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A Concert Of Broadway's Finest!

Featuring Songs by (in alphabetical order):

Lynn Ahrens • Kristen Anderson-Lopez • Benny Andersson • Billie Joe Armstrong •
Howard Ashman • Sara Bareilles • Lionel Bart • Jerry Bock • Leslie Bricusse •
Jason Robert Brown • Johnny Burke • Martin Charnin • Mindi Dickstein • Anthony Drewe •
Jack Feldman • Stephen Flaherty • Matthew Gerrard • Zina Goldrich • Green Day •
Sheldon Harnick • David Hein • Marcy Heisler • Jason Howland • Herbert Kretzmer • Jonathan Larson •
Alan Jay Lerner • Frank Loesser • Frederick Loewe • Robert Lopez •
Alan Menken • Tim Minchin • Robbie Nevil • Anthony Newley • Benj Pasek • Justin Paul • Tim Rice •
Irene Sankoff • Dick Scanlan • Claude-Michel Schönberg • Stephen Schwartz • Marc Shaiman •
Richard M. Sherman • Robert B. Sherman • Glenn Slater • Stephen Sondheim • George Stiles • Charles Strouse •
Jeanine Tesori • Björn Ulvaeus • Jimmy Van Heusen • Frank Wildhorn • Scott Wittman

Music Supervision:
Alexandra Reed

Choreography By:
Louisa O'Keane

Directed By:
Matthew Yipchuck

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Performance Song List

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1.) Pure Imagination

Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

Music & Lyrics By: Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley

Book By: David Greig

2.) You Could Drive A Person Crazy

Company

Music & Lyrics by: Stephen Sondheim

Book by: George Furth

3.) Back To Before

Ragtime

Music by: Stephen Flaherty

Lyrics by: Lynn Ahrens

Book by: Terrence McNally

4.) This Is The Moment

Jekyll & Hyde

Music by: Frank Wildhorn

Book & Lyrics by: Leslie Bricusse

5.) Spread The Love Around

Sister Act

Music by: Alan Menken

Lyrics by: Glenn Slater

Book by: Cheri Steinkellner & Bill Steinkellner

Additional Book Material by: Douglas Carter Beane

6.) Tomorrow

Annie

Music by: Charles Strouse

Lyrics by: Martin Charnin

Book by: Thomas Meehan

7.) The New World

Songs For A New World

Music & Lyrics by: Jason Robert Brown

8.) She Used To Be Mine

Waitress

Music & Lyrics by: Sara Bareilles

Book by: Jessie Nelson

9.) Consider Yourself

Oliver!

Book, Music & Lyrics by:

Lionel Bart

10.) Children Will Listen

Into The Woods

Music & Lyrics by: Stephen Sondheim

Book by: James Lapine

11.) Take A Chance On Me

Mamma Mia!

Music & Lyrics by: Bjorn Ulvaeus

& Benny Andersson

Book by: Catherine Johnson

12.) Let It Go

Disney's Frozen

Music & Lyrics by: Kristen Anderson-Lopez

& Robert Lopez

13.) Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Disney & Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins

Music & Lyrics by: Richard M Sherman

& Robert B. Sherman

Book by: Julian Fellowes

Additional Music & Lyrics by:

George Stiles & Anthony Drewe

14.) Beautiful City

Godspell

Music & Lyrics by:

Stephen Schwartz

15.) Seasons Of Love

Rent

Book, Music & Lyrics by:

Jonathan Larson

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A Note From Our Artistic Director: Lee Siegel

Hi Friends,

How many ways can you think of to say "Grateful"? Incorporate all of them into this paragraph!! I am overjoyed to fulfill a life long dream of mine; create a Not-For-Profit Theatre Company with an incredible team, and bring **LIVE PRODUCTIONS** to the stage.

...And here we are!!

In March, 2020 when Niagara lost the world famous: Oh Canada Eh?! Dinner Theatre, each of us lost a little piece of home.

I began my professional career on the stage of Oh Canada Eh at the age of 18, for nearly 23 years that log cabin was a part of my life in one way or another, even when I found myself on a Broadway stage and the Stratford Festival, OCE was a part of my life. When it was forced to close its doors due to the Covid-19 pandemic, my heart was crushed.

Telling someone they no longer have a job is hard enough, but telling them that a place that brought joy to so many people, and employed performers from across Ontario, could no longer sustain the pandemic weight, was one of the most difficult things I ever had to do.

That very day, I embarked on the journey of creating a new Not-For-Profit company, with new ideas, and the goal to reach out to each performer from the log cabin, and try to give them a new place to call home. That is how NewWerx came to be.

Tonight you are witness to NewWerx history, our **FIRST LIVE PERFORMANCE!** We spent much of the pandemic producing Virtual Who-Dunnit mysteries, streaming concerts, & game nights, and now we are thrilled to finally take the stage.

I can not be with you tonight, as I am in Chicago working on a brand new musical that will be heading to Broadway in January 2022, but my heart and well wishes are with this incredible team. Thank you Matt, Louisa and Alexandra for bringing NewWerx' first ever LIVE performance to life! ... and thank YOU for being here, supporting NewWerx and being a part of our origin story. Here's to many more shows ahead!! **BREAK LEGS TEAM!!!**



Your Hosts



Melissa Penner

Is very excited to be apart of NEWWERX productions first live show here at the FirstOntario performing arts centre in St. Catharines. Melissa has been in the business a long time. You may have seen her in singing groups such as Jazzfyre, Blue Satin, Grandview Drive, Faeries in the Hedgerow, sisterLune and Mel & Grace. Theatre groups: The King Henry V111 feasts in a Niagara on the Lake, Garden City Productions in St. Catharines and the Oh Canada Eh Dinner show in Niagara Falls where she spent 25 years performing in thousands of shows, writing and co-writing many as well. Grateful to my family, friends and all of you for being here. Enjoy the show!

Brandon Stafford

Brandon is ecstatic to be joining NewWerx for the first time on their live performance debut! You may have seen Brandon perform alongside many of tonight's actors at the Oh Canada Eh!? Dinner Theatre in Niagara Falls where he was a resident player for 7 seasons. Brandon trained in the Music Theatre Performance program at St. Clair College and has been seen in commercials, movies, plays and musicals all throughout Southwestern Ontario over the last 14 years. Brandon is so thankful to be back on stage, and so thankful for you to be back in the audience.



FUN FACT

BE OUR GUEST

"Be Our Guest" was originally written to be sung to Belle's father, Maurice, but was changed as the animated film was in production.

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FUN FACT

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Björn Ulvaeus, the songwriter, wrote the song while out jogging! Using a "tck-a-ch" style mantra to keep his running at pace, he eventually put the words "take a chance, take a tck-a-chance" instead!

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FUN FACT

YOU COULD DRIVE A PERSON CRAZY

Originally called "Threes...", *Company* is based on a series of short plays by George Furth. Each play consisted of three characters, a couple and a third person. Bobby was invented to tie these vignettes together as the perpetual third person.

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SEIZE THE DAY

Newsies was inspired by the real-life Newsboy's Strike of 1899, where a collection of young newspaper sellers demanded fair payment from the likes of Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hurst.

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Matthew Yipchuck (Director)

Matthew is an actor and independent filmmaker, always looking for a story to tell and a cool way to tell it. He has a BFA in Film Production & Screenwriting from York University, a BFA in Classical Acting from the University of Alberta and has studied at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting in NYC. In his spare time, Matthew produces video essays focused on film history, Shakespeare & cats on his YouTube channel 'Teacup For One'.

After having spent seven seasons with OCE Niagara, he is thrilled to continue his work in the Niagara Arts Community with NewWerx Productions.

Louisa O'Keane (Choreographer)

Louisa O'Keane is a performer, educator, choreographer and a graduate of the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts. She is a long time cast member of The Oh Canada Eh! Dinner Theatre and has been teaching music, drama and dance for over ten years. Favorite credits include Broadway Showstoppers, The Rocky Horror Show: Canadiana Productions, The Josh Groban 2020 Tour - Canadian Choir, Seussical: WCT, My Fair Lady: Gateway Theatre, Grease: TUTs, Calendar Girls: Moonpath Productions, March of The Falsettos and Cabaret Sauvignon: NCT, and The Nongenie her one woman cabaret!

Louisa loves taking on new challenges such as voice over work, film and television, writing Children's music and producing concerts and cabarets.



Alexandra Reed (Music Supervisor)

Alexandra is thrilled to finally be back onstage with such a talented group of performers. A graduate of Acadia University with a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance, Alexandra has had the honour of performing on both Canadian and international stages. Favourite credits include: Krystal in All Night Long (Canadiana Productions), Johanna in Sweeney Todd, Rosa Bud in The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Alexander Showcase Theatre), Sour Kangaroo in Seussical and Kate Monster/Lucy in Avenue Q (Lower Ossington Theatre). Alexandra thanks her friends, family, and the NewWerx team for their continued love and support.



Alex Titei

Alex is a professionally trained performer specializing in musical theatre, but trained in dance, film & t.v, and voice over. Before the pandemic he enjoyed nearly three years of professional work, touring across Canada and also performing in Niagara Falls at the Oh Canada Eh dinner theatre. Now, he's grateful and excited to be back with old friends, doing what he loves!



Benjamin Doncom

Benjamin is an actor and vocalist originally hailing from Kingsville, Ontario. He earned his Bachelors Degree in Musical Theatre Performance from Sheridan College in 2017, and has worked in Canada and The United States both in theatre and bands. In 2019, he released his self titled EP, of which the first single titled "Chasing Ghosts" charted on the indie charts across the pond. After appearing in "All Nite Long" at OCE, he joined the NewWerx Team, and looks forward to creating new works with some of Niagara's finest artists. He also works as a vocalist for Fusion Events in Toronto as well as being the lead vocalist for a new session band called "Saints Down" based out of Windsor. Fun fact: He will never live down that he once played a cow in a milk commercial, and was cut from the final edit.



Nicole Cino

Nicole Cino is ecstatic, thrilled, enthralled, elated, delighted and exhilarated to be back on the stage, really all the cliché bio words any actor uses, she is feeling. Having spent the last 19 months scrolling through TikTok, watching every streaming platform to death, and finding a new found obsession in The Bachelor she cannot wait to be singing and dancing (well kind of) with this incredibly talented company. Having been with NewWerx Productions from the beginning the emotion of finally being able to perform in front of a live audience is overwhelming. She sends her thanks and appreciation to everyone involved, audience, cast, production and this amazing team. It's been a crazy time, thank you for being there. Favourite credits include Maureen in Rent, Julia in The Wedding Singer and Natalie in Next To Normal.



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"If you're all alone when
the pretty birds have _____
Honey I'm still free, take a
_____ on me"

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SEASONS OF LOVE

"In inches,
in miles,
in _____,
in _____"

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BE OUR GUEST

"Tie your napkin
'round your neck, _____
And we'll provide
_____"

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CHILDREN WILL LISTEN

"Careful the tale you tell,
that is the _____"

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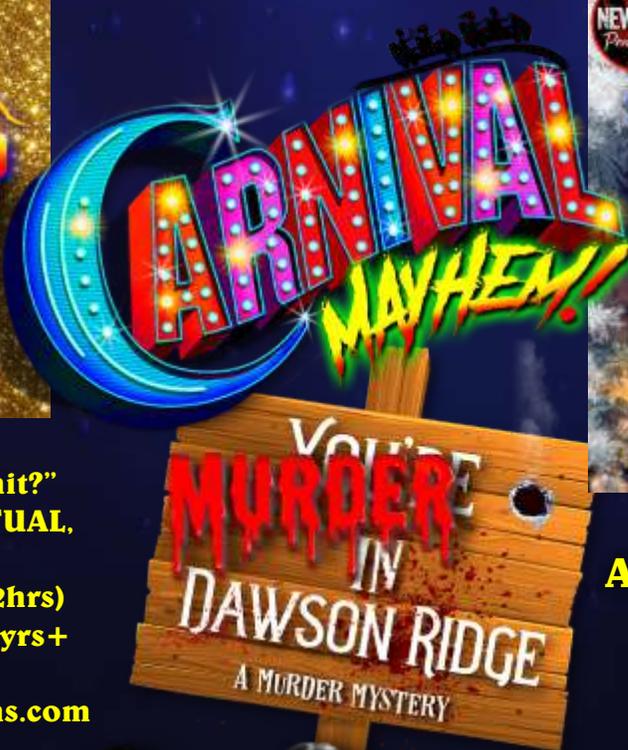


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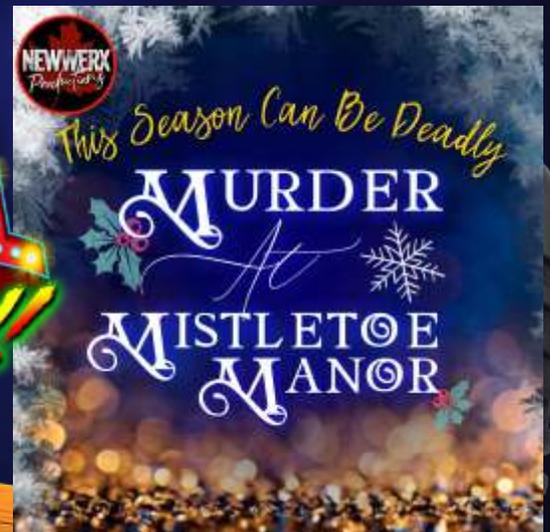
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