theatre • Kamloops, BC
NTS National Theatre School of Canada • Montreal, QC	WJT Winnipeg Jewish Theatre
Persephone Persephone Theatre • Saskatoon, SK	WSO Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
PTAM Popular Theatre Alliance of Manitoba • Winnipeg, MB	WST Winnipeg Studio Theatre
PTE Prairie Theatre Exchange • Winnipeg, MB	YPT Young People's Theatre • Toronto, ON
	zone41 zone41 theatre • Winnipeg, MB

OVATION

VOLUME 31, NUMBER 6
APRIL/MAY 2024

Ovation is published six times per theatre season and has an approximate yearly circulation of 85,000.

PRINTING: Premier Printing Ltd.

ADVERTISING INQUIRIES

Savannah Lillies

TELEPHONE: 204 934 0309

EMAIL: slillies@royalmtc.ca

ROYAL MTC MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre
174 Market Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0P8
Canada

RoyalMTC.ca

BOX OFFICE: 204 942 6537

ADMINISTRATION: 204 956 1340

FAX: 204 947 3741

Royal MTC is a member of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres and engages, under the terms of the Canadian Theatre Agreement, professional artists who are members of the Canadian Actors' Equity Association.

Scenery, Carpentry and Show Running Crew at the John Hirsch Mainstage and the Tom Hendry Warehouse are members of IATSE Local 63.

USHERS • Royal MTC's loyal volunteer ushers are available at every performance to assist patrons.

LATECOMERS • Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the House Manager.

COURTESY TO OTHERS • Talking, candy wrappers and coughing are distracting to fellow patrons and actors. We ask each patron to please keep noise to a minimum during a performance. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCENTS AND ALLERGIES • A number of Royal MTC patrons have expressed concerns regarding medical reactions caused by scented products, so much so that they can't enjoy the show. Please consider others before using items such as colognes, perfumes and hairspray. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

HEARING ENHANCEMENT • Sennheiser Infrared Listening Devices are available free of charge in the lobby at the John Hirsch Mainstage and Tom Hendry Warehouse, supplied by the Royal MTC Volunteer Corps of Ushers Capital Campaign donation. Please see the House Manager for details.

PROHIBITED • The use of cameras and recording devices is strictly prohibited. Mobile devices must be turned off. To be contacted in an emergency, leave your name and seat number with the House Manager.

WARNINGS • On occasion, Royal MTC's productions may contain script-specific smoking of non-tobacco products, special effects and language/content warnings. For more information on specific productions, please visit royalmtc.ca.

WHERE GREAT SERVICE TAKES CENTRE STAGE



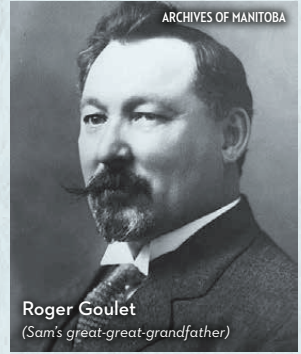
GFL Environmental is proud to support the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre and the Arts. Our diverse service offerings include solid waste management, recycling services, and hazardous waste collection.

Green Today. Green For Life. | gflenv.com





SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE
DE SAINT-BONIFACE



Roger Goulet
(Sam's great-great-grandfather)



Marie Therese Goulet-Courchaine
(Sam's great-grandmother)



Claudette Ek Cardinal
(Sam's grandmother)



Valerie Vint
(Sam's mother)

Elzéar Goulet

(Playwright Sam Vint's great-great-great-grandfather)

Elzéar Goulet was born on November 18, 1836 in St. Boniface. He was the son of Alexis Goulet and Josephite Siveright and was the third child in a family of six children. He was the mailman for the Red River Settlement.

Elzéar inherited his zeal for Métis rights from his father, Alexis. He was one of 22 other buffalo hunters and traders who assembled on August 29, 1845 to write a letter demanding Métis rights to hunt and trade at a fair price. Elzéar was named the Lieutenant General of the Métis Militia during the 1870 resistance. His older brother Roger was a member of the Council of Assiniboine and his younger brother, Maxime, became an MLA and the Minister of Agriculture. Elzéar died on September 13, 1870, at the age of 34. He left a wife and six children behind. ●



Planning
starts with
a focus on
the bigger
picture.

At Lawton Partners, we guide our clients with insight and experience.
We believe it's important to be leaders in our community as well as in business.

You belong in the company of leaders.
lawtonpartners.ca



TAYLOR McCAFFREY

L A W Y E R S

Taylor McCaffrey proudly supports Royal MTC and gratefully acknowledges the rich contribution made by Manitoba's Arts Community to our province.

Break a leg to all those involved in the production of
The Comeback.

2200-201 Portage Ave
Winnipeg, Manitoba | R3B 3L3
204.949.1312 | www.tmlawyers.com

Playwrights' Notes

BY TRISH COOPER AND SAM VINT



"We must cherish our inheritance. We must preserve our nationality for the youth of our future. The story should be written down to pass on." – LOUIS RIEL

The Comeback is a play about family; a spirited, complicated, loving and often hilarious one.



We wanted to write a story inspired by both our families that included some of our collective histories.

Disclaimer: Inspired by our family, not a totally true story.

Disclaimer #2: This is one Métis story, not THE Métis story. We don't pretend to speak for all the Métis. In fact nobody could. The Métis is made up of many different people from many different regions.



It takes so many talented and thoughtful people to help write and produce a play, it's a whole thing.

First thank you, Kelly Thornton, for taking a chance on us when it was perfectly reasonable not to. It is fair to say this play wouldn't have happened without Scott Montgomery and Alix Sobler. Krista Jackson, thank you for convincing us to pitch our extremely loose idea to Royal MTC. Audrey Dwyer was essential by somehow seeing our collection of stories as a real play. She encouraged us to dig deep, be fearless and get to the truth. Ian Ross reminded us to lean into the comedy and that all our stories didn't have to be crammed into one play. Thank you to Matt Handscombe, Carolyn Gray, Ron Moore, Krista Jackson and Cory Wojcik for those helpful Covid Zoom readings. We are also grateful for the generous advice of Elder Ron Bell.



Every writer should have an Eric Coates in their corner sharing his knowledge with sensitivity, grace and humour. He steered a wobbly ship to port many times.



We wrote this play at home while our two kids, Cooper and Isaac, patiently (most of the time) gave us time to work. As you'll see, we are blessed with a big, loving, kooky, hilarious, opinionated family. Extra thanks to Gerri, Jill, Geoff, Sam, Maureen, Les and to Uncle Fred Leighen for the family song.

Trish's parents, Keith and Dianne, would be applauding loudly at every show and handing out homemade handbills if they were here. They always cheered on family stories to be told and re-told until people who weren't there thought they had been.

Sam's mom, Val Vint, raised her kids with a fierce loyal love even when she was not raised with that love. She continues to inspire us. ●



ALL PHOTOS OF TRISH & SAM'S FAMILY



SYNOPSIS - When Jesse falls for Adam, neither has any idea what the future holds. But when they get pregnant, they must navigate the awkward and sometimes hilarious relationship between their disparate family backgrounds, as they face the idea of raising a child together. As baby Finn is welcomed into the world, Adam is commissioned to write his first big play, but balancing his role as a new father and his relationship to his family history unearths deeper fodder for his journey as a playwright. Having grown up in a Métis household, Adam's lived experience is very different from Jesse's white family upbringing, and the inherent culture clash becomes even more pronounced with the pressures of parenthood. As the play's submission deadline approaches, Adam finds himself on a journey of self-discovery confronting the responsibility of raising a child connected to their culture. As Adam says, his family was scattered like seeds in the wind - now they are on the comeback. ●

PRESENTS

The Comeback

By Trish Cooper and Sam Vint

April 25 – May 18, 2024

PREVIEW April 24

Director / Production Dramaturg..... Eric Coates
Set Designer..... Brian Perchaluk**†
Costume Designer..... Joseph Abetria†
Lighting Designer..... Larry Isacoff†
Composer & Sound Designer..... Daniel Roy
Cultural Consultant..... Val Vint
Cree Translation..... Michael Lawrenchuk
Assistant Director..... Charlene Van Buekenhout
Associate Costume Designer..... Amy McPherson
Stage Manager..... Michael Duggan**
Assistant Stage Manager..... Ridge Romanishen
Apprentice Stage Manager..... Meaghan Fletcher
Child Supervisor..... Devon Helm

THE CAST (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Danielle..... Calla Adubofour-Poku
Gigi..... Mariam Bernstein†
Ben..... Damien Broomes
Jesse..... Gwendolyn Collins
Finn..... Myles Grantham
Lynn..... Marsha Knight
Wilbur / Uncle Bear..... Michael Lawrenchuk
Aunty Leona..... Tracey Nepinak
Carol..... Melanie Whyte
Adam..... Cory Wojcik

The Comeback is performed with one intermission.

Trish Cooper is a member of the Playwrights Guild of Canada.

We acknowledge the following artists who contributed to the development of *The Comeback*: Calla Adubofour-Poku, Mariam Bernstein, Damien Broomes, Eric Coates, Gwendolyn Collins, Lisa Cooke Ravensbergen, Reena Jolly, Marsha Knight, Jani Lauzon, Kathleen MacLean, Tracey Nepinak, Laura Olafson, Cherissa Richards, Ian Ross, Ray Strachan, Marina Stephenson Kerr, Alissa Watson, Melanie Whyte, Cory Wojcik.

Production photography by Dylan Hewlett.

**Indicated designers on this production are represented by the Associated Designers of Canada, IATSE Local ADC659

*Position funded through the Jean Murray - Moray Sinclair Theatre Apprenticeship Program

†Past Jean Murray - Moray Sinclair apprenticeship or scholarship recipient

†Past Naomi Levin Theatre Scholarship award winner

THE COMEBACK



**Calla
Adubofour-Poku**
Danielle

ROYAL MTC First appearance.

OTHER THEATRE *Flight of Fancy*, *Middletown*, *Metamorphoses*, *Twelfth Night* (NTS); *Romeo and Juliet* (Exit Stage Left); *Robin Hood*, *Argonautika*, *Orpheus and Eurydice* (Second Story Theatre).

TRAINING 2023 graduate from the National Theatre School of Canada's acting program.

ET CETERA Calla is eternally grateful for the opportunity to work on *The Comeback* with this magnificent group of artists. She is thrilled to work on a show that her childhood self would be proud and excited to see. She sends her love and appreciation to her family, friends and partner for their constant support.



Mariam Bernstein
Gigi

ROYAL MTC Actor: *Into the Woods*, *Alice Through the Looking-Glass*, *Black Coffee*, *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Mrs. Klein*, *Les Belles-Soeurs*. Director: *Romeo and Juliet* ('94), *The Things We Do For Love*.

OTHER THEATRE (selected) Actor: *Becoming Dr. Ruth*, *Angels in America Parts 1 & 2* (WJT); *Sweeney Todd*, *Into the Woods* (Dry Cold); *Selkirk Avenue* (PTE/Magnus); *Spring Awakening* (WST); *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Neptune). Director: *Dieu de Carnage* (TCM); *Falsettos*, *Death of a Salesman*, *Speed-the-Plow* (WJT); *Company*, *The Secret Garden* (Dry Cold).

FILM/TV Over 30 Manitoba productions, including *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (upcoming December 2024).

TRAINING/TEACHING National Theatre School of Canada; U of W. Theatre educator and acting coach for over 30 years.

ET CETERA Love to Miranda and Cinna. For Gail Asper, a champion of Canadian theatre, and true Mensch.



THEATRE FOR FANS UNDER 30

Looking for a great night out that's easy on your wallet? Theatre Under 30 members, aged 18 - 29, have exclusive access to world-class theatre for just \$20 a seat!

SIGN UP TODAY AT [ROYALMTC.CA/UNDER30](https://royalmtc.ca/under30)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
KSENIA BRODA-MILIAN AT UNDER30@ROYALMTC.CA



THE COMEBACK



Damien Broomes

Ben

ROYAL MTC First appearance.

OTHER THEATRE *Memphis, Twisted, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Sister Act, Mamma Mia!, Shrek the Musical, Ragtime.*

FILM/TV *Holiday Heritage* (Hallmark); *Murdoch Mysteries* (CBC).

ET CETERA Damien is thrilled to be in his first Royal MTC show. Many thanks to the cast and crew for their warm welcome and collaboration. Sincere thanks to the city of Winnipeg for having me. Heartfelt thanks to Becca, Eli, my family and my friends for their continued and unrelenting support!



Gwendolyn Collins

Jesse

ROYAL MTC *The Piano Teacher, The Penelopiad, Alice Through the Looking-Glass, Last Train to Nibroc* (Regional Tour).

OTHER THEATRE *Tiny Treasures, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (MTYP); *Red Earth, I Dream of Diesel* (One Trunk Theatre/TPM); *Mission Potluck, 204FM, Hamlet as Told on the Streets* (One Trunk Theatre); *The Cherry Orchard* (TBTR); *Way to Heaven, One of Ours* (WJT); *Munsch's Meeya, Munschtopia* (PTE).

FILM/TV *Little Bird* (Crave, APTN); *Orphan: First Kill* (Paramount); *The Return* (Strata Studios); *Channel Zero* (SYFY); *The Pinkertons* (Pink Pictures); *Stand! The Musical* (Frantic Films).

TRAINING BA Honors degree from the U of W department of Theatre and Film.



Myles Grantham

Finn

ROYAL MTC First appearance.

TRAINING Monologue, Character & Scene Studies; Improvisation Techniques; Guitar & Voice.

ET CETERA Myles is excited to bring his love for the arts to the stage during his Royal MTC debut this spring! Myles is thankful to his family, friends and communities for their support and encouragement to learn, achieve and inspire.



Marsha Knight

Lynn

ROYAL MTC First appearance.

OTHER THEATRE *Rise, Red River* (Article 11, PTE, Théâtre Cercle Molière); *The Unplugging* (Belfry); *Crees in the Caribbean* (Magnus); *Antony & Cleopatra* (SIR); *Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun* (Theatre Northwest); *The Rez Sisters* (x3) (PTE, Magnus, Theatre Northwest).

TV *Acting Good Season 2; D dot H* (APTN web series); *Little Bird; Vandits*. Writer/Director of documentary *Winnipeg's North End, A Food Desert* (NSI IndigiDocs, APTN, CBC Gem).

ET CETERA Marsha is Ojibwe/Métis, born and raised in Winnipeg, with Ancestors from the east side of Lake Manitoba. Having directed *Neechie's* (Jo MacDonald) at Winnipeg Fringe 2023, she will now be directing *Agency* (barb janes) at Fringe 2024. She teaches Intro Indigenous Performance at U of W and is currently set to record her fourth audiobook.

For a complete list of theatre abbreviations, please refer to legend on page 4

Weekly Live Music

Kevin's Bistro



Visit us for a night out
that's worthy of a
standing ovation!



141 Bannatyne | kevinsbistro.ca | 204.221.5028
Make a reservation through OpenTable.

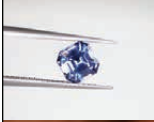


DIAMOND GALLERY

1735 CORYDON AVENUE

Locally owned and operated by the Malbrank family since 1992. Specializing in Canadian crafted custom designs and responsibly sourced gemstones. Shop online 24/7 or contact us to book your professional jewellery consultation.

DIAMOND-GALLERY.COM



THE COMEBACK



Michael Lawrenchuk

Wilbur / Uncle Bear

ROYAL MTC Playwriting: *Babylon* (2022/23 Pimootayowin Creators Circle).

ET CETERA Michael has been involved in theatre, film and television as an actor, director and writer since 1991. Michael is a graduate of the U of W's Honour's Acting Program. He has pursued his post grad studies at the London Theatre School, is an alumnus of the University of Exeter, Staging Shakespeare and a 2014 Fellow of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London. He is a former chief of the Fox Lake Cree Nation.



Tracey Nepinak

Aunty Leona

ROYAL MTC Acting: *The Secret to Good Tea, Sarah Ballenden, Good People, The History of Manitoba from the Beginning of Time to the Present in 45 Minutes.*

Directing: *The Rez Sisters*. Playwriting: *Redemption Tax* (2020/21 Pimootayowin Creators Circle).

OTHER THEATRE Tracey has worked professionally, in theatres across Canada, since 1993. Recent acting: *Philomena in The Rez Sisters* (Stratford); *Rae Anna in Honour Beat* (world premiere, Theatre Calgary); *Crazy Bone in A Short History of Crazy Bone* (world premiere, TPM); *Cleopatra in Antony & Cleopatra* (SIR).

TV Recent acting: *Rose in Burden of Truth* (Eaglevision).

TRAINING Tracey graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a B.A. Honours in Theatre.

ET CETERA She is a proud member of Peguis First Nation, here on Treaty One Territory. Tracey is "over-the-moon" excited to be Milo's "kookum"!



Melanie Whyte

Carol

ROYAL MTC *Into the Woods, The Audience* (with Mirvish).

OTHER THEATRE Selected: *Narnia, Spelling 2-5-5 (MTYP); Feast, Fly Me to the Moon, Till It Hurts (PTE); The Prom, The Light in the Piazza, A Man of No Importance, Into the Woods (Dry Cold); Much Ado About Nothing, Hamlet, Timon of Athens (SIR); Cinderella, Sister Act, Mary Poppins, Annie, The Full Monty (Rainbow); The Game, Miss N' Me (Sarasvati); Sunday in the Park with George (Gallery Works).*

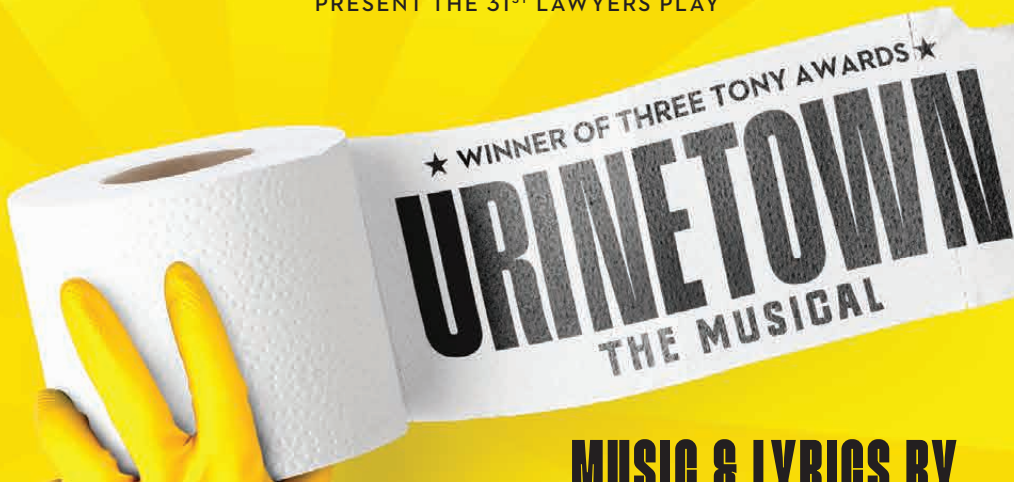
FILM/TV *Larry Saves the Healthcare System* (Research MB/Tripwire); *Burden of Truth* (CBC/Eagle Vision).

TRAINING BMus (UBC); Film and Theatre School Vancouver; National Voice Intensive.

ET CETERA Melanie teaches singing in Winnipeg and online and is a member of the Fu Fu Chi Chi Choir, which is really a band. Thanks to Sam and Trish for this play. In memory of Dianne.



ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE AND THE MANITOBA BAR ASSOCIATION
PRESENT THE 31ST LAWYERS PLAY



★ WINNER OF THREE TONY AWARDS ★
URINETOWN
THE MUSICAL

**MUSIC & LYRICS BY
MARK HOLLMANN**
**BOOK & LYRICS BY
GREG KOTIS**

URINETOWN WAS PRODUCED ON BROADWAY IN SEPTEMBER, 2001
BY THE ARAGA GROUP AND DODGER THEATRICALS IN ASSOCIATION
WITH THEATERDREAMS, INC., AND LAUREN MITCHELL

DIRECTOR
Erin McGrath

CHOREOGRAPHER
Rebekah Jones

MUSIC DIRECTOR
Renate Rossol

MAY 7-11, 2024

TICKETS \$75-\$100
RoyalMTC.ca
204 942 6537

THE COMEBACK



Cory Wojcik

Adam

ROYAL MTC Actor/Playwright: *Mix Tapes From My Mom* (Regional Tour). Actor: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (with Segal), *The Three Musketeers*, *All is Bright*, *The Cottage*, *A Doll's House*, *Once* (with Grand), *Kill Me Now* (with NAC), *Black Coffee*, *Hand to God*, *Billy Elliot the Musical*, *Late Company*, *Harvey*, *Miracle on South Division Street*, August: Osage County. Assistant Director: *Morning After Grace*.

OTHER THEATRE Actor: *Much Ado About Nothing* (SIR); *The Wedding Party*, *Butcher* (PTE); *Strike! The Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Producers* (Rainbow); *The Jungle Book*, *Jabber*, *The Big League* (MTYP); *Another Way Home* (WJT); *A Man of No Importance* (Dry Cold).

FILM/TV Actor: *Acting Good*, *Champions*, *Dark Harvest*, *Breakthrough*, *A Dog's Purpose*.

ET CETERA Love to Heather and the boys.



Trish Cooper

Playwright

ROYAL MTC Director: *Mix Tapes From My Mom* (Regional Tour). Actor: *The Myth of the Ostrich*, *Miracle on South Division Street*.

OTHER THEATRE *Mom's the Word* (PTE). Trish is an actor and playwright (*Social Studies* at PTE, *The Centaur*, *Firehall*) and many Fringe shows, including with the sketch comedy troupe the Royal Liechtenstein Theatre Company.

TRAINING Honours Theatre Degree University of Winnipeg.

ET CETERA Trish is very excited to direct Cory Wojcik's *Mix Tapes From My Mom* next season at the Warehouse. Also, big thanks to my pals in Front of House, Box Office and all the wonderful staff here. Tip your bartenders!



Sam Vint

Playwright

ROYAL MTC First engagement.

OTHER THEATRE Sam directed the film versions of PTE productions including *Katharsis* by Yvette Nolan, *VOICE* by Ismaila Alfa, *Post-Democracy* by Hannah Moscovitch, *The War Being Waged* by Darla Contois and *Space Girl* by Frances Koncan. He also directed the film version of *Shakespeare's Will* by Vern Thiessen for SIR and a short for Sick + Twisted Disability Cabaret called *Wheels of Rage*.

FILM Selected works include *The Tournament* for the National Film Board and the *Ken Ploen Way* for MTS Stories from Home.

ET CETERA Sam is also a writer, researcher and production manager, most recently working with Farpoint Films and *Michif Country* with Manito Média Inc. Thanks to Royal MTC for the support, and thanks to Société historique de Saint-Boniface and their Executive Director Janet LaFrance.

Great theatre
lives here.

BMO



We are pleased to support the **Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre** and the artists who have been captivating audiences with exciting, innovative, and entertaining productions.

BMO is proud to be the 2023/24 **Tom Hendry Warehouse** Season Sponsor.

THE COMEBACK



Eric Coates

*Director / Production
Dramaturg*

ROYAL MTC First engagement.

OTHER THEATRE Artistic Director of the Great Canadian Theatre Company (GCTC) from 2012-2021 and Artistic Director of the Blyth Festival from 2003-2012. Recent credits include *Benevolence* (GCTC 2023); *Bentboy* (YPT 2022 - Dora Award for Outstanding Direction); *Echoes of the Homesick Heart* (WCT 2022); *Daisy* (GCTC 2021). Much of his career has been focused on the development and production of over 40 new Canadian scripts.

ET CETERA A tribal member of the Samish Indian Nation, he is a skipper for the Samish Canoe Family and participates in annual tribal journeys on the Salish Sea. He lives in Stratford where, with his beloved Marion, they share almost enough guitars (11), and the requisite number of pandemic-acquired cats (3).



Brian Perchaluk

Set Designer

ROYAL MTC Recent and favourites: *The Mountaintop*, *Clue* (with Grand), *Burning Mom*, *The Three Musketeers*, *The Color Purple* (with Citadel), *The Cottage*, *John*, *The Humans*, *Once* (with Grand), *Sarah Ballenden*, *Black Coffee*, *Billy Elliot the Musical*, *Harvey*, *August: Osage County*, *The Lonesome West*, *Patience*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* (with NAC), *M. Butterfly* (with NAC).

OTHER THEATRE Brian's work has been featured at theatres across the country,

including two seasons each at the Shaw and Stratford festivals. Selected recent credits include: *La Cantatrice chauve* et *La Leçon* (Théâtre Cercle Molière); *The Whipping Man* (WJT); *The Hockey Sweater* and *The Little Mermaid* (Rainbow); *Post Democracy* (PTE).

TRAINING Graduate of U of W and NTS.

ET CETERA Recipient of Gemini, Jessie Richardson, Prix Rideau and Evie Awards.



Joseph Abetria

Costume Designer

ROYAL MTC Costume Designer: *The Piano Teacher*, *Calpurnia* (with NAC/Black Theatre Workshop); *Tiny Plays*, *Big Ideas*; *Bang Bang* (with Belfry); *Last Train to Nibroc*. Associate Costume Designer: *Into the Woods*. Apprentice Costume Designer: *Billy Elliot the Musical*. 2020/21 National Mentorship Program.

OTHER THEATRE (selected) Costume Designer: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Grand Ghost* (Grand); *Snow White*, *Spelling 2-5-5* (MTYP); *Volare*, *Space Girl*, *Voice* (PTE); *Plé* (Plé Collective presented by MTYP); *Women of the Fur Trade* (Vault Projects); *Mary's Wedding*, *Iceland* (TPM). Production Designer: *The Player King* (SIR); *The Game*, *Two Indians* (Sarasvati). Assistant Costume Designer: *Othello*, *The Neverending Story*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Romeo and Juliet* (Stratford).

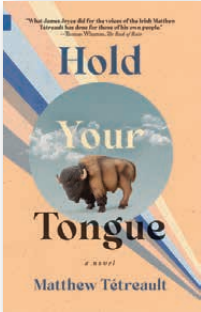
TRAINING University of Winnipeg.



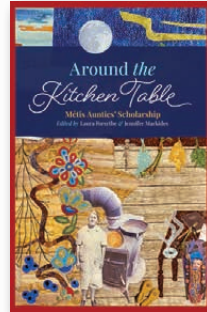
**McNALLY
ROBINSON**

Recommended Reading

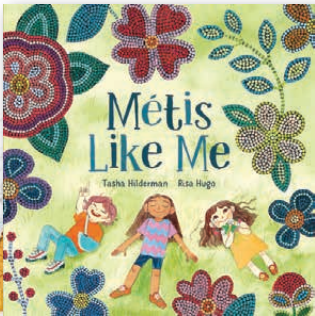
inspired by *The Comeback*



Hold Your Tongue
by Matthew Tétreault



Around the Kitchen Table
edited by Laura Forsythe
& Jennifer Markides



Métis Like Me
by Tasha Hilderman
AGES 3-7

McNALLY ROBINSON BOOKSELLERS
1120 Grant Avenue · The Forks · mcnallyrobinson.com

WHEN YOU SUPPORT US, YOU SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



**McNALLY
ROBINSON**

THE COMEBACK



Larry Isacoff
Lighting Designer

ROYAL MTC *The Sound of Music* (with Citadel), *Burning Mom*, *The (Post) Mistress*, *Di and Viv and Rose*, *23.5 Hours*, *Armstrong's War*, *The Secret Annex*, *Harvey*, *Other People's Money*, *August: Osage County*, *The Fighting Days*, *The Shunning*, *The Seafarer*, *Looking Back - West*, *Bleeding Hearts*, *Rope's End*, *The Retreat from Moscow*, *Fully Committed*, *Mating Dance of the Werewolf*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Cloud Nine*, *Bedroom Farce*, *How I Got That Story*, *The Affections of May*, *Mrs. Klein*, *The Gin Game*, *Paper Wheat*.

OTHER THEATRE Cercle Molière, Globe Theatre, 25th Street Theatre, Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers, PTE, MTYP, Persephone Theatre, Dry Cold Productions.

ET CETERA Evie Award for Outstanding Lighting Design in 2020. Larry divides his time between engaging theatre projects and teaching yoga.



Daniel Roy
Composer & Sound Designer

ROYAL MTC Performer: *All is Bright*. Sound Designer: *The Three Musketeers*, *The Rez Sisters*, *Women of the Fur Trade*.

OTHER THEATRE Sound Designer: *Théâtre sans animaux*, *Le boucher*, *Plus (+) que toi* (TCM); *The Flats*, *What To Do With Albert* (PTE/TCM); *Flesh + Machine* (Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers); *PLÉ* (MTYP); *Le ciel est bleu comme une orange* (TCM/EMC Shemsy, Morocco).

FILM/TV Voice Actor: *Supa Strikas*, *Canot Coccasse*, *Wolf Joe*, *La Brigade*, *Chums*.

TRAINING Beauty school dropout; as a musician, mostly a mix of self-taught and private lessons.

ET CETERA Multi-instrumentalist, composer and award-winning singer-songwriter, Daniel Roy has been contributing to Manitoba's artistic community for three decades. His skill and versatility allow him to work across all genres of music. He divides his time between performing and recording with different artists, album production, artistic direction, and sound design for theatre and television.



Design with Community in Mind
Engineering | Architecture | Environmental

Manitoba Museum - Alloway Hall

 Stantec

stantec.com

THE COMEBACK



Charlene Van Buekenhout

Assistant Director

ROYAL MTC Assistant Director: *The Woman in Black*. Actor: *Di and Viv and Rose*, *Jane Eyre*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Bleeding Hearts*. 2022/23 National Mentorship Program.

OTHER THEATRE Actor/theatre creator in Winnipeg for 20 years. Actor: Josephine-Marie in *Li Keur: Riel's Heart of the North* (MB Opera); *The Comedy of Errors*, *Macbeth*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (SIR); two *Munsch* tours (PTE). Actor/producer: *Minoosh Doo-Kapeeshiw* (currently touring), *JONNO* (Winnipeg Fringe); *Hamlet (the rest is silence)*, *Hedda Gabler*, *Blithe Spirit* (Master Playwright Festival). Director: *The Gravedigger*.

FILM/TV *Le Monde de Gabrielle Roy*, *Architecture of an Atom*, *Lanfeust of Troy* and voices for various animated series.

TRAINING BA Hons. in Theatre (U of W). Jigging for 5 years with Métis Jigging instructor Dean Davis.

ET CETERA Charlene is the Artistic Producer of Echo Theatre @echotheatretreaty1, which is the Company in Residence at PTE for 2023-2025. Happy birthday to my Grandma who turned 100 this year. And to Kevin and Phoebe, ki-shakihitn <3.



Amy McPherson

Associate Costume Designer

ROYAL MTC Assistant Costume Designer: *The Secret to Good Tea*.

OTHER THEATRE Assistant Costume Designer: *Frozen River* (MTYP). Costume Designer: *A Pickle, Pals* (WJT).

TRAINING Fashion Design and Apparel Production (MC College); Indigenous Haute Couture Residency (Banff Centre for Arts).

ET CETERA Always a pleasure to work with Royal MTC! Miigwetch/thank you.



Michael Duggan

Stage Manager

ROYAL MTC (selected) Stage Manager: *The Mountaintop* (2024), *Clue* (with Grand), *Into the Woods, New, Calpurnia* (with NAC/BTW), *Vietgone* (with fu-GEN/ Hope and Hell), *Hand to God*. Assistant Stage Manager: *Burning Mom*, *The Mountaintop* (2021), *The Color Purple* (with Citadel), *A Christmas Carol*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (with Citadel), *Chimerica*. 2022/23 National Mentorship Program.

OTHER THEATRE (selected) *The Nutcracker* (RWB); *The Little Mermaid* (2023), *The Wizard of Oz* (2022), *Mamma Mia!* (Rainbow Stage); *Space Girl*, *The War Being Waged* (PTE); *The Winter's Tale/Le conte d'hiver* (SIR/TCM); *MTYP's Midwinter Mosey* (MTYP); *The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk* (WJT); *Meet Me at Dawn* (TBTR).

TRAINING B.A. (Hons) in Theatre Production and Stage Management at the University of Winnipeg.

ET CETERA Enjoy the show!

THE COMEBACK



Ridge Romanishen

Assistant Stage
Manager

ROYAL MTC Stage Manager: *among men* (with TPM). Apprentice Stage Manager: *Sexual Misconduct of the Middle Classes*, *The Three Musketeers*, *Calpurnia*.

OTHER THEATRE *Narnia* (Bad Hats Theatre/MTYP); *Feast* (PTE); *A Pickle*, *Narrow Bridge* (WJT); *The Velveteen Rabbit* (MTYP); *The Marriage of Figaro* (Manitoba Underground Opera); *Dance Spectrum* (RWB School); *In Time* (TPM); *Trigger Warning: Cassandra* (Sick + Twisted); *Shakespeare's Will* (SIR); *The Golem's Mighty Swing* (WJT/Outside The March); *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (Dry Cold).

TRAINING Graduate of the University of Winnipeg's Theatre and Film Program with Honours in Stage Management.

ET CETERA Ridge is thrilled to be back working with Royal MTC this season. He would like to thank all his friends, family and "Lovey" for their support and, of course, the fabulous folks at Royal MTC for another amazing opportunity to create live theatre!



Meaghan Fletcher

Apprentice Stage
Manager

ROYAL MTC Actor: *Our Town*. Assistant Stage Manager: *Mamma Mia!* (Lawyers Play).

OTHER THEATRE Actor: *Masterclass* (Opera NUOVA); *Beauty and the Beast* (Rainbow); *Jason and Hanna*, *La bohème* (Manitoba Opera). Stage Manager: *Kiss Me Kate*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Opera Nuova); *Dido and Aeneas*, *Svadba and Bluebeard's Castle*, *Orphée et Eurydice* (Manitoba Underground Opera); *PITH*, *Peer Gynt* (Black Hole Theatre Company).

TRAINING Bachelor of Music and a minor in theatre from the U of M.

ET CETERA Love to Mom, Dad and Garret for all their support. ●

ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Do you want to delve deeper into the themes of the play? For every show we release an enrichment guide with help from experts and educators. This guide offers background context, resources to explore and discussion questions to keep the conversation going. Read them at royalmtc.ca/enrichmentguides.

VELVET
GLOVE

Gourmet Fondue *Experience*

Gather around the table and indulge in
Velvet Glove's perfect collection of warm and gourmet dishes.



To learn more scan the QR code or visit:
www.fairmont.com/winnipeg

Fairmont
WINNIPEG

EXPLORE MORE *The Comeback*

EXPLORE MORE MÉTIS STORIES

***Hold Your Tongue* by Matthew Tétreault.**

When his great-uncle Albert has a stroke, Richard, a French-Métis man, travels to Ste. Anne to tell his father the news. A rich examination of family dynamics, family history, and what it means to be Métis and francophone in contemporary Manitoba. FICTION TETREAUULT

***A Grandmother Begins the Story* by Michelle Porter.**

Five generations of Métis women argue, dance, struggle, laugh, love, and tell the stories that will sing their family, and perhaps the land itself, into healing. FICTION PORTER

***Probably Ruby* by Lisa Bird-Wilson.** A beautifully written book following Ruby, a 30-year-old Métis woman adopted as an infant to a White family, as she learns about herself and her people. Each chapter is a vignette which focuses on an important relationship in Ruby's life. As the storytelling jumps across perspectives and time, Ruby and her story come more and more into focus. FICTION BIRD-WILSON

EXPLORE MORE INDIGENOUS HUMOUR

***Bury My Heart at Chuck E. Cheese's* by Tiffany Midge.** This collection weaves witty memoir together with hilarious musings on life, identity and the current political climate in the United States. Midge explores what it means to be an Indigenous person today, using satire, humour and blunt honesty to tell her stories. 818.608 MIDGE 2019

***Sir John A: Acts of a Gentrified Ojibwe Rebellion* by Drew Hayden Taylor.** A satirical play that explores reconciliation and brings to life the patriarchal character of Canada's first Prime Minister whose bones are held for ransom by the star of the play - Anishinaabe man Bobby Rabbit. 819.254 TAYLOR 2018

***Laughing with the Trickster* by Tomson Highway.** Celebrated author and playwright Tomson Highway brings his signature irreverence to an exploration of five themes central to the human condition: language, creation, sex and gender, humour and death in a CBC Massey Lecture. 398.45 HIGHWAY 2022

EXPLORE MORE INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY STORIES

***Fight Night* by Miriam Toews.** As Swiv records her thoughts and observations, *Fight Night* unspools the pain, love, laughter, and above all, will to live a good life across three generations of women in a close-knit family. FICTION TOEWS

***Half-Bads in White Regalia* by Cody Caetano.** Capturing the chaos and wonder of a precarious childhood, Cody Caetano delivers a fever dream coming-of-age garnished with a slang all his own. B CAETANO 2022 ●



There are 1.4 million books, movies, audiobooks, eBooks, and more at the Winnipeg Public Library, and all you need to borrow them is your library card. There are 20 locations throughout the city, and there's an online catalogue for requesting items for pick-up at your library of convenience. An online e-Library has thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks and more! All free to use with your library card. Visit us online at winnipeg.ca/library.



A NIGHT IN

TECHNI COLOUR

SATURDAY

NOV. 16

2024

ROYAL
MTC
BLACK & WHITE
BALL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
ROYALMTC.CA/BW



THEATRE FANS, SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 17-28

Comedy, drama, improv and everything in between!

FREQUENT FRINGERS ON SALE
Buy online or at the Royal MTC Box Office.

WINNIPEGFRINGE.COM

WINNIPEG
FRINGE
THEATRE
FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY
ROYAL
MTC
MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE

GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY MANITOBA LIQUOR MARTS

PHOTO BY LEIF NORMAN



Your legacy starts today.

Are you thinking about your future?

If so, consider joining the Founders' Circle today. Your planned gift will ensure that Royal MTC will be a home for artists and arts lovers for generations.

There is no minimum commitment to become a Founders' Circle member. Just 1% of your estate can make a lasting difference.

Planned giving doesn't only mean updating your will. There are many types of gifts that can shape our future. Our team would be honoured to speak with you about how a planned gift might benefit you, your loved ones and Royal MTC.



OUR WAY OF THANKING YOU

Become a Founders' Circle member and join a community of passionate theatre lovers. We look forward to recognizing and celebrating your generosity, foresight and commitment to Royal MTC's future starting today. Founders' Circle members are invited to events throughout the season including:

FOUNDERS' CIRCLE EVENT

This exclusive annual event is just for you! Join other theatre lovers to enjoy a Q + A and candid conversations with artists currently performing with MTC.

INVITED DRESS REHEARSAL

Join us at the Warehouse and be the first to see one of our productions. Preceding the show will be an inspiring presentation by the creative team. This includes an invitation for up to four people, so you can treat your friends too!

HOW THE MAGIC HAPPENS

How the Magic Happens brings you deeper into the secret backstage world of one of our productions. From sword fighting to live sound Foley or behind-the-scenes tours of epic sets, this event also includes a dress rehearsal performance.

MEET & GREET

Once a year, we invite our nearest and dearest to join the team on the first day of rehearsal. In addition to meeting the cast, you will be treated to set and costume presentations by the designers and hear a read-through of the first act of the play!

Will you consider leaving a gift to Royal MTC?
Have you already named Royal MTC in your will?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Brendan McKeen, Individual Giving Manager

T 204 954 6412 E bmckeen@royalmtc.ca

Thank You, Camilla



PHOTO BY DYLAN HEWLETT

How fitting that Camilla Holland's final production as Executive Director would be *The Comeback*, a story about what it means to create a family. This is what Camilla has become to all of us who have known and worked with her - she is now part of our family.

For 13 seasons, Camilla has guided this theatre through exhilarating and challenging times; her last day at Royal MTC will be June 30.

Camilla collaborated with two wonderful Artistic Directors and together they delivered exciting artistic programming balanced with financial stability; grew audiences and philanthropic giving; and forged new partnerships and relationships in our community and across the country. Her tenure was also marked by the challenges that COVID presented to all of us, especially in the performing arts sector. Faced with profound uncertainty, Camilla rose to the challenge, so our beloved Royal MTC would be here waiting for artists and audiences on the other side of the pandemic.

What audiences may not know is that Camilla has not only led this organization with great aplomb, but she is also a relentless champion of Canadian theatre. Theatres across the country have benefitted from her tireless pursuit to build a more vibrant community. She was a founding member of Manitobans for the Arts and has served in volunteer leadership roles with arts service organizations including the Canadian Arts Summit, the Canadian Arts Coalition and the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres. Camilla is a fearless advocate and has passionately lobbied all levels of government, including elected officials and senior policy staff from every political party. The Canadian theatre ecology is stronger thanks to her commitment.

Camilla: as Winnipeggers, Manitobans, theatre lovers and practitioners, we thank you. Words cannot express the undeniable impact you have made on all of us personally and on the organization we cherish so deeply.

We are proud of you; we will miss you and we can't wait to see what you do next.

With love,

Your MTC Family ●

A photograph of a theater audience from behind, seated in rows, looking towards a stage with red curtains and spotlights. The scene is dimly lit, with the audience members' heads and shoulders visible in the foreground and middle ground.

THE
Free Press

**PROUD
SUPPORTER**
OF OUR **COMMUNITIES**

To subscribe call
204-697-7001
or visit
[winnipegfreepress.com/
subscribe](http://winnipegfreepress.com/subscribe)

REGIONAL TOUR



Josh Bellan, Cory Wojcik and Christy Taronno
in *Mix Tapes From My Mom*. PHOTO BY DYLAN HEWLETT

MIX TAPES FROM MY MOM

In 2019, Winnipeg theatre veteran Cory Wojcik wrote and performed a beautifully funny and heartbreakingly personal story of one of the 'best/worst days' of his life. The show struck a deep chord with Winnipeg Fringe audiences and especially with Royal MTC Artistic Director Kelly Thornton who was inspired to program a new version for the Regional Tour bringing Cory and original Director and Dramaturg Trish Cooper together again.

The company hit the road on February 12, bringing *Mix Tapes From My Mom* to 21 communities, travelling over 6,600km and warming the hearts of 2,765 patrons.

Interspersed with select tracks found on his Mom's old mix tapes, as well as a few original songs, Cory was joined onstage by musicians Christy Taronno and Josh Bellan for a show chock-full of songs you know and love, telling a story so unbelievable it could only be true.

Winter often rears its ugly head as the company is packing their bags, however this year the cast and crew including Sadie Wannamaker, Larissa Shabaga, Joshua Gehman and Jess Rose were blessed with good road conditions and safe travels throughout the 30-day tour.

The Royal MTC Regional Tour is generously presented by Play Now Manitoba and sponsored by The Thomas Sill Foundation and IG Wealth Management with funding from the Manitoba Arts Council.

We are honoured to tour across the region and want to thank our partners and regional arts councils for bringing the show to their communities. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who came to see the show, volunteered for set-ups and strikes, or helped feed and house our company.

The Royal MTC Regional Tour visited the following communities:

MacGregor, MB	Deloraine, MB
Gimli, MB	Crystal City, MB
Thompson, MB	Portage la Prairie, MB
Snow Lake, MB	Red Lake, ON
Flin Flon, MB	Sioux Lookout, ON
Dauphin, MB	Dryden, ON
Souris, MB	Atikokan, ON
Minnedosa, MB	Kenora, ON
Pinawa, MB	Steinbach, MB
Strathclair, MB	Carman, MB ●
Brandon, MB	



Lottery, Sports and Casino

All your favourite games
are at PlayNow.com.



**PLAY
NOW**
Bet on Manitoba

Enriching Young Lives Through the Power of Theatre

"This field trip is ranked in my top five in a 20-year career." - Middle school teacher

Thanks to the generosity of Canada Life, Royal MTC welcomed youth from across Manitoba and beyond to experience our 2023/24 season.

This season we were thrilled to welcome classrooms to experience a variety of shows. **4,125 students** and teachers in high school and university joined us for student-only matinees of *Clue*, *First Métis Man of Odesa*, *The Sound of Music*, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, *The Mountaintop* and **700 more** are expected for *The Comeback*.

So far this season, **4,147 students** and teachers joined us for other matinees and evening performances at the Mainstage and Warehouse.

"My students LOVED the performance. I overheard them saying, 'this won't be my last time going to this theatre!'" - High school teacher

Outside of class trips, **2,520 people** attended evening and weekend performances thanks to discounted tickets for youth.

We can't wait to host your classes in 2024/25! Advance booking will be available on June 4, and we expect shows to sell fast! Teachers can explore all our plays with topics and age recommendations at RoyalMTC.ca/Upcoming. If you'd like more information about tickets for your students, please get in touch with Ksenia at kbroadamlian@royalmtc.ca to get on our newsletter list. ●

THEATRE FOR YOUNG
AUDIENCES SPONSOR



Theatre Under 30

Our Theatre Under 30 program offers the chance to book \$20 tickets to any production of our season to young people age 18-29. So far this season we've had **582 members** purchase **1,445 tickets**. It's easy to sign up at RoyalMTC.ca/Under30 and once you do, a promo code will be sent to you for each production. ●



For youth aged 16-25 who can't wait until fall for more theatre, Royal MTC partners with the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival to offer NextGen Fringers! Sign up for this free program at RoyalMTC.ca/NextGen.

Extracurricular Youth Programs



Backstage Pass Students. PHOTO BY LEIF NORMAN



Young Expressions Students. PHOTO BY LEIF NORMAN

This season we ran two free programs for youth in grades 10-12.

In Young Expressions, **8 students** were invited to opening nights to hear from an artist or reviewer guest, see performances, and express their reactions. At their final session, the group created a zine together celebrating their experiences and favourite moments over the season. We heard from the participants that *"this program helped me affirm what I want to do with my life"*; they appreciated *"the chance for educational and hilarious moments"* and Young Expressions was *"an amazing place to explore and experience theatre while you develop your critical sense in a safe positive space."*

In Backstage Pass, **21 students** experienced six eye-opening workshops led by theatre professionals, then attended matinees. After each show they participated in a Talkback session with actors. Students explored set and costume design, acting, sound, props and playwriting. Here are some of their session responses:

"It is awesome that we get to speak to so many professionals in the industry."

"I loved that everyone was so open and easy to talk to."

"I discovered that I really like prop and set design and it would be something I'm interested in as a career."

"Learning how to dissect the music and talking about the process of creating was really interesting."

"It was so much fun to hear and use our voices to immerse us into a location!"

"Interesting to hear the perspective of someone in the industry. I learned a lot."

"In theatre, every choice has a reason and everything has impact (no matter the job)."

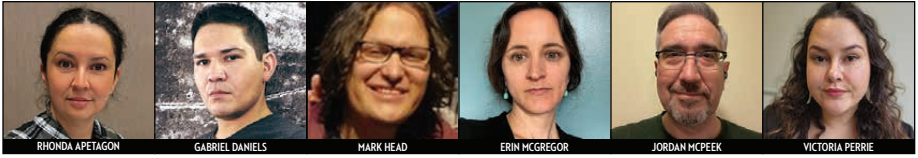
"I was amazed at the talent in this room!"

If you or a young person in your life would like to join a free program next year, check out RoyalMTC.ca/Youth - applications are open from May 10 - October 9! ●



Backstage Pass Students' Costume Designs

EMERGING ARTISTS



PHOTOS OF 2023/24 PIMOOTAYOWIN CREATORS CIRCLE PARTICIPANTS

Pimootayowin Creators Circle

The Pimootayowin Creators Circle led by Ian Ross and comprised of Rhonda Apetagon, Gabriel Daniels, Mark Head, Erin McGregor, Jordan McPeek and Victoria Perrie, is wrapping up gatherings for its fourth season. This extraordinary group of storytellers will showcase readings of their new plays during Pimootayowin: A Festival of New Work, September 23-28, 2024.

“Pimootayowin has been an enriching experience. The organic flow of learning and creating that Ian Ross brings to the program taps into a very cultural way of passing on knowledge (a good storyteller is a good teacher). Our experiences and perspectives are valued, even those of us who are new writers. Not only are we learning technical aspects of writing for the theatre, but also how important it is for Indigenous creators to have a voice. And the best part has been getting to know the other participants who are truly amazing people, as well as those who make the program possible.” – Rhonda Apetagon

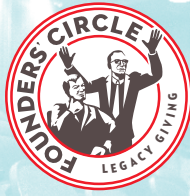
We are so proud to be a home for Indigenous storytelling and we are excited to produce *ELEVATE: Manaaji 'idiwin* by David McLeod as part of the 2024/25 Royal MTC Mainstage season. We are thrilled to share that Pimootayowin alumnus Rosanna Deerchild's play *The Secret to Good Tea* will receive a second production next season at The Grand Theatre in London, Ontario and at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

“TD Bank Group is very proud to support the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's work to amplify the voices of Indigenous artists through the Pimootayowin Creators Circle. At TD, we believe the arts have the power to unite us and create a sense of belonging. Through the TD Ready Commitment, our corporate citizenship platform, we're investing in arts and culture initiatives that reflect the diversity of our communities and bring people together.”

– Michael Warren, District Vice President, Manitoba North, TD Bank Group ●

PIMOOTAYOWIN CREATORS CIRCLE SPONSOR





Your seat awaits.

Will you consider a gift to Royal MTC in your will?

Is Royal MTC already named in your will?

**We'd love to honour you as a member of
the Royal MTC Founders' Circle**

For more information on Legacy Giving contact:
Brendan McKeen 204 954 6412 or bmckeen@royalmtc.ca

ROYAL
MTC
MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE

Scan here for
more info



Proud to support
Pimootayowin
Creators Circle.

We are working together with **Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre**.
It's just one way we are helping to open doors for a more inclusive
and sustainable tomorrow.

td.com



© The TD logo and other TD trade-marks are the property of The Toronto-Dominion Bank. M05636 (1019)

EMERGING ARTISTS



PHOTOS OF 2023/24 MENTEES

National Mentorship Program

In the performing arts, as in many industries, networking has a profound impact in propelling an artist's career. As part of Royal MTC's commitment to nurture and support local artists, we're thrilled to offer the National Mentorship Program - connecting the brightest emerging talent with the most innovative and exciting established theatre practitioners across the country.

Now in its fourth year, the National Mentorship Program has proven to be a resounding success, demonstrating the power of connection in fostering artistic confidence. Through one-on-one conversations with mentors, participants have found inspiration that propels them into the next stage of their careers. The program highlights the transformative power of personal connections in the artistic community. Participants have formed bonds with mentors and peers alike, fostering an environment of trust and collaboration. Artists have also reported increased confidence, with the mentorship relationships serving as a source of encouragement and validation.

A quick glance through any Ovation program this season demonstrates how program alumni are making their mark as actors, directors, stage managers, designers, administrators and theatre creators.

The Comeback Assistant Director Charlene Van Buekenhout was a 2022/23 season participant. Charlene's time with Lori Marchand, Managing Director of Indigenous Theatre at the National Arts Centre, taught her so much about how to be a human being in arts administration. Charlene shared that "simply by connecting with Lori and having time with her has impacted my present practice and informed my future."

This program would not be possible without the funding support and encouragement of the RBC Emerging Artists program - our deepest thanks to them for believing in Manitoba artists. ●

NATIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR





ELEVATING ARTS AND CULTURE

Air Canada is a proud airline partner of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's Black & White Ball. We soar together when we support arts and cultural institutions in the communities we serve.

#flytheflag @aircanada

ÉLEVONS LES ARTS ET LA CULTURE

À titre de transporteur aérien, Air Canada est fière partenaire de l'événement Black & White Ball du Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre. En soutenant les institutions culturelles et artistiques dans les collectivités que nous desservons, nous les aidons à aller toujours plus haut, avec nous.

#HautLeDrapeau @aircanada

A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER
MEMBRE DU RESEAU STAR ALLIANCE



AIR CANADA

RARE EXQUISITE WORLDLY




WE'RE MAKING
EXOTIC TASTES
EASY TO FIND.



Distinctions
EXCEPTIONAL WINES & SPIRITS

Distinctions brings together some of the world's most exclusive wines and spirits. Whether you're a connoisseur or simply curious, you'll appreciate the care that goes into our hand-picked collection. Explore our rare selection and take home something priceless today.

 **100 LIQUOR MART**
SERVING MANITOBA SINCE 1923

   [LiquorMarts.ca](https://www.LiquorMarts.ca) | 18+ ENJOY RESPONSIBLY

GRANT PARK LIQUOR MART
1120 GRANT AVENUE

Congrats

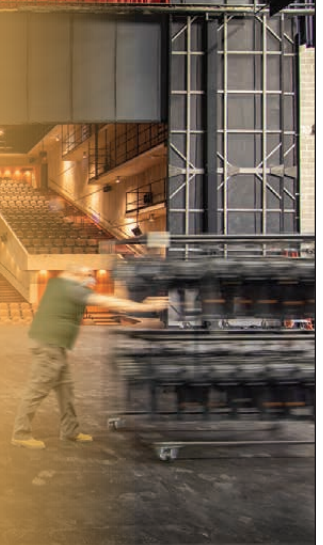


on 125 years!

Royal MTC is proud to work with IATSE
Local 63 members who work behind-the-
scenes building and running the show!

ROYAL
MTC
MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE

PHOTO BY JERRY GRAJEWSKI



SUPPORTERS

Many thanks to our donors
who made a gift between
Jan 1, 2023 and Mar 27, 2024

DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

\$10,000+

Gail Asper, OC, OM, LLD* &
Michael Paterson
Deborah Gray
June & Bob Jackson Memorial Fund
for the Performing Arts – The
Winnipeg Foundation
Johnston Group Inc.
Ken & Sharon Mould
Robinson Family Foundation Fund –
The Winnipeg Foundation
Todd & Kellie Tanchak

\$6,500-9,999

Houston Family of Bradwardine
Fund – The Winnipeg Foundation
Mr. Leslie Taylor
Dr. Marcel Van Woensel

\$4,000-6,499

Zita & Mark Bernstein Family
Foundation
Pauline Braun – in memory of Duane
Braun†
David Christianson & Vera
Steinberger
Susan Glass & Arni Thorsteinson
Rita Gunn* & Gregory Mason
Camilla Holland† & Colin Viebrock*
Diane & Dave Johnson
Hildegard Loewen
Elizabeth Marr & Nick Slonosky
Gerry & Barb Price
Hartley & Heather Richardson
The Jim & Janice Tennant Foundation

\$2,000-3,999

Dr. J Baluta & Ms. O. Kandia
David & Lianne Carefoot
David* & Barb Christie
Heather Clarke
Gerry* & Chris Couture
Kerry Dangerfield**
Ben & Shari Diamond
Dr. Lawrence & Ms. Brenda Ellerby
Tony* & Jennifer Fletcher*
Linda Hamilton & Grange Morrow*
Sharon Hamilton†
Derek & Mary Johansson
Myron Klysh
Dr. P. Kmet & Mr. B. Roslycky
Donna & Dave* Lalama

Katrina Lee-Kwen & Jeff Neufeld
Brendan McKeen**
Leigh Murphy – in memory of Liam
Murphy†
Dr. Harold Nyhof & Ms. Jo-Anne Lutz
Drs. Bill Pope & Elizabeth Tippett
Pope Fund – The Winnipeg
Foundation
Sanford & Deborah Riley
Bill & Laurie* Speers
Maitland & Pat Sundmark
Kelly Thornton† & Joseph
Seras-Gubert†
Jeremy Trickett & Brandon Barnes
Trickett†
Helga Van Iderstine
Scott & Sonya Wright Fund
2 Anonymous

\$1,200-1,999

Edward* & Jaime Acuna†
Craig McIntosh & Lorraine Beck Fund
Todd Bourcier
Sheldon & Penny Bowles
Doneta Brotchie, CM* & Harry
Brotchie†
Chambers Family†
Hadera & Mark Chisick
Jan & Kevin Coates†
Gail Coghlan – Circle Foundation
Hugh Conacher†
Corinne Ratuski & Brad Favel*
Sylvia Flam†
Katherine Fox**
Susan* & Ab Freig†
John* & Nicola Guttormson†
Barbara Hamilton
Gregg & Mary Hanson
Vivian Hilder-Skward & David Skward
– in memory of Mike Skward†
Shawn Hughes & Bruno Koehn†
Katie Inverarity††
Danielle Jobb & Brendan Roddy
Lisa Johnston†
Serena Helen Kraayeveld Fund –
The Winnipeg Foundation
David* & Ellen Kroft†
J. Lamothe*
Rick Lee & Laurie Shapiro
Peter & Karen Leipsic
Andrea Lochhead*
Gail Loewen
Logan Family Fund
Teresa Lopata & Bruce Wagg
Reginald & Judy Low
Dr. Douglas MacEwan†
Mark & Gloria Mancini†
Gerard Matte & Lydia Surasky-Matte
Jim* & Penny McLandress†
Melissa Novocosky††
Wayne & Linda Paquin
Damian Perron

Francis Pollard
K. Heather Power & Harold Klause†
Jocelyne Prefontaine**
Lawrence Prout* & Lisa Gardewine†
Margaret Redmond* & Greg Gillis†
Nancy & Loren* Remillard
Sudhir Sandhu**
Ken & Susan* Skinner†
Donald Smith*
Kevin Hines & Shelly Smith-Hines†
Joan Stephens – in memory of
Annice Stephens†
Sasha & Josh Thiem†
Geeta* & Michael Tucker†
Vicki Verville†
Grant & Trish Wainikka
Winnipeg Theatre Awards
Rick & Claire* Workman
Dr. & Mrs. James & Kim Zacharias
Nicole Zajac†
2 Anonymous

COMPANY CIRCLE

\$600-1,199

Robert & Ina Abra Family Fund –
The Winnipeg Foundation
Margaret Astwood
Janet & Marcel Belanger
Ryan Bernier
Bruce & Shelley Bertrand-Meadows
Cathie & Brian Bowerman
Kris & Ruth Breckman
D. J. Cowan
Verna Danylchuk
J. Davidson†
Helene Dyck
Neil & Sherry Fast
Felicia & Trevor Frost
Brad & Jenn Gesell
Tyler Gompf
Charles Henaire
Marilyn & Helios Hernandez
Rodney Hick & Tracey Jackson
N & L Holliday
Sylvia Jansen
Gerald Jewers
Hon. William Johnston
JWTAM Medical Corporation
Peter Kingsley, KC†
Ian & Nicki LeGrand†
Shirley Liba
Tim Preston & Dave Ling
Linda & Ray Loewen
Pat & Jim Ludwig
Brian & Christie Lysack†
Peter & Maureen Macdonald
Garry Markham
John & Natalie Mayba
Carol & Barry* McArton

*Current Royal MTC Board of Trustees/Advisory Board members †Current Royal MTC staff **Monthly Donors/Drama Club ††Fondly Remembered

SUPPORTERS

Campbell & Lorraine McIntyre
 Terri & Jim Mc Kerchar*
 Ron McKinnon & Peggy Barker*
 Erin Meyer
 Carolyn Garlich & Peter Miller Gift Fund
 Brendan Mitchell
 Marika Nerbas
 Vivienne Nickerson
 Tracey Novak
 Richard & Bonnie Olfert
 Ivan & Cathy Oresnik*
 Cam & Carole Osler
 Pierre Ouellet
 Donna Plant
 Lousie & Ruth
 Iris Reimer
 Lorraine & Ernest Reinfort
 David & Joan Rew
 Henriette Ricou & Jure Manfreda
 Debbie Roy
 Edith & Emile Samuels
 Barbara Scheuneman
 Renate & Bill Schulz
 In memory of Sybil Shack for the benefit of MTC - Jewish Foundation of Manitoba
 Carol & Ron Slater Fund - Jewish Foundation of Manitoba
 Deborah Spracklin
 Karen Stach
 Scott Stewart
 Lorne Sunley
 Susan Taylor
 Leah R. Janzen & Ian R. Thomson
 Dr. Peter Triggs*
 Faye Warren
 Murray & Nancy Wiegand
 Margaret Wollner*
 Dr. Dorothy Y. Young
 4 Anonymous

\$250-599

Pat & Darrell Adams*
 Dr. Liz Adkins
 Glen Agar & Pam Reimer
 Dawn Andersen
 Jay & Judy Anderson
 Elizabeth B. Armytage Fund - The Winnipeg Foundation
 Jennifer & Scott Ash
 Peter Attwood
 Brenna Bacchus*
 Peter Bagot
 Zaz Bajon & Patricia Hunter
 Glenn & Norma Baldwin
 Olga & Ivan Banias
 Dr. Corinne Barrett DeWiele & V. Michael DeWiele
 Dianne J. Beaven
 Larry Beeston & Anna Sikora

Terri & Morley Bernstein
 Bruce & Joyce Berry
 Susan & Edwin Bethune
 Helga & Gerhard Bock
 Lilian Bonin & Daniel P Levin
 John & Marilyn Bourbonnais
 Dr. Elizabeth Boustcha
 The Hon. Patricia Bovey
 Ron & Joan Boyd*
 M. Braid
 Billy Brodovsky & Libby Yager*
 Sheila & David Brodovsky
 Brian Brown
 Ellen & George Bruce
 Donna Byrne
 Colleen Cariou & Ron Maier
 A R Carr
 Brenlee Carrington Trepel KC & Brent Trepel
 Leesa Carter & Colin Morrison
 Cheryl Chaban
 Rosemary Chapman
 Gertie Chipka
 Nancy Chuback
 Ken Clark & Pamela Lockman
 Agnes & John K. Collins
 Josie Cosyns
 Jim & Gwen Court
 Christopher Courtney
 Robert Coutts*
 Matthew Cutler & Dr. Avery Miller
 J. V. Dale
 Werner & Judy Danchura
 Doug De Graff
 Sharron & Joel Dudeck
 SJ Duncan Medical - in memory of Myrtle Bird
 Craig & Claudette Dunn
 H. Dyck
 Glen* & Joan Dyrda
 Michael Easton
 Greg Edmond & Irene Groot-Koerkamp
 Ruth & Ernest Epp
 Fran Falzarano
 Kate Hodgert-Fennell*
 Pat & Doug Finkbeiner
 Gayle Fischer
 Maureen Flaherty & Fred Beckwith
 Andrea Forbes-Avila*
 Elroy Friesen
 Pamela & Kevin Friesen
 Adrian Frost & Kerra Mruss
 Paul Daeninck & Monica Furer
 Colleen & Dan Furlan*
 Daniel Gagnon
 Lynne & Lindsay Gauld*
 Trish Gehle-Preston
 Denise & Ron George
 Heather Gillander
 Jan Gordon*

Kayla Gordon & Art Maister
 L Graham
 M. Gray
 Graham Hiagh
 Thomas & Nadia Hall
 Noella & Patrick* Hanan*
 Doug & Sylvia Hannah
 Brian & Dawn Hanson - in memory of our Daughter, Kristin Dawn Hanson
 Linda Harlos & Adrian Wildsmith
 Kathryn & Wayne Harrison
 Valerie & Robert Hazelton
 Frank & Sue Hechter*
 Marilyn Hendzel*
 Judith & Eric Hinton
 Ted & Cathy Hlynsky
 Lenore & John Hodge
 Betty Hoffmann
 Michael & Crystal Hollas*
 Ken Housin*
 Lorne Hurst & Elly Hoogterp
 Dan & Karen Ilchyna
 Crystal & Gunter Jochum
 Marilyn & Sheldon Joyal
 Joanne & Rod Kamins
 Sheryl Kapitz & Aaron London*
 Joel & Danna Kaplan
 Sandy & Joan Kellett
 Joan Kennedy
 Adam & Tara Klaponski
 Betty Klassen
 Julie Ann Kniskern
 Donna Korban & Family
 Carol Campbell & Andy Krentz
 Howard & Jane Kroeger
 Randie & Jan Kushnier
 Robert Lafond
 Laurie Lam & Larry Desrochers
 Cheryl Langer
 Barbara Latocki
 Desiree Lavallee**
 John & Heather Lea
 Bob Leggett
 Richard Leipsic & Kerrie Halprin
 John & Roberta Lewis
 Charles & Diane Littman
 Sarah, Chris & Lori Luby
 Brent Schacter & Sora Ludwig
 Tom Lussier
 MacDonald/Cageorge Fund - The Winnipeg Foundation
 Jim MacGregor & Christine Halma
 Judith Manning
 John & Helen Marakovits
 Liz Martin*
 Cheryl & Eric Matheson
 Monique Marynard
 Barbara McCandless
 Jim & Lynne McClelland
 Marlene & Ian McKay
 Greg & Gloria McLaren

*Current Royal MTC Board of Trustees/Advisory Board members

*Current Royal MTC staff

*Monthly Donors/Drama Club

Jones & Company

— WINE MERCHANTS —



Shop Local, Globally.

1616 St. Mary's Road Winnipeg, Manitoba
204.948.WINE (9463) | Text a Somm: 204.400.0499
joneswines.com | wine@joneswines.com



WE TRIED

We really did. We tried to photograph a pint of our refreshing, award-winning beer but everytime we turned our heads, it was gone.

It's just that good.

You might have better luck. Pick some up in the lobby, your favourite beer store, Liquor Marts and in our very own taproom.

330-830 King Edward Street
torquebrewing.beer

SUPPORTERS

John & Carolynne McLure Fund -
The Winnipeg Foundation
Donald G. McNabb
Melissa McRae
Barb Melnychuk
Albert & Judith Metcalfe†
Susie Miclash
Irene Miller & the late Claire Miller
Catherine Lambeth & Grant Mitchell
Sharon & Michael Moffatt
Dr. Catherine Moltzan & Paul Brault
Marc Monnin & Donna Miller
Tom & Susan Mooney
Sagan Morrow*
Cindy Mostow
B. Nagamori
Brad Nance
D. & G. Nytepchuk
Joanne Olchowecki
Jean-Pierre Parenty & Michelle Smith
Linda Pashniuk
Peter & Anita Pelech
Maryam & Izzy Peltz Fund - Jewish
Foundation of Manitoba
Bonnie Penno*
Linda & Rob Pettit
Rick Pinchin
Leonard & Ruth Podheiser & The
Podheiser Family Foundation
Beth Pollard
Maureen Prendiville & Paul Jensen
Estate of Doris Quinn
Jeremy Rampton
Carole Rankin*
Lucas Redekop
Nalini Reddy*
Fay Reich
Cheryl Reid
Mr. & Mrs. William Reynolds
Kevin Kuryk & Riva Richard
Joan Richardson
Jean Riggall†
Andrea & Michael Robertson*
Deborah & Neil Rostkowski
Paul & Cathy Samyn
Onnolee Scharf*
Roland Schneider
Trudy Schroeder
Harald & Vicki Schulz
Faye Scott
Sharon Shaydak
Blake Shiaro
Cheryl & Gordon Siemens
Marc Simard
Ms. Judy Nichol & Dr. Jim Skinner
Lillian Smith
Mark C. Smith & Sabrina & Siena
Smith
Maddi Soubry
Christine Soubry
Peter & Geri Spencer

Anthony Steffes & David Viggars
Jodee Stewart
Lisa Stiver
Jonathan Strauss
Eleanor Suderman
Mary Ann Supleve
Shayne & Kathryn Taback
Ray & Fenella Temmerman
Malcolm & Shirley Tinsley
Douglas & Deanna Tkach
Jen & Kevin Tomanek
Gord & Lorena Trann
Brad Baydock & Wendy Tretiak
Dr. Stephen Tritt & Dr. Sharon
Goszer Tritt
Cathy & Terry Tully
Grant Tweed
Dr. Kristel van Ineveld
Gwen & Helmut Waedt
Jerry & Karen Wake
Stirling Walkes
Deanna Waters
Leslie & Sean Watson
Tamara & John Wells
Michael & Lydia West
John T. & Justina Wiens
Lionel & Lorraine Wiens
Theresa Wiktorski
Kathleen Gough & Tim Wildman
Catherine Wilkie
Gustine & Dennis Wilton
Reed & Arla Winstone
Deborah A. Wolfe
Margaret & Paul Wright
Allana & Eden Wyness*
A Young
Olia & Roman Zubach
Anonymous*
17 Anonymous

\$150-249

Robert & Patricia Adamson
Lynne M Arnason
Dennis & Elaine Schultz
Margaret Askeland
Nadine Audet*
Rose Aziman
Ian & Carolyn Backus
Richard & Nancy Ball
Earl & Cheryl Barish
Richard & Josie Bartlinski
Karen & John Bate
Brenda Batzel
Andrea Bellhouse
Susan & George Benias
Byrnes Benoit
Trish Bergal
Trust Beta
Don & Diane Bewell
Val & Blair Bingeman
Joan Blight

Mavis Bollman & Ray Hesslein
David & Pamela Bolton
Bruce & Karen Boyd
Patricia Bozyk
Janine Brémault Bamford
Jackie & Steve Broda-Milian
Gerald R. Brown
Carol Budnick
John Burrows
Cheryl Butler
L. K. Butler
Corinne Campbell
Don & Carlyne Campbell
Laura Campbell
Jody Chalmers & Monique Perro†
Doug & Monica Chapman
Lawrie & Bea Cherniack
Duane Cheskey & Georgia Kerr
Shelley Chochinov
Dr. T. I. Choptiany
Katherine Cobor
Diane Connelly
David & Kathy Connor
Susan Copeland
Sarah Corley
R. Lynn Craton
Drs. Kristen Creek & Josh Manusow
Margaret Cuddy
Tracy Dahl, CM
Georges Dampousse
Linda Daniels
Chris Darazsi†
Andre & Diane de Rocquigny
Bev & Allan Doern*
Heather Domke
Sheila Domke & Stephen Ross
Tom Dooley
Rita Dornn
Rob Dryden
John & Ada Ducas
Roberta Dyck
John Edwards & Wendy Stelko
Ken & Lesley Enns
Anthony Esposito
Jemara Fay*
Marion Fellingner
The Ferriers
Nelma Fetterman
Patricia Fitzpatrick
Nancy Flintoft & John McWilliams
Lawrence Foster*
Donna Frame*
Christine M Freeman
Gloria & Rick Gallant
Helen Garrod
Patti & Rick Gilhuly
John & Marcia Gordon
Jennifer Graham
Abigail Grieder
Dr. Darrell Grymonpre
Sandra Guadagni

*Current Royal MTC Board of Trustees/Advisory Board members

†Current Royal MTC staff

*Monthly Donors/Drama Club

Act Like a Star!

Everyone at the theatre is part of the show. Yes, even you.

You want to be a star, don't you?

These tips will make you a stand-out performer (in a good way)!

SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY

Many theatre lovers experience adverse medical reactions from scented products. **Please consider others before using scented products.**

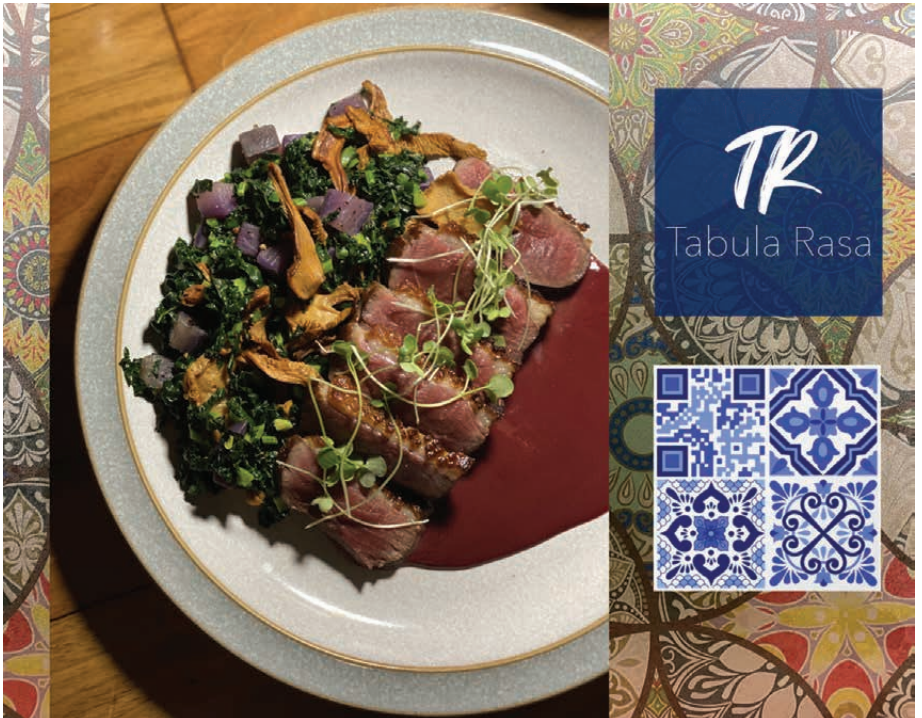
PARK YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

We know something interesting is happening on social media. It always is. But your neighbours want to watch the play. **Please turn off all mobile devices.**

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Our theatre has great acoustics. So **when you're talking during the show, everyone can hear you.** Your neighbours, the ushers and even the actors. We want you to talk about the show but at intermission or after the final bows.

We're always happy to see you at the theatre. Thank you for coming!



SUPPORTERS

Derryl & Linda Hall	Loretta Merriam	Kumar Sharma & Angelina DiSanto
Joan Hanton*	Constantina Metaxas	Sydney Shore & Wayne Sharpe
Don Hardy	Heather Mian	Dr. Elinor Simons
Joanne Harris	Jim & Karren Middagh	Edith Simpson
Shellie & Grant Hatch*	Gail Mildren - in memory of Walter	Linda Simpson
Kyle Hendin & Breaanne Korban	A. Mildren	Meera & Sach Sinha
Karen Herd	Celoris Miller	Sandra & Cliff Skrabek
Mary & David Hickling	Cressida Mills	Lynne Skromeda
Rob & Jen Hochkievich*	Adriana Mingo	Earl Slimmon
Mary Hodge	Allison Moore*	Muriel Smith
Vicki Hooke	Marlene Mortimer	Jon Sorokowski
Keith & Karen Horn	Susan Munroe	Jacqueline St. Hill
Colleen Hrabl**	Rhea Nelken	Maria Steeds
Lisa Hunt & Hugh Wichenko*	Andrea Neufeld	E. Steeg
Jean Hyrich	Leslie Nichol	Darlene Stepanik
G. C. Irwin-Kilfoyle	Robert Nickel	Kim Stephens
Stu & Alice Iverson	Valerie Nielsen	Heidi Struck*
Heather D. Janik	Tom Nowicki	Shirley & Tom Strutt
Dave & Lesia Johns	Irene Onuch	Alec Surasky
Tiffany Johnson-Sheldon	R. Ooto	Anita Tait
Robert & Karen Johnston	Cynthia Orris	Shelley & Jeff Tallin
Michael Joyal, esq.*	Doris Mae Oulton & Cam Mackie [§]	Mala Teeluck*
J.H. Kaminsky	Paulette Pappel	Karen Tereck
Lydia Kandia	Sonjia Pasiechnik	Elaine Toms
Sherry Kaniuga*	Sandra Paterson-Greene & Russ	Greg Tottle
Sue & Richard Kathler	Greene	Marilyn Trepel
Don & Sheila Katz	Craig Patterson*	Elaine Tresoor
Gail Keeley	Myron Pawlowsky & Susan Boulter	Eric Turner*
Penny & Brian Kelly	Jo-Anne & Harvey Peltz	Chris Turyk & Bryce Weedmark*
Howard Kideckel	Harold & Ingrid Peters Fransen	Robert Tyler & Laurel Hammond-Tyler
Vernon & Roselin Klassen	Donald & Elaine Peters	Jan Van Aertselaer
John & Kathryn Knowles	Denise Plett	Brent & Jocelyn VanKoughnet
Ms. Julie Koehn	Carolyn Porhownik	Nancy Vincent
Peter Kohut - in memory of my	Nancy & Brett Porth	Judy Wakefield
Spouse Valerie Kohut	M. Lois Powne	J. & A. Walli
Janice & Richard Kostelnyk	Arlene Prasek	Jane & Don Walters*
Lesley Koven & Eric Thomas	Tammy Rabkin	Paul & Laura Walton*
Lorraine Kraichy*	Vivian E. Rachlis	Robert & Sherilyn Ward
Paula Kristjanson Hasiuk	Roberta & Rick Rackal	John & Marjorie Warkentin
Teena Laird	Dr. R. & Audrey Ramchandar	Peter & Joan Washchyshyn
Doug Larcombe	Jim & Kathy Ranick*	Lois & Henry Wedel
Bryen Lebar & Patricia Sauder*	Linda Ratynski	Mary Agnes Welch*
Saul & Kathy Leibl	Ted & Marilyn Redekop	Alys-Lynne & Steve West
Tim & Kate Letkemann*	Dr. Martin Reed & Joy Cooper	Norma & Ron Westcott
Carol & Clifford Levi	Joy Reimer	Al & Pat Wherrett*
Stan & Susan Lipnowski	Shelley Rennie	Florence & Donald Whitmore
Dr. Karen Lischka	Marilyn Robbins	Leslie Wilson
Judy & Eric Lister	Nicole Robidoux	James Wood*
John & Joy Loewen*	Linda Robinson	33 Anonymous
Israel & Maylene Ludwig	Cindy Rodych	
Carole Lupkowski	Gail MacAulay & Kevin Rollason	
Carol Ann Lussier - in memory of	Pat & Michelle Rowan	
Joanne	Michael T. Ruta	
Laura & John MacDonald*	Barbara A Ryan	
Wally MacMartin	David & Tammie Sainsbury	
Lynne Martin* - in memory of Omar	Rodrigo Sanches Cunha*	
Martin	Heather Sandilands*	
Agatha Massey	Terry Sargeant & Margaret Haney	
Linda Matheson	Carol Scurfield	
Judy McCleary	Greg Sexsmith & Joni Lavender	
Barry McNabb	Sexsmith*	
Catarina Mello Schultz*	D. L. & C. Sexton	

*Current Royal MTC Board of Trustees/Advisory Board members *Current Royal MTC staff *Monthly Donors/Drama Club [§]Fondly Remembered

SUPPORTERS

SPONSORS

300 Main
Air Canada
The Asper Family Foundation
The Gail Asper Family Foundation
The Asper Foundation
Bell MTS
Birchwood Lexus
BMO Financial Group
Bonaventure Travel Inc.
Canada Life
CPA Manitoba
Culligan Water
Dycom Direct Mail Services
Esdale Printing Co. Ltd.
Fairmont Winnipeg
Fillmore Riley LLP
Friesens Corporation
GFL Environmental
HUB International
IG Wealth Management
Jones & Co Wine Merchants
Lawton Partners
Soirée Event Planning
Manitoba Bar Association
Liquor Mart
Manitoba Public Insurance
McDiarmid Flowers
McNally Robinson Booksellers
PCL Construction
POS Systems
RBC Foundation
RE/MAX
Red River Co-operative Ltd.
Relish New Brand Experience
Richardson Foundation
Sleeman Breweries Ltd.
Stantec Consulting Ltd.
Tanchak Wealth Management Group
Taylor McCaffrey LLP
TD Bank Group
The Thomas Sill Foundation
Torque Brewing
University of Manitoba
Wawanesa Insurance
Winnipeg Free Press
WOW! Catering

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

\$25,000+

Johnston Group Inc.
Richardson Foundation

\$5,000-9,999

Cambrian Credit Union
Maxim Truck & Trailer - Doug
Harvey & Jan Shute

\$3,000-4,999

Maple Leaf Construction Ltd., Blake
Fitzpatrick

\$1,200-2,999

Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance and
Risk Management
B.A. Robinson Co Ltd.
Domo Gasoline Corporation Ltd. -
Kate M. Everett, President
IATSE Local 856
MMP Architects
Pollard Banknote Limited
PRA Inc.
Qualico
Terracon Development Ltd.

CORPORATE COMPANY CIRCLE

\$600-1,199

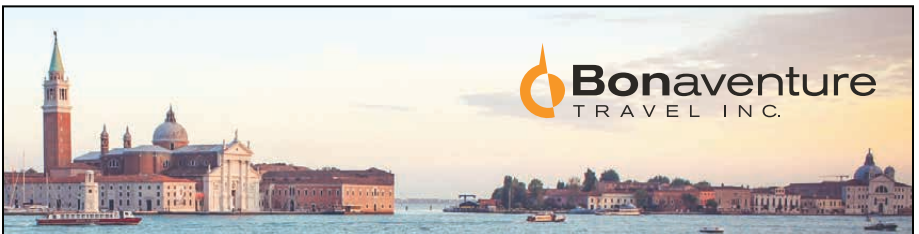
Mid West Packaging Limited

\$300-599

MCW/AGE Consulting Professional
Engineers
Winnipeg Building & Decorating Ltd.

\$150-299

Beyond Referrals
InterGroup Consultants Ltd.
Patill/St. James Insurance



T 204-488-6653 | TF 888-550-8998 | E info@bonaventurerevel.ca | bonaventurerevel.ca

428 Academy Road, Winnipeg, MB R3N 0C3



Professional. Local. Travel Services Exceeding Expectations.

SUPPORTERS

FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

Wayne & Lee Anderson
 Gail Asper, OC, OM, LLD*
 Zdzislaw (Zaz) Bajon & Patricia Hunter
 Mariam Bernstein
 Marjorie & Morley⁵ Blankstein
 Duane⁵ & Pauline Braun
 Doneta Brotchie, CM* &
 Harry Brotchie
 Ken⁵ & Denise Brown
 David & Lianne Carefoot
 Len & Heather Cariou
 Terri Cherniack & Steven Schipper,
 CM, OM
 Jennifer Cheslock & George Buri
 David Christianson & Vera
 Steinberger
 David* & Barb Christie
 Gerry* & Chris Couture
 D. J. Cowan
 Hugh B. Cowan
 Kerry Dangerfield*
 Laurie Lam & Larry Desrochers
 Glen* & Joan Dyrda
 Robert & Florence Eastwood
 Don & Elfie Elias
 Bill⁵ & Gayle Fischer
 Anthony* & Jennifer Fletcher
 Jack Fraser
 James Gibbs⁵
 Sandy & Rheel Gousseau
 Rita Gunn⁵ & Gregory Mason
 John* & Nicola Guttormson
 Ahava Halpern & Frank Lavitt
 Linda Hamilton & Grange Morrow
 Gary Hannaford* & Cathy Rushton
 Ted⁵ & Gail Hechter
 Elaine Heinicke⁵
 Camilla Holland*
 Shawn Hughes & Bruno Koehn
 June⁵ & Bob Jackson Fund for the
 Performing Arts
 Maureen E. Jay
 Andrew & Wendy Jensen
 David & Diane Johnston
 Dr. Leonard & Hope⁵ Kahane
 Janis Kaminsky
 Jason Kasper
 John Kearsey
 Gordon & Anne Keatch⁵
 Rob Kennedy & Claudette Leclerc
 Serena Helen Kraayeveld
 Leona J. MacDonald
 Cheryl Johansson⁵ & Michael
 Mainman
 Mark & Gloria Mancini
 Virginia Martin⁵
 Peggy Barker & Ron McKinnon

Jim* & Penny McLandress
 Barb Melnychuk
 Bob & Pat Migliore
 Jeffrey Morton*
 Ken & Sharon Mould
 Dr. Liam Murphy⁵
 Robb & Heather Paterson
 Chris Pearce
 Scott Penner
 Gina & John* C. Petersmeyer
 Drs. Bill Pope & Elizabeth
 Tippet-Pope
 K. Heather Power & Harold Klause
 Margaret Redmond* & Greg Gillis
 Edward Fisher & Lyse Rémillard
 Joan D. Richardson
 Jean Riggall
 Michelle Rowan
 Michael T. Ruta
 Sharon Ryman
 Susan Skinner*
 Kevin Hines & Shelly Smith-Hines
 Bill & Laurie* Speers
 Deborah Spracklin
 Joan Stephens
 Joanne Tait
 Suzanne Ullyot
 Lionel & Lorraine Wiens
 Margaret⁵ & Alfred Wikjord
 Richard L. Yaffe & John A. Statham⁵
 Brenda Zaporzan⁵
 3 Anonymous

TRIBUTE GIFTS

In memory of Nancy Adkins
 Bob Adkins

In memory of Patrick Cooney
 Gail Asper, OC, OM, LLD & Michael
 Paterson

ENDOWMENT - STEVEN SCHIPPER FUND

Many thanks to the generosity of our Endowment Fund donors who gave a gift or fulfilled a pledge payment between Jan 1, 2023 and Mar 27, 2024. Amounts listed are cumulative.

\$5,000,000+

Government of Canada/
 Gouvernement du Canada
 Canadian Heritage/Patrimoine
 canadien

\$250,000-499,999

Gail Asper, OC, OM, LLD* &
 Michael Paterson

\$100,000-249,999

The Leigh & Liam Murphy Family
 Fund
 Henriette Ricou & Jure Manfreda

\$25,000-49,999

Susan Glass & Arni Thorsteinson
 J.K. May Investments Ltd.
 Cameron & Carole Osler
 Terracon Development Ltd.

\$10,000-24,999

Don & Sheila Katz
 Susan & Keith Knox
 Garry Markham
 Norma Anne Padilla
 L. Blair Philpott & Tom Kynman
 George Sigurdson
 Margaret⁵ & Alfred Wikjord

*Current Royal MTC Board of Trustees/Advisory Board members *Current Royal MTC staff *Monthly Donors/Drama Club ⁵Fondly Remembered
 If you have remembered Royal MTC in your will, please let us know.

SUPPORTERS

\$5,000-9,999

Margaret Caie
Ron & Carol Chapman
Pam & Andrew Cooke
Maureen E. Jay
Gordon & Sherratt Moffatt
Gina O'Connor & John C.
Petersmeyer*
Barbara Scheuneman
Dr. Dorothy Y. Young
2 Anonymous

\$2,500-4,999

Don & Cheryl Breakey
Sheila & David Brodovsky
Jan & Kevin Coates
Roberta Dyck
Michael & Lynn Evans
David & Ewhenia Gnutel
John & Margaret Graham
Carol Campbell & Andy Krentz
Barbara Main
Elaine Toms

\$1,000-2,499

Joan & Edward Alexander
Ron & Joan Boyd
Emily Burt
Art & Donna Chow
Agnes & John K. Collins
Bob & Alison Darling
Dorothy Davidson
Brenda & Michael Evans
Jeremy & Maureen Gordon
Teresa A. Hay
Jordan Janisse & Teresa Cooper
Lynne Jentsch
Barbara Latocki
Gerry Matte & Lydia Surasky-Matte
Peggy Barker & Ron McKinnon
Anthony & Joyce McWha
Estelle Meyers
Paul & Elaine Neelon
Myron Pawlowsky & Susan Boulter
Edna Poulter
W. & N. Rennie
Jim & Susan Shaw
Beverly Vane & Bill Shepherd
Howie & Sue Simpson
Deborah Spracklin
Anonymous

\$500-999

Marge & Ted Avent
Peggy Bainard Acheson - in memory
of Judy Acheson
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kisil
Dr. Shelley Mahoney
Bob & Pat Migliore
Sandra Sadler
Ivor & Lorna Schledewitz
Bryce & Jenna Simes
Gabor Vamos & Brenda Silver
Anonymous

UP TO \$499

Ingrid Bolbecher
Nancy Latocki
F. Lemieux
Jacqueline L. Melnyk
Edward Fisher & Lyse Rémillard
2 Anonymous

**MANY THANKS TO
OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

FINAL BOW

The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre honours the passing of those dear to our theatre - people who've made a lasting contribution to this ephemeral art form.

Dr. Douglas MacEwan - Arts Champion - Dr. MacEwan, a retired and pioneering radiologist and WWII veteran, was a long-time supporter and lover of the arts in Winnipeg. He was a dedicated attendee and donor to Royal MTC, Manitoba Opera, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. To celebrate his 96th birthday and recognizing the impact the COVID closures had on his beloved institutions, he launched "A Walk for the Arts", walking a kilometre each day for 96 days, and raising over \$124,000 for all four organizations. For this contribution to his community, he received the Winnipeg Arts Council Arts Champion award in 2021. We are so grateful for Dr. MacEwan's friendship and years of support.

*Current Royal MTC Board of Trustees/Advisory Board members †Current Royal MTC staff *Monthly Donors/Drama Club †Fondly Remembered
If you have remembered Royal MTC in your will, please let us know.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS

CORE FUNDERS



EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTION SUPPORTER



TOM HENDRY WAREHOUSE SEASON SPONSOR



OPENING NIGHT SPONSOR



JOHN HIRSCH MAINSTAGE PRODUCTION SPONSORS



TOM HENDRY WAREHOUSE PRODUCTION SPONSOR



JOHN HIRSCH MAINSTAGE PERFORMANCE SPONSORS



THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES



NATIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



PIMOOTAYOWIN CREATORS CIRCLE



REGIONAL TOUR



UNDERSTUDIES



WINNIPEG 150 CELEBRATION PARTNER



SUPPORTING PARTNERS

2023 BLACK & WHITE BALL

SILVER SPONSOR



SILVER SPONSOR



AUCTION SPONSOR



COCKTAIL SPONSOR



FILLMORE RILEY VACATION RAFFLE SPONSORS



AIR CANADA

VENUE SPONSOR



WINE SPONSOR



2024 LAWYERS PLAY



THE MANITOBA BAR ASSOCIATION
L'ASSOCIATION DU BARREAU DU MANITOBA
A Branch of the Canadian Bar Association
Une division de l'Association du Barreau canadien



DESIGN SPONSOR



CAPITAL ASSISTANCE



STRATEGIC SUPPORT



SEASON MEDIA SPONSOR



SUPPORTING SPONSORS



WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL



BEHIND THE SCENES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HONORARY MEMBERS

Her Honour, Lt. Governor Anita R. Neville
The Honourable Wab Kinew, Premier of Manitoba
His Worship, Mayor Scott Gillingham

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Laurie Speers, Chair
Edward Acuna, Chair-Elect & Nominating Committee Chair
Susan Freig, Secretary
David Kroft, Governance & Strategic Planning Committee Chair
Nalini Reddy, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility Committee Chair
Geeta Tucker, Treasurer & Organizational Performance Committee Chair
Claire Workman, Resource Development Committee Chair

TRUSTEES

Emily Burt	Linda McGarva-Cohen
Brad Favel	Jocelyne Prefontaine
Katherine Fox	Loren Remillard
David Lalama	Sudhir Sandhu
Andrea Lochhead	Jennifer Tesoro

ADVISORY COUNCIL

John Guttormson - Chair	Colin R. MacArthur, KC
Gail Asper	Patrick J. Matthews
Doneta Brothie, CM	Jim McLandress
Angus Campbell	Jeffrey Morton, FCA
David Christie, Chair	Hon. Jack Murta
Gerry Couture	Lillian Neaman
Kerry Dangerfield	John Petersmeyer
Hy Dashevsky	Lawrence Prout
Glen Dyrda, FCA	Jeff Quinton
Anthony C. Fletcher	Patricia Rabson
Jean Giguere	Margaret Redmond
Charron Hamilton	Susan Skinner
Gary Hannaford, FCA	Al Snyder
Yude Henteleff	Maureen Watchorn
Ken Houssin	

STAFF

ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

Carol Ellis, Director of Finance, CPA, CMA
Kim Friesen, Payroll Administrator
Yvonne O'Connor, Accounts Payable Administrator

ADMINISTRATION

Kurt Brown, HR Generalist
Camilla Holland, Executive Director
Kathrin Moncaster, IT Manager

ARTISTIC

Katie German, Assistant Program Director, Pimootayowin Creators Circle
Melissa Langdon, Artistic Associate
Isabelle Ly, Producer
Ian Ross, Program Director, Pimootayowin Creators Circle
Kelly Thornton, Artistic Director
Leslie Watson, Company Manager

BOX OFFICE

Colleen Hrabí, Director of Patron Services
Meaghan Fletcher, Box Office Manager
Shayla Meeroff, Interim Box Office Manager
Box Office Representatives: Sharon Bunn, Meagan Chrest, Jane Hunter, Alora Kempthorne, Daniel Mitchell, Carolin Schroeder, Tatiana Tuazon

CARPENTRY (JOHN HIRSCH MAINSTAGE)

Louis Gagné, Layout Carpenter
Brent Letain, Master Carpenter
Chris Seida, Scenic Carpenter

DEVELOPMENT

Patrick Hanan, Development Database Specialist
Brendan McKeen, Individual Giving Manager
Melissa Novocosky, Director of Development
Stephanie Porrior, Event Coordinator

FRONT OF HOUSE

Janice Marple, Volunteer Manager
Betsy Ruck, Front of House Manager
Trish Cooper, Assistant Front of House Manager
Alanna McPherson, Assistant Front of House Manager
Cole Reuther, Assistant Front of House Manager
Front of House Staff: Renelle Chartier, Rylen de Vries, Chael Donald, Matthew Fletcher, Haeln Gebre, John George, Besso Ghassan, Cassidy Groening, Joanna Houston, Christine Leslie, Kyra Lyle, Kimmy Martin, Ross McMillan, Christina Reid, Coral Ross, Odéah Roy, Cobi Winston

MAINTENANCE

Chris Fletcher, Building Manager

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Ksenia Broda-Milian, Education and Enrichment Manager
Sue Caughlin, Marketing & Communications Manager
Katie Inverarity, Director of Marketing & Communications
Desiree La Vallee, Ticketing Application Specialist
Savannah Lillies, Marketing & Communications Coordinator
Micah Parkinson, Communications & Social Media Manager

PAINT

Shauna Jones, Assistant Head Scenic Artist
Carla Schroeder, Head Scenic Artist

PRODUCTION

Christine Corthey, Production Associate
Ian Kirk, Production Driver
Jaxun Maron, Assistant Technical Director
Russell Martin, Director of Production
Donnie Osler, Technical Director
Brenda Vaca, Assistant Production Manager

PROPERTIES

Khaeler Bautista, Props Builder
Rachel Bazuk, Props Builder/Buyer
Linda Beech, Props Builder
Zoë Leclerc-Kennedy, Acting Head of Props
Jamie Plummer, Head of Props (on leave)

STAGE CREW

Chris Coyne, Head of Sound
Kayla McSwain, Head of Wardrobe
Gary Plouffe, House Stage Hand
Claude Robert, Head Electrician
Chris Thomson, Head Carpenter

TOM HENDRY WAREHOUSE

Tim Clark, Head of Sound
Ryan Spracklin, Master Carpenter
Fisher Wohlgemut, Head Electrician

WARDROBE

Thora Lamont, Head of Wardrobe, Cutter
Heather Thorleifson, Associate Head of Wardrobe
Jackie Van Winkle, Head Buyer & Accessories Coordinator

WIGS

Beverley Covert, Head of Wigs/Make-Up

WINNIPEG FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Chuck McEwen, Executive Producer
Tori Popp, Festival Manager

HONORARY STAFF

Zaz Bajon, General Manager Emeritus
Steven Schipper, CM, OM, Artistic Director Emeritus

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION STAFF

THE COMEBACK

Chris Hadley, Layout Carpenter
France Richards, Props Apprentice*
Martha Schram, Stitcher
Larissa Shabaga, Scenic Artist

Additional staff provided by IATSE Local 63

*Position funded through the Jean Murray - Moray Sinclair Theatre Apprenticeship Program



Empowering
creative
young minds

Proudly supporting
Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre

Canada Life and design are trademarks
of The Canada Life Assurance Company.

canada  TM

THE POWER *of* STORY

For the 2024/25 season, we're delighted to share the power of story through a wonderfully ridiculous farce, a mix of classic and contemporary plays, new Canadian works and uplifting musicals. This season is another big year, as we continue to be a home for theatre lovers.

SUBSCRIBE NOW AND ENJOY GREAT BENEFITS

Priority Seating • Flexible Ticket Exchange • Discounted Tickets
Neighbourhood Dining Discounts

RoyalMTC.ca | 204 942 6537