



MountAllison
Motyer-Fancy Theatre

2025-2026 SEASON
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A Very Carole Christmas Carol

BY JAY WHITEHEAD &
KATHY ZABORSKY

DIRECTED BY **JAY WHITEHEAD**

A festive and fabulous drag musical



Director's Note

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One of my most cherished holiday memories as a child was the Island of Misfit Toys segment in the classic children's animated special Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Even as a child I sensed I was different and somehow related to these so called Misfit Toys as an effeminate young boy. The characters in A Very Carole Christmas Carol, to the outside world, emulate these cast offs, especially at a time of year when traditional family is so overvalued. This new musical imagines a world where the Misfit Toys are in charge and reclaiming the holidays for themselves and their chosen families. I have watched with glee, consequently, as this cast and crew, each one an idiosyncratic joy, has created a chosen family in and among each other. It's warmed my Scrooge heart. We now invite you into our queer winter wonderland and the family of A Very Carole Christmas Carol. Tap your toes, sing a long, feel the love, because, this year, Christmas is a drag!

- Jay Whitehead

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Jay Whitehead (He/They) Director

Whitehead (AKA Didi d'Edada) is the current JEA Crake Fellow in Drama at Mount Allison where he previously directed *If We were Birds* for the MFT. Whitehead has appeared in and/or directed productions including *Montparnasse*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *The Curing Room*, *The Confession of Jeffrey Dahmer*, *How to Leave*, *The Addams Family*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *333*, and *My Funny Valentine*.

Kathy Zaborsky (Castrati) Composer

Castrati is resident Musical Director/Arranger at New West Theatre, and is Musical Director/Choreographer at Jubilations Dinner Theatre. Castrati's theatre credits started with a U.S. tour playing Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*, which has lead them to performing in various cities in Canada over the past 30 years.



Taylor Campbell (She/Her) Music Director

For MFT: Debut. Taylor is a 3rd year Music student from Halifax, NS. She is excited for her MFT debut and extremely grateful to be a part of this celebration of silly queerness. Many thanks to her friends and family, and especially her dog Max for their continuous support.

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Keira MacDuff (She/They)

Music Director, Teensy

For MFT: Debut. Keira MacDuff (she/they) is a 3rd year Music and Drama student from Antigonish, NS. She is very excited to make her MFT debut in A Very Carole Christmas Carole, and hopes you enjoy watching the show as much as she did working on it! Many thanks to her friends, family, and cat Maggie for all their support. @k_macduff_

Ian McFarlane (He/They)

Set and Costume Designer

Ian is the Resident Designer of the Drama and Screen Studies Program. Ian has worked with such companies as the Canadian Academy of Mask and Puppetry, Bread and Puppet Theater, The River Clyde Pageant, as well as co-founded Mudfoot Theatre and North Barn Theatre. He received an MFA in Contemporary Art from Simon Fraser University.



Laura Torriero

Hair and Makeup Designer

Laura is a fourth year drama and psychology major. She is so proud of all the work that has been put into A Very Carol Christmas Carol. This is her first time being a makeup hair designer, especially for a drag show! She's very excited about it. You may have seen her in Albertine in Five Times or If We Were Birds

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Kylie Vienneau Lighting Director

Kylie is a 4th year Drama Studies student. Known for previous MFT works like Ubu 23' and Never Swim Alone as a lighting designer, she is bringing a dramatic flair to A Very Carole Christmas Carole. She is often found working in the Green Room or taking photos of friends.

Emma Nielsen (She/They)

Sound Designer

For MFT: The Dark, The Yellow Wallpaper. Emma is a 3rd year Fine Arts student with a minor in Screen Studies. Emma likes weird dancing, arthouse cinema, and getting caught in the PCCA after hours. Break a leg! And by god, be ugly!



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Joni Aubé (She/They)

Cass

For MFT: Debut!

Joni is a first-year drama student, and they are thrilled to make their Mount Allison debut and step into the world of drag. They are eternally grateful for the Carole cast and crew for being so supportive and fabulous. They hope you enjoy the show!

Jax Bailey (They/Them)

Young Carole/Ensemble

MFT Debut. Jax is a 3rd year student in VMCS. They are very excited to perform in this incredible production. In their free time, you may find them in The Green Room of the PCCA. A special thanks to the cast and crew for creating such a welcoming environment for their debut performance.



Ben Blue (He/Him)

Carole

Ben Blue is a fifth year standing student in Drama and Music. This is his fifth Motyer-Fancy show, notable for his work in Sweeney Todd, Juliet Project, The Dark, and If We Were Birds. He has also been in the three previous drag performances put on by Jay Whitehead as the character abWHOREent. He's incredibly excited to bring the character Carole to life in all her Scrooged glory!

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Ella Coulombe (She/Her)

Carole's Mom/Ensemble

For MFT: Debut. Ella is a 1st year drama studies student. She is very excited for everyone to see *A Very Carole Christmas Carol*! When not doing theatre, Ella enjoys watching movies and going on walks with her friends. She would like to thank everyone involved for everything they do!

Magnus Downey (He/Him)

Burley

For MFT: debut. Magnus is a 1st year English student. He's pumped to sing, wrap, and act for everyone! When he's not acting, you can find him curled up on the library working on his latest literary projects.



River Gauvin (He/Him)

Mo

River Gauvin (He/Him) is a 2nd year Drama student. When not acting you can find him at the tabletop society. Special thanks to the cast and crew for this amazing experience!

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Ashley Grant-Daigle (She/Her) Harry

Currently in her final year pursuing a BMus. From Miramichi, this is her MFT debut after a 6 year break from the theatre world. Ashley is very excited to bring you into the world of a very Carole Christmas carol and hopefully you won't find it a "Drag." When not acting in the MFT you can find her noodling on my flute in the Music conservatory, or snuggling with her cats. Special thanks to her fiancé Josh for being her biggest cheerleader and believing in her talents. Thank you and enjoy the show

Charlotte Harriman (She/Her) Yesta Yeer

For MFT: The Dark. Charlotte is a 2nd year commerce student with a minor in drama. She is so thrilled to be a part of this fabulous queer retelling of a classic. This show is such a fun twist on the original filled with passion great music and drag culture, she is so glad to be given the opportunity to try drag for the first time. Special thanks to her parents for always supporting her crazy theatre kid antics.



Kody Hatfield (He/Him) Brenna Factress/Ensemble

Kody Hatfield is a 3rd year Drama major at Mount Allison university and is thrilled to be a part of another MFT show! Previously in Sweeney Todd and The Dark, Kody takes on the whole new sparkling character of Brenna. He would like to thank the entire crew and cast for putting such hard work into making this dragtastic musical!

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Keiara Legere (She/Her)

Inda Present

Keiara is a 1st Year Bachelor of Music student, studying voice. Musical Theater has always been her favorite thing, she loves performing, singing, dancing and acting. She is so excited to share her passion with you. Shoutout to her friends and Rosie (her cute little puppy)

Oscar Rigby (He/Him)

Jesus

For MFT: A Very Carole Christmas Carol.

Oscar is a 2nd year Music student majoring in Piano. He's excited to be playing Jesus for the first time ever. When not acting at MFT, you may see him dancing at Ducky's or playing pool at the student centre. Many thanks to his parents.



Selena Winchester (She/Her)

Future/Ensemble, Assistant Choreographer

MFT debut! Selena is a fourth year biology honours student with a minor in psychology. When not performing, you can find her in the Crosby Lab working on her honours or studying in the library. Special thanks to Cate for encouraging her to audition for the show!

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Danica Jollimore (She/Her) Stage Manager*

For MFT: Sweeney Todd, UBU '24, Albertine in Five Times, Victor '25, If We Were Birds. Danica is in her final year of studies and is the current Costume and Props Technician. When not in the costume shop or in rehearsal, she can be found relaxing (?) at home. Many thanks to her friends, family, and surrounding team for their love and support throughout the Carole process!

Cate McNair (She/They) Assistant Stage Manager

For MFT: If We Were Birds, Never Swim Alone, Sweeney Todd, Dry Land, The Wolves. Cate is a 4th year drama student, and she is incredibly excited to be working on Carole with this amazing group of people. She would like to thank her friends, family, and the entire Drama department for their endless support.



Jocelyne Sirois (She/Her) Assistant Stage Manager

Jocelyne is a second year Psychology student and one of the ASMs. A Very Carole Christmas Carol is her second show with the MFT and she's honored to be part of an amazing team.

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MLX	Nate Lesser
Sound Operator	Will Davis
Microphone Operator	Percy Austin
Heads of Wardrobe	Diego Cavedon Dias, Judith Cane, Skylar Côté
Head of Props	Jan Miroslav
Head Scenic Carpenter	Ian McFarlane
Production Manager and Head	Andrew Kerr
Stage Carpenter	
Technical Director* and Head	Dawson Cormier
Stage Carpenter	

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SARAH FANNING | Director of Drama & Screen Studies

VALMAI GOGGIN | Instructor in Applied Theatre

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ALEX FANCY | Professor Emeritus

JAY WHITEHEAD | Crake Drama Fellow

STEPHANIE DOTTO | McCain Postdoctoral Fellow

AMANDA CHRISTIE | Screen Studies Lecturer

Student Interns

DAWSON CORMIER | Carpentry & Paint

KAYLA TRITES | Marketing & Publicity

DANICA JOLLIMORE | Costume & Props

CATE MCNAIR | Front of House

LAURA TORRIERO | Theatre

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Carpentry

Percy Austin, Rowan Brosha, Taylor Campbell, Trin Coates, Amy Evans, Mya Grant, Paige Meisner, Ethen Neil, Phoebe Rex, Violet Troop, Aiden Woodin, Kylie Vienneau

Lighting

Rowan Brosha, Amelia Comeau, Will Davis, Amy Evans, Brooke Hennigar, Sadie Junger, Violet Troop

Costumes

Sam Bergamo, Rowan Brosha, Taylor Campbell, Ainsley Corbett, Ashley Grant-Daigle, Sadie Junger. Kiera McDuff, Lilly Richard, Erin Vandenheuvel

Paint

Percy Austin, Taylor Campbell, Sadie Junger, Phoebe Rex, Lilly Richard, Erin Vandenheuvel

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