

Melody of Memories



Director/Choreographer Marie Nychka
Music Director Brad Heintzman
Written by Shannon Diachinsky

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Presented by
Edmonton Musical Theatre



Some People	Mabel
Mr. Lonely	George
Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat	Sean and ensemble
Falling Slowly	Sean, Molly
No Time At All	Mabel, Marvin and ensemble
Can't Help Falling in Love	Don, Edith
I'll Stand By You	Marvin
Escape (The Pina Colada Song)	Jessie and ensemble
Stars and The Moon	Karen
Jessie's Girl	Sean
Loves Me Like a Rock	Paul, Joanna and ensemble
Say You Remember It Too	Mabel, Marvin
Put Your Head On My Shoulder	Marvin
You'll Be Back	Jessie
Journey To The Past	Molly
Money	Jessie, Ash and ensemble
You Don't Know	Mabel
Being Alive	Molly, Sean and Mabel
I Can See Clearly Now	Molly and ensemble

PRODUCTION

Director/Choreographer
Music Director
Playwright
Light Design/Technician
Sound Technician
Costume/Set Design
Graphic Artist
Social Media Manager
General Manager
Front of House
Fringe Festival Staff

Marie Nychka
Brad Heintzman
Shannon Diachinsky
Kira Malkin
Davy Damo
Marie Nychka & Cast
Susan Rasko
Emily Barnaschoné
Steffni Ault
Tristan Ault-Toupin, Kayla Damo
Murray Utas, Andrea Handal Rivera,
Victoria deJong, Mac Brock

CAST & CHARACTERS

Mabel	Shauna Rebus	Don	Bradley Bishop
Molly	Cassie Hyman	Edith	Anastasia Barkovskaja
Jessie	Drake Seipert	Joanna	Maria Yakula
Marvin	Brian Ault	Paul	Doug Macdonald
Sean	Malik Hinton	Employees (Forrest, Aspen, Maple, Ash, Cherry)	Seriena Dutertre
Karen	Barbara Heintzman		
George	Robert Woodbury		

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CAST AND CREW

Marie Nychka (Director/Choreographer) – Marie began her career as a dancer with such companies as the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Ballet Brazil, and Ballet de Roma working across Canada, Italy, Brazil, New York, Florida, and the Caribbean. She is also danced with the Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble and the Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble. For over thirty years she has been a freelance actor, director, choreographer, adjudicator, and teacher. She is a regular faculty member and choreographer for Opera Nuova. She teaches in both the BA Drama and BFA Acting Programs in the Department of Drama at the University of Alberta where she has received several teaching awards including the prestigious William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (2016). Marie has been nominated eight times and twice received the Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Award for Outstanding Choreography. She is the founder and was the Artistic Director of the Tavria Ukrainian Folk Dance Ensemble for many years. In 2016 Marie received The Nation Builders Award from the Ukrainian Canadian Committee for years of outstanding service to Ukrainian dance in Canada.



BRAD HEINTZMAN - Musical Director -Brad graduated with honors from the Royal Conservatory of Music, University of Toronto and Grant MacEwan University Music Program. He is an accomplished pianist, composer, arranger and producer. Brad has been an accompanist and musical director for many dance and theatre companies, most notably the Alberta Ballet, the Citadel Theatre and Festival Place Players. Brad was commissioned to write the score and arrangements for original productions such as *Blood and Fire* and *The Aha Experience*. You may have heard Brad play in several Fringe shows, or with his band, M.A.D., or at the La Ronde Revolving Rooftop Restaurant. Brad is EMT's Resident Music Director and has worked on many productions, such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Crazy for You*. Upcoming projects include *It's A Wonderful Life* - Festival Players and *Sunset Boulevard* - Miles From Broadway. He is excited to be back with *Melody of Memories* following the successes of past Fringe shows; *I'm Still Here*, *Changing Channels* and *Miscasts*.



SHANNON DIACHINSKY - Playwright – Shannon has been involved with Edmonton Musical Theatre for almost 15 years, performing in *All You Need is Love--a*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Grease*. Shannon is thrilled to make her fringe debut as a playwright. *Melody of Memories* is her first play written in over 20 years. In school, she was constantly writing plays for her cousins and peers to perform. She is grateful to Edmonton Musical Theatre for the opportunity to return to her love of writing. She hopes you relate to and fall in love with the characters as much as she has. Shannon would like to thank her loving husband and four children for all their support.



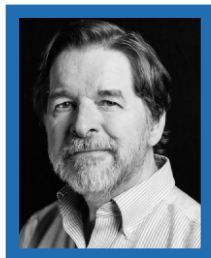
Kira Malkin (Light Designer/Stage Manager/Lighting Technician) - Kira has participated in musical theatre since the age of 3, performing with Visionary College. She also attended summer camps with Foote Theatre School and St. Albert Children's Theatre. She has been involved Edmonton Musical Theatre as a class participant and cast member from age 8, through to the adult program, performing in year-end productions and many Fringe shows, as well as proudly performing in the EMT Youth Show Group during Canada's 150 celebration year. Kira has been employed as a class artistic assistant for EMT Juniors programs and summer camps. After being behind the scenes for *Grease*, *Broadway Rocks Again*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Tony Award Goes To....*, and *Crazy For You*. Kira is delighted to work her magic once again in *Melody of Memories* following the fun experience of *All You Need Is Love* -A last Fringe.



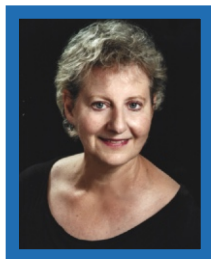
Davy Damo (Sound Technician) - A graduate from the Grant MacEwan Music program in the performing and recording arts, Davy has been performing with Edmonton Musical Theatre since 1999. Davy is a seasoned performer and looks to always entertain and excite his audiences with his energetic performances and personality. With vocal smoothness and dynamics that are incomparable, Davy's vocal ease will satisfy any audience's musical appetite for any desired musical genre. Davy is happy to be a part of this EMT Fringe performance lending his talents to behind the scenes as the sound tech. Hope you will all enjoy the show! audience.



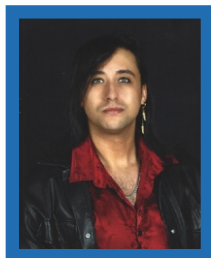
Brian Ault (Marvin) - Brian has sung such diverse roles as Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast*, Narrator/Mysterious Man in *Into the Woods*, and Harry/Baptista in *Kiss Me, Kate*. Elsewhere, he has appeared as Nicely-Nicely Johnson, Inspector Javert, Pinellino in *Gianni Schicchi*, and starred in his own popular Fringe show, *A Life, with Surprises (and Songs)*. Brian also starred in *Austentatious!* at The Walterdale Theatre. He has sung with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and made his featured Winspear debut in *Crescendo* 2018.



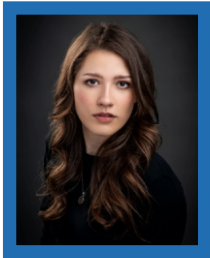
Shauna Rebus (Mabel) - Shauna is excited to be joining this wonderful cast and crew for her first Fringe Festival production with Edmonton Musical Theatre. She is fresh off the singing and dancing train from EMT's June production of *Crazy For You*. Other recent credits include *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Festival Players), *Pirates of Penzance* (Foote in the Door) and *The Little Mermaid* (Edmonton Musical Theatre). Thanks, and love to Mike for his unending support.



Malik Hinton (Sean) - Malik is jubilant to be back with Edmonton Musical Theatre to mark his third Fringe production with the company! After playing the incomparable Prince Eric in *The Little Mermaid* and Jeremy in *And the Tony Award Goes to...* and then the singing and dancing Bobby in *Crazy for You*, he is delighted to work once again with Marie and Brad and bring their vision to life. You'd have previously caught Malik as Willie Wonka in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Jean-Michel in *Cinderella*, Houdini in *Sideshow*, Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors*, plus other credits include Lt. Eddie Souther in *Sister Act*, Doody in *Grease Live* and ... UGLY... in *HONK! The Musical*...talk about life imitating art...See Malik on the stage this Fall in *Sunset Boulevard* and in *It's A Wonderful Life*.



Cassie Hyman (Molly) - Cassie is so thrilled to be back for her third show with Edmonton Musical Theatre! Cassie is an Edmonton based actor, writer and songwriter whose recent theatre credits include; ‘Emily Brontë’ in Orpheum Production’s *The Bells* (also Co-writer), ‘Ariel’ in EMT’s *The Little Mermaid*, ‘Constanze Mozart’ in Psychopomp Comedy’s *Amadeus*, ‘Mrs. Bucket’ in Festival Players *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and ‘Rapunzel’ in Stage Eaters Theatre’s *Into the Woods*. Cassie is beyond grateful to bring such an important story to life (written by her truly talented friend Shannon Diachinsky) and she can’t imagine a better cast to share the stage with!



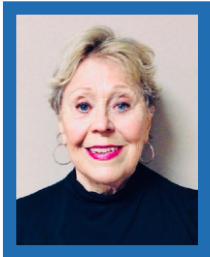
Anastasia Barkovskaja (Edith) - After a 15-year break from the stage, Anastasia is thrilled to have found her way back. She recently appeared in the Edmonton Musical Theatre Adult Program productions of *EMT Follies* and *The Jazzy Java*, and is over the moon to make her Fringe debut as Edith in *Melody of Memories*. It’s Anastasia’s first time playing someone old enough to give her life advice. A heartfelt thank you to the casting team for this opportunity and a special thank you to Anastasia’s mum for encouraging her to find a way back to the stage. This one’s for you, Mum.



Robert Woodbury (George) - Robert is a theatre guy since forever. His singing career began at aged 7 as an award-winning soprano soloist in Kitchener, Ontario. Since then, he has trained with Eva Bostrand, Merla Eichman and Yoachim Segger. Robert did murder mysteries and musicals in the 80's and 90's and has been the solo and choir singer for St Andrews United Church for almost 20 years. As well, he is a dedicated karaoke junkie since that was invented! Robert is also a very talented caricature and fine artist who works every K-Days and at West Edmonton Mall in Galaxyland and has sold many paintings. He is father to 7 kids, 2 cats, and a dog named Luna. He is thrilled to be back with Edmonton Musical Theatre for his 2nd Fringe show after the fun experience of *All You Need Is Love -A last Fringe*.



Maria Yakula (Joanna) - Maria is delighted to be back with the cast and crew for her third production with Edmonton Musical Theatre. Her past shows included the Fringe hit *I’m Still Here* and the Broadway Boomers revue *Love, Life and Family*. Maria keeps busy all year round with her theatre performances. You may see her singing with the Melody Singers choir at SOUTH EAST EDMONTON SENIORS (SEESA) and acting with Edmonton’s seniors improv group named ‘GerActors’. After studying the theatre arts when she was younger, she still has the passion to keep challenging herself and sharing with a live theatre audience.



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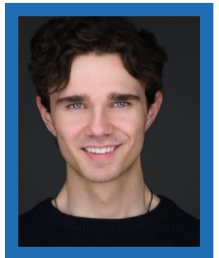
Barbara Heintzman (Karen) - Barbara is delighted to be on stage for this Fringe show *Melody of Memories*. While she spends most of her time as a professional photographer, including theatre photography, it has been many years since she has been on stage herself. She fondly holds great memories of past Edmonton Musical Theatre productions she performed in. Barbara is incredibly grateful to the cast and crew for welcoming her back to the stage, and is especially pleased to be sharing the experience with her husband Brad Heintzman, the Musical Director.



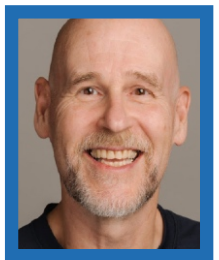
Bradley Bishop (Don) - Bradley has been involved in the wonderful Edmonton theatre scene as a performer and director for the last 20 years. This is his second time performing with Edmonton Musical Theatre. You may remember Bradley in the successfully past Fringe production, *Changing Channels*. Enjoy the show!



Drake Seipert (Jessie) - This is Drake's first show with Edmonton Musical Theatre!! He is a Sherwood Park based actor who has always had a love for performing and has been consistently acting since Stage Eaters first introduced him to theatre in 2019. All throughout high school Drake has continued to act, portraying roles such as Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Wadsworth in *Clue* and Danny Zuko in *Grease*. You may have also seen Drake in Stage Eaters productions of; *Newsies* (2022), *Mary Poppins* (2025), and *Into The Woods* (2026). His acting scope has broadened out to film work and he is eager to keep exploring that world. He hopes you enjoy the hard work these talented people have put into this show!



Doug Macdonald (Paul) - Doug is a semi-retired drama, musical theatre, English and Phys ed teacher. He has recently made a return to the stage after spending 25+ years directing high school musical and play productions. He previously worked with the University of Alberta Orchestral Dance Ensemble, first as a dancer then as a stage manager and lighting designer. He is excited to be doing his first show with Edmonton Musical Theatre.



Seriena Dutertre (Forrest, Aspen, Maple, Ash, Cherry) - Edmonton Musical Theatre is delighted to have Seriena join us for the first time at the Fringe Festival with this production of *Melody of Memories*. Her first venture with EMT was our 45th anniversary show *Broadway Rocks Again* and she just performed in EMT's June production of *Crazy For You*. Seriena has performed in numerous productions in the past, including the role of Kim Macafee in *Bye Bye Birdie* with the Leduc Drama Society. With her multiple talents she is always eager to help her fellow cast mates while bringing excitement and commitment to her own performance. That extends to EMT's Teen and Adult training programs where she is our dance instructor/choreographer. Look forward to seeing Seriena in Festival Place's *It's A Wonderful Life* in December. However...the best part she has ever played was that of the Bride when she married her best friend and forever person, Ryder, this past September!

