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BY SHELLEY HOFFMAN AND STEPHEN SPARKS

CAST

MELANIE JANZEN Gail
AMY SELLORS Linda
STEPHEN SPARKS Rob

CREATIVE TEAM

THOM CURRIE Director

KARA PANKIW Set Design
REBECCA MILLER Lighting Design
LISA MACCHIONE Costumes

NADIA CHEECHOO Props/Scenic Painter
NICHOLAS PALINKA Production Manager
TIM STEPHENSON Technical Manager
DAVID A. BROWN Head Carpenter
GILLIAN JONES Stage Manager

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SHELLEY HOFFMAN (Playwright)

Shelley is proud to say that she's had a varied career that has never left her bored. A recovering actor, she started out working in theatre, television and sketch comedy before shifting into writing and producing corporate events. Next, she became the de-facto granddaughter to over 30 Nonnas, Omas, Bubbes and Grandmas when she produced a season and two holiday specials for Loving Spoonfuls, the Cooking with Grandmoms television show. Since then she has been developing, story editing and



producing award-winning animation properties for kids and kids-at-heart.

STEPHEN SPARKS (Playwright)

As an actor, Stephen has worked in theatres across Canada. Some credits include: Baskerville (Lighthouse Theatre), Nick Unplugged and The Myth of Summer (ATP Playrites Festival), Man of La Mancha (Globe Theatre), The Sound of Music (Persephone), The Clock Maker, The 39 Steps and I Had A Job I Liked Once (Sudbury Theatre), Colours in the Storm (Festival Players), Enchanted April (Theatre Calgary), Noises Off (Atlantic Theatre Festival), Real Estate, Looking (Theatre Aquarius), Private Lives (Showboat Festival) and many more over his 30 year career.



THE CAST & CREATIVE TEAM



NICOLA DAWN BROOK

This is Nicola's first production at the Magnus theatre and she excited to be here. Originally from England, her work in London's West-End includes: Lola in Copacabana (Prince of Wales Theatre), Serena in Fame (Victoria Palace Theatre), Janey in Taboo (The Venue-Leicester Square), Gulietta in Aspects of Love (Prince of Wales Theatre), Sound Of Music (Saddlers Wells Theatre) Lucy in The Thing about Men (Kings Head Theatre), Alice in When Harry Met Barry (Gatehouse Theatre) as well as the UK tour of Chess and many regional productions such as Ellie Greenwich in

Leader of the Pack, Lillian in A Happy End, Sissy in Hard Times and Ruby in Dames at Sea to name a few. In between this she toured the world for 11 years as a singer for Cirque du Soleil in their productions of Saltimbanco and Joyà. This is were she met her Canadian husband and moved to Canada! In Canada she's had the pleasure to be cast in such productions as Kinky Boots (Mirvish), Bend It Like Beckham (St Lawrence Centre), Mamma Mia, Anne of Green Gables, Bittergirls, Kronborg (Charlottetown Festival), Mamma Mia (Theatre Aquarius), Les Belles Soeurs -The Musical (Segal Centre/Theatre Calgary) as well as several commercials. She would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce Dean and his amazing team at Talent House. You rock! And a big thank you to her husband, friends and family for their unwavering love and support through these crazy last couple of years! Please feel free to check out her website at www.nicoladawn.com. Everyone's welcome!!



MELANIE JANZEN

Melanie has 40 years of stage experience and over 120 credits. She has been a company member with The Stratford Festival Theatre for seven seasons and The Shaw Festival Theatre for five. She toured with the North American Tour of SHOW BOAT directed by Hal Prince. Melanie lives in St Catharines with her actor/playwright husband, Jamie Williams. She has had the good fortune to work at wonderful theatres in Ontario and across Canada. Later this summer, she will play opposite her husband at Port Stanley Festival Theatre in the premier production of his play, THE VIEW FROM

HERE. Melanie is overjoyed to see theatre coming back to life after these difficult couple of years. This is her first time appearing at Magnus Theatre and she's thrilled to be here in Thunder Bay working with the Magnus team. Together, she hopes to bring laughter and joy back to the stage with this wonderful new comedy, Smarty Pants.



AMY SELLORS

Amy's is delighted to put this brand new play on its feet! Amy's extensive theatre career has landed her on stages all across Canada and as far as Western Europe. She now calls Thunder Bay home. Magnus audiences may remember as 'Natalie' in Norm Foster's Lunenburg and 'Patsy Cline' in A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline in Waverly Park. Thinking back on the events of the past two years, Amy is grateful that theatre is live and inside. Also at Magnus, Amy has played the roles of 'Berthe,' the housekeeper in Boeing Boeing, 'Magenta' and 'Trixie the Usherette' in The

Rocky Horror Show, 'Oz' in We Will Rock You, 'Fay, Angel, and Gwen' in Here on the Flight Path, 'Nina' in Looking and 'Bernice' in Don't Hug Me. Outside of Thunder Bay, some of Amy's favourite credits include an aging 'Snow White' (A Snow White Christmas – Theatre Orangeville), 'Daphne' (Perfect Wedding – Stephenville Theatre Festival), 'The Lady of the Lake' (Monty Python's SPAMalot! - Stephenville Theatre Festival), 'Patsy Cline' in A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline (Stephenville Theatre Festival and Globe Theatre) and 'Annabella, Margaret, and Pamela' (The 39 Steps – Thousand Islands Playhouse), 'Susan, Melody, and Laura' in Bedtime Stories (Theatre Orangeville), 'Fantine' in Les Miserables (Thousand Islands Playhouse), and all the women in Sitting Pretty (Showboat/Lighthouse). At the Stratford Festival, Amy was seen in My Fair Lady, The Threepenny Opera, Gigi, and The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Offstage, Amy loves to bake, and her baked goods can be found at Kangas Sauna. Thanks to Thom, Shelby, and Dave for all their love and support.



STEPHEN SPARKS

Oh my goodness! Stephen is over the moon to be breaking his two year theatre fast at Magnus. He has performed here in For The Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, Reflections on Crooked Walking, Sex Tips For Modern Girls and Dads in Bondage. Stephen has performed on stages across Canada and has many film and television credits. Most recently Murdoch Mysteries. The Boys and Star Trek Strange New Worlds. With his darling wife, Shelley Hoffman he co-wrote the plays Smarty Pants and Buying the Farm. Thanks Thom for the faith and support.

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THOM CURRIE (Director) is a director, playwright, dramaturg, actor and producer. Born in New York and raised in France, Thom has worked in theatres across Canada such as Victoria Playhouse Petrolia, Sudbury Theatre Centre, Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, Stage West (Calgary and Mississauga), Theatre In The Park, The Georgian Theatre Festival, The Showboat Festival Theatre and Magnus Theatre, among many others. His work has also been seen internationally, having directed and performed in cities such as Paris, London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Brussels.

Thom's directing credits include over 90 productions, including We Will Rock You, The Rocky Horror Show, The River, Bed and Breakfast, Bang Bang, Monty Python's SPAMalot, Of Human Bondage, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Back In 59, They're Playing Our Song, Mending Fences, 2 Across, Mama's Country Record Collection, Peter Pan, Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks, Sexy Laundry, Urinetown, Crazy For You, A Bench In The Sun, Looking, and Sitting Pretty, in addition to over 50 productions for young audiences.

Thom has served as Artistic Director at several professional theatres across Canada. He is currently Artistic Director of Magnus Theatre in Thunder Bay, ON, the only professional theatre between Sudbury and Winnipeg. Previous to this, Thom was Artistic Director of the Stephenville Theatre Festival (NL), Managing Artistic Director at The Showboat Festival Theatre In The Round (ON), Artistic Director of The Georgian Theatre Festival (ON) and Founding Artistic Director of ReallyLittleTheatre (INTL).



KARA PANKIW (Set Designer)

Kara is an emerging Set Designer, who is making her Magnus debut designing Smarty Pants. Her other work includes, After Jerusalem (Winnipeg Jewish Theatre), Bar Mitzvah Boy (Winnipeg Jewish Theatre), Awaken (Shakespeare in the Ruins/zone41), La List (Théâtre Circle Molière). She spent the 2020 and 2021 season as a Set and Costume Assistant at the Shaw Theatre Festival, having designed The Seagulls, The Killing, and The Madness of Lady Bright for the 2021 Neil Munro Directors Project. This season you can find her assisting and designing in her home town of Winnipeg, or in

Toronto where she currently resides.



REBECCA MILLER (Lighting Designer)

Rebecca Miller is a Lighting Designer and a Stage Manager based in Ottawa. Since graduating from the National Theatre School of Canada in Montreal she has worked across the country. As a Lighting Designer for Magnus Theatre: The Birds and the Bees; It's A Wonderful Life, the Radio Play; The Rocky Horror Show; We Will Rock You; Of Human Bondage. Selected productions include: Stephenville Theatre Festival; God of Carnage, Top Girls *Rideau Award for Best Design, Henry V *nomination for Rideau Award (Third Wall Theatre), the CAPPIES Gala for 11 years, National

Arts Centre 40th Anniversary Gala, various National Arts Centre Orchestra POPS concerts. Selected Stage Management credits with Co-Productions between the National Arts Centre English Theatre and the Citadel Theatre, the Vancouver Playhouse and Mirvish Productions. The Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Stratford Festival, the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards and Canada Day on Parliament Hill.



DAVID A. BROWN (Head Carpenter) - Dave joined Magnus three seasons ago as the head carpenter after working as the canoe builder/shipwright at Old Fort William for 40 years. Canoe and boat building were his main jobs but Dave wore many hats while at the Fort and has been involved in many movie and television productions. From an "I- Max" production in the early 1980's to many commercials and print productions. Appearing in National Geographic and the National Enquirer in the same year. He was heavily involved in "Haunted Fort" building many props, animatronic effects and enjoys lighting things up as a "licensed"

pyrotechnician." Dave enjoys the new challenges at Magnus and is getting used to building square and level, he would still like everything to be curved like a canoe or boat.



GILLIAN JONES (Stage Manager) This is my bio all about how, my life got flipped turned upside down and I'd like to take a moment before the show starts to tell you how I became involved in the live arts. In North Thunder Bay, I was born and raised. On a playground is where I spent most of my days. Chillin out max and relaxin all cool, but never shootin' B-ball outside of the school. When a couple of folks who were up to some

good, started a rehearsal in my neighbourhood. I worked on one little show and my boss was eager to offer me a job here at Magnus Theatre. Nice to be back in the theatre again.



NICHOLAS PALINKA (Production Manager/Scenic Painter) Nicholas is the current Production Manager at Magnus Theatre and would like to thank Dave, Lisa, Tim, Nadia and Hanna for your hard work throughout the season. Nadine, thank you for your support, without you I wouldn't have been able to have a career in the arts. If you've read this far, thanks and enjoy the show!



TIM STEPHENSON (Technical Director/Sound) Now in his fourth season as Technical Director at Magnus, Tim is a production award winning graduate from the Ontario Institute of Audio Recording Technology. In the years since graduation he has worked as an Audio Technician at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium setting up some of the biggest shows to come to Thunder Bay.



LISA MACCHIONE (Costumes) Lisa is a passionate devotee of the performing arts and all things adornment. In 1999 she graduated from Seneca College's Fashion Arts program and has had the opportunity to use her skills in costuming to work onset of local films, historical reenactments as well as her own performance art. Researching characters, creating one of kind pieces, and the spark of a thrift store treasure hunt are what she enjoys most. She is thrilled to join the team of creative crew and cast at Magnus Theatre.



NADIA CHEECHOO (Props) is an Indigenous woman from Wikwemikong, Ontario. She is back at Magnus Theatre, adding yet another position to her repertoire. She has had previous props experience working in film, but this is her first time in this position at Magnus. With carpentry and wardrobe already under her belt, she's ready to continue honing old and new skills. Then she plans to carry those skills into future shows, theatres, and film projects. Magnus Theatre has been a major stepping stone in her career as an artist, and she hopes to continue to share her skills with them and others.

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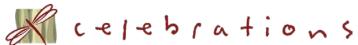


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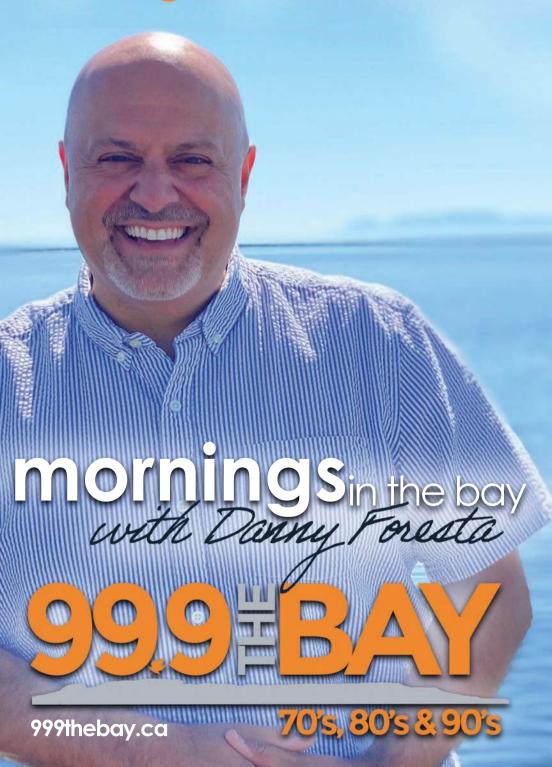
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