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CAROLLING

HOLIDAY
SING-A-LONG!



Holiday Playbill

Dec 15th & 16th, 2023
Firehall Theatre, Niagara Falls, ON



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Hi Friends,

Welcome to CAROLLING! The Holiday Sing-A-Long! We are overjoyed to have you with us. We hope you're ready to have some fun?!

We want you to think of this as an "Old Time Holiday party", everyone sitting around you is about to become your friend & family. Create memories with them. Laugh with them, and at the end of the night, like most family get-togethers, you won't have to see them again until next year.



Now, this is a Sing-A-Long! But don't worry, we're not expecting you to be Pavarotti. Sing to the level of your comfort, some will be group songs, some will be just us and others might be call and response, but starting now, we're here to have fun in a judgement free zone.

We've got some games and skits, and this entire time together is just meant to be silly, happy, uplifting, fun. The holidays can be stressful, and we want this to be the complete opposite of that.

If you're joining us on Friday evening, you have the joy of seeing our special guest: Grace Barnhart, and if you're joining us on the Saturday Matinee, we are also excited to welcome: Sister Lune &.... Ssssh maybe a visit from the Man in Red, himself!

NewWerx Productions was born out of the 2020 pandemic, and now in our Third year of operation, as a Not-For-Profit company, we are proud of the mountain we've climbed and continue to climb. We welcome with open arms many of the former performers from the award winning Oh Canada Eh?! Dinner Theatre (*Niagara*) and look forward to expanding our reach across Niagara and Southern Ontario, welcoming more and more performers, and bringing larger productions your way. This is a small step towards that and we can't wait for more!

Welcome to Carolling! and on behalf of the entire team at NewWerx, we sincerely hope you have a beautiful, blessed, and happy holiday season, and the Merriest of Christmases to one and all.

With Love,
Lee Siegel
Artistic Director, NewWerx Productions



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CAST BEHIND THE SCENES IN REHEARSAL:



Putting Together A
Holiday Show!



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The Songs



*Song list subject to change
without notice.

ACT ONE:

- 1.) We Need A Little Christmas**
- 2.) Let It Snow**
- 3.) Sleigh Ride**
- 4.) Here Comes Suzy Snowflake**
- 5.) Up On The Housetop**
- 6.) Home For The Holidays**
- 7.) Miss You Most At Christmas Time**
- 8.) Blue Christmas**
- 9.) Jingle Bells**
- 10.) I Heard The Bells**
- 11.) Silver Bells**
- 12.) Love Is Christmas**
- 13.) Winter Wonderland**
- 14.) This Christmas**
- 15.) Silent Night**
- 16.) Happy Holiday**



(A 20min Intermission)
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The Songs



ACT TWO:

- 1.) The Christmas Waltz**
- 2.) Christmas Without You**
- 3.) Must Be Santa**
- 4.) Someday At Christmas**
- 5.) Wrapped In Red**
- 6.) What Christmas Means To Me**
- 7.) Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer**
- 8.) Frosty The Snowman**
- 9.) River**
- 10.) Name That Tune Game Show**
- 11.) Little Drummer Boy/Peace On Earth**
- 12.) Oh Holy Night**
- 13.) What Christmas**
- 14.) Give Love On Christmas Day**
- 15.) Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas**

**Finale: Snow/Winter/Rockin' Around The
Christmas Tree/ Jingle Bell Rock/
We Wish You A Merry Christmas**



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The Cast



MELISSA PENNER - Glad to spend this time with you all. Connecting to music, laughter, and the spirit of Christmas. Melissa has a remarkable resume of shows, but is most notably known for her 25 seasons at the Oh Canada Eh Dinner Show (Niagara), Melissa is half of the duo, Mel & Grace and the incredible harmonizing group: sisterLune. Merry Christmas.



LEE SIEGEL - Lee's career spans 30 years and a resume that's nearing 200 productions. Favourite credits include: **BROADWAY:** Jesus Christ Superstar (2012) & Paradise Square (2022), **BROADWAY** workshops: Marian, Superfly, The Song Of Bernadette 3 Seasons at the Stratford Festival (JCS, Tommy, Camelot Fiddler On The Roof, Rent. [Tom Collins]) Regional Productions Include: Les Miserable (Valjean), Les Miserables (Javert), CATS (Old Deuteronomy), Miss Saigon (John), Grease (Roger), Little Shop (Audrey II), Jesus Christ Superstar(Judas), Shrek, Dreamgirls, Nunsense (Sister Mary Hubert), Rocky Horror (Frankenfurter). Over 2000 performances at Oh Canada Eh Dinner Theatre! - **MUCH LOVE:** To Mom, God, Michael, extended family and friends. Lee's Debut Album: Where's The Orchestra & 2023 New Holiday Single: "Unwrap These Arms" is available on iTunes. Follow: @Lee_Siegel



SUE THIBERT - A native of Amherstburg, Ontario, near Windsor, has always been captivated by the theatre. **PRODUCTIONS INCLUDE:** Rodger & Hammerstein's Cinderella, The Pajama Game, and a decade long tenure as a headliner performer in the renowned Oh Canada Eh Dinner Show (Niagara Falls), Favourite Roles include: Janet (Rocky Horror Show), Anne of Green Gables, Rose-Marie. Sue's most cherished role is that of a mom, a title she embraced three years ago with the arrival of her lovely daughter. Sue is thrilled to be back on stage, and extends warm wishes to you and your family for a most cherished Christmas and holiday season. May you love and cherish every moment.



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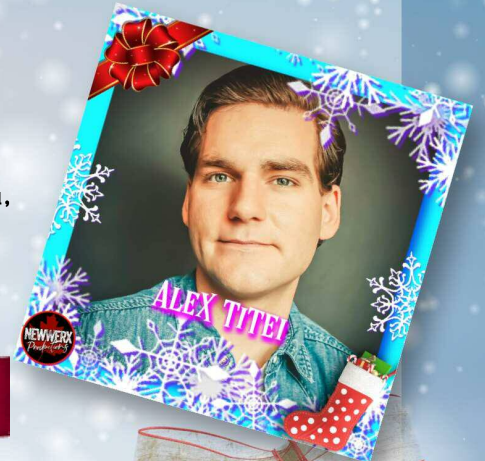
MATTHEW YIPCHUCK is an actor, director and independent filmmaker. Past roles include: Nick Bottom (A Midsummer Night's Dream), Gaston (Beauty and the Beast), Malvolio (Twelfth Night), Serge (Art), The Inquisitor (Saint Joan), Horton (Seussical), The Baker (Into The Woods) and seven seasons with Oh Canada Eh, Niagara. Education: BFA in Film Production (York University) BFA in Acting (University of Alberta). Theatre 20 Conservatory. Check out Matt's youtube channel: "Teacup For One".



NICOLE CINO - "Dinner with myself. I jsut can't canel that again! But I will just to sing with this wonderful group of talented people. So thrilled to get the oppourtunity to sing out some holidajoy and even meet Santa himself!! This year we have accomplished so many amazing memories with the NewWerx team. Here's to the new year, new opportunities, new adventures and lots more shows. Thank you for joining us and sharing your weekend with us. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!"



ALEX TITEI - Alex has been performing in the Niagara region since 2017, and is excited to once again contribute to the existence and proliferation of the performing arts! Past Credits include: Show Must Go On, All Night Long, Broadway Showstoppers, Country Superstars, A Midsummer Night's Dream



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BENJAMIN DONCOM - For NewWerx: All Together Now!, Murder In Dawson Ridge. ELSEWHERE: The Flame (Ensemble), Lez Hangout Productions. Rocky Horror Show (Riff Raff), Ordinary Days (Warren), Korda Artistic Productions, The Spongebob Musical (Mr Krabs), Mansfield Entertainment. All Night Long (Lionel), Oh Canada Eh?!, B!tch Island (Matron), Hamilton Fringe, West Side Story (A-Rab) Windsor Symphony Orchestra. **COMMERCIALS:** Earth's Own Oat Milk. **TRAINING:** Bachelor's Degree Musical Theatre Performance (Sheridan College). **Follow On Socials:** @benjaminjosephdoncom Ben is the newest member of "Urequest Live". Ben is also the lead singer co-songwriter for: "Saints Down". Thank you to my family for their constant and unwavering support and to the tireless efforts of Lee and Chelsea!

CHELSEA DiFRANCO - MUSIC DIRECTOR: Chelsea is excited to be a part of Carolling! and hopes you will join us in singing some of these holiday classics. **PAST CREDITS INCLUDE:** GCP, All Night Long (Oh Canada Eh?!), Country Superstars (NewWerx & Oh Canada Eh?!), Broadway Showstoppers, Wedding In Abruzzo (NewWerx), and multiple seasons during the summer season at the Award Winning: Oh Canada Eh?! Dinner Show! Thank you for supporting NewWerx and wishing you the warmest of Holiday seasons.



PHOTOS WITH SANTA FOLLOWING THE SATURDAY MATINEE

A \$5 donation is required for a photo with Santa. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to our local food bank. Please consider donating more if you can. Photos will be digital and sent to ONE supplied E-mail address within two days of editing. @LeeSiegelPhotography will be taking the photos. Please follow on socials.



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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Question: Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas he's going to have a....
Answer: Blue Christmas

Question: What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?
Answer: An angel

Question: In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?

Question: In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?

Answer: Turkey (originally Patara, a city in the ancient district of Lycia, in Asia Minor)

Question: Which country did eggnog come from?
Answer: England

Question: Which real-life person is Santa Claus based on?
Answer: The Christian bishop St. Nicholas

Question: Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch?"
Answer: Eggnog

Question: What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
Answer: Join in any reindeer games

Question: Where was baby Jesus born?
Answer: In Bethlehem



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Christmas



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