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ABBA Gold was first released Sept. 21, 1992. With more than 32 million sales worldwide, "ABBA Gold" has emerged as the group's all-time greatest success. As the second-highest-selling album of all time in the U.K., it has spent over 1,055 weeks on the Official U.K. album chart, making it the longest-running album in the Official Albums Chart Top 100. Including 19 of ABBA's biggest hits, it has become a staple amongst fans for three decades.

PRODUCTION TEAM & CREW

Director: **Mark Mannisto** | Vocal Director: **Marc Taillefer**

Choreographers: **Kalem Mahaffy + Lindsay Dainton + Angel Mannisto**

Stage Manager: **Caitlin Drohan** | Assistant Stage Manager: **Satine Stanfield**

Set Construction: **Marc Taillefer, Dave Poole, Richard Breault, Mark Mannisto**

Set Painting: **Lindsay Dainton** | Lighting Design: **Andre Labelle**

Audio Operation: **Amy Wilson + Sean Perras** | Photography: **Kalem Mahaffy**

Spotlight Operators: **Tara Hawkes + Cory Laycock**

Video Editor & Front of House Display: **Leo Duquette**

Front of House Coordinator: **Chanda Grylls Mahaffy**

Program Editor: **Tanya Saari** | Graphic Designer: **Tara Hawkes**

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- ✦ KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU
- ✦ WHEN I KISSED THE TEACHER
 - ✦ CHIQUITITA
 - ✦ I HAVE A DREAM
 - ✦ SUPER TROUPER
- ✦ MONEY, MONEY, MONEY
 - ✦ ONE OF US
 - ✦ ANGEL EYES
 - ✦ HONEY HONEY
- ✦ THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL
 - ✦ VOULEZ VOUS

ACT TWO

- ✦ UNDER ATTACK
- ✦ BANG-A-BOOMARANG
 - ✦ ROCK ME
- ✦ NAME OF THE GAME
 - ✦ FERNANDO
 - ✦ S.O.S.
- ✦ OUR LAST SUMMER
- ✦ HOLE IN YOUR SOUL
 - ✦ SO LONG
- ✦ ON AND ON AND ON
- ✦ LAY ALL YOUR LOVE ON ME
- ✦ THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC
- ✦ DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW
 - ✦ MAMMA MIA
 - ✦ DANCING QUEEN
 - ✦ WATERLOO



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✦ DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE ✦

Thank you to all you Abba-maniacs for coming out to discover your inner Dancing Queens and participate in our *Abba Gold Celebration* concert.

I remember listening to *ABBA: Voulez-Vous* on my mother's vinyl when I was starting to discover music. Then, when *Stars on 45* came out with an Abba megamix, my mind was blown and I was hooked!

I would like to take the time to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this concert a reality: Marc, Kalem, Caitlin, Satine, Lindsay, and Angel. You all were so instrumental to the process.

This year is a big year for us at Sudbury Performance Group. Keep coming out and participating in our events. We are always looking for volunteers to help with everything we do. Regardless of if its on-stage, off-stage, volunteering on a committee, or volunteering from home, we have room for you. Interested? Email me at mark@sudburyperformance.ca

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✦ **MARC TAILLEFER** – VOCAL DIRECTOR ✦

Marc taught high school music at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School for 34 years, and led many jazz bands to gold awards, as well as directing musicals and pit orchestras his entire career.

He has performed musically for many years with many different groups, including the Nickel City Dixie Stompers, the Sudbury Symphony, the Northern Brass Quartet, the Northern Brass Choir, the Sudbury Jazz Orchestra, the Northern Ontario All-Star Jazz Orchestra, and many others.

Marc has also performed extensively on stage, most recently as Herr Schultz in *Cabaret*, Barfee in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, the Pharaoh in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and Franklin Hart in *9 to 5*.

This is his first vocal directing assignment, and he would like to thank this amazing cast for all of their effort and hard work. Many organizations shut down during the summer, but this dedicated group spent countless hours learning lyrics, harmony, choreography, and blocking, at times in the very heat of the summer. You have before you a talented and devoted cast. I know you will love this show! Thank you for the Music!

✦ **KALEM MAHAFFY** – CO-CHOREOGRAPHER ✦



This was Kalem's first chance to be the head choreographer of a production, and she is so proud of the work everyone put in! The cast was welcoming, understanding, and excited to dance. This show wouldn't be possible without Lindsay Dainton, who stepped up as choreographer when Kalem left to study Performing Arts at Sheridan College. Previously, Kalem assisted with choreography in *Cabaret*, *RENT*, and *The Rocky Horror Show* with SPG. So much love to everyone involved!



✦ **LINDSAY DAINTON** - CO-CHOREOGRAPHER / PERFORMER ✦

Lindsay has appeared in several theatre productions. Most notably for her role as Snoopy, in last year's production of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Others include *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Wizard of Oz*, *RENT*, *Chicago*, *We Will Rock You*, *Sister Act*, and many more. She has also choreographed many productions in the theatre community. Dance is a passion of Lindsay's, and she loves to share her creativity with others. She is also Sudbury's provincial gymnastics' choreographer, winning several awards for her choreography. Enjoy the show!

✦ **ANGEL MANNISTO** - CO-CHOREOGRAPHER / PERFORMER ✦

Angel is extremely excited to be a part of *ABBA Gold!* Angel has been a part of all of the "Best of...." series, which was a brainchild of Mark Mannisto's over a decade ago, and ABBA has proven to be much the same. Some of Angel's SPG credits include Vernadette-*The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*, Leaf Coneybear-*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Joanne-*RENT*, Sally-*A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and Sinclair-*Sealed for Freshness*. Angel's next production is *A Perfect Wedding*, where she will be playing the role of Julie. It is SPG's first dinner-theatre production being staged at Thorneloe. She is also co-directing *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, as well as directing the January dinner-theatre production of *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*. Angel hopes to add a few more credits to her resume in the New Year! Angel would like to thank the production team and the cast for all the amazing laughs and good times in the sweltering heat this summer! Thank you to the audience, for making ABBA such a huge success! And to everyone who has a song in their heart, and ABBA itself for making it possible, "Thank you for the music!"



✦ **CAITLIN DROHAN** – STAGE MANAGER ✦

Caitlin is new to the city, and thrilled for her first time stage managing. She recently portrayed Susanna Walcott in *The Crucible*, an SPG partnership with Porchlight Theatre Company.

She was previously involved in *Suessical the Musical* and *Cinderella*, and played the role of "Audrey 2" in *The Little Shop of Horrors* at New Star Theatre Company in Ottawa.

Caitlin assisted with makeup, costumes, and choreography with *The Little Mermaid* and *The Wizard of Oz* with NSAA, located in Kingston.

✦ **SATINE STANFIELD**
– ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER ✦

A newbie to Sudbury Performance Group, Satine is excited and extremely grateful for her position as assistant stage manager. As a lifelong ABBA fan, she has taken great joy in watching these beloved songs come to life, and hopes that the audience will love the show as much as she's loved working on it! Satine also wishes to thank all of her cast and crew-mates for their hard work and dedication to the show!



+ AUBRÉE PERRON +

Aubrée is thrilled to make her debut with SPG, marking her fifth year in the world of theatre. When not gracing the stage, she dedicates her time to two diverse worlds: fashion at Ardene and igniting celebrations with We Bring the Party. Aubrée's passion for storytelling is boundless, and she's excited to weave her unique experiences into this production!

+ VICTORIA RAMSAY +

Victoria has been part of theatre/acting/performing for the past year. She started last summer with The Biggest Little Theatre Company's *Pure Imagination*, and their production of *The Little Mermaid* in January. She has also been part of the SOS (Students on Stage) program for STC, and was part of *The Magic Pebble* during the May 24 weekend. She is very happy and excited to be part of ABBA Gold. This is her first year with SPG, and she hopes she can be part of more in the future. She would like to thank her mother for encouraging her to try out and gain more confidence with her auditions, Kathleen for driving her to and from rehearsal, and everyone for making it a blast to perform.

+ REBECCA LECOUR +

This dancing queen is thrilled to be performing in another SPG production! Rebecca has loved getting to work with the show's amazing cast and crew. She hopes that you have the time of your life and enjoy the show.





+ JACK JOYCE +

Jack is a 19-year-old young man who has autism. He has been interested in the performing arts since his final year of high school. As an incredibly timid and anxious person, he sometimes cannot focus on the activities he loves. He wishes to go into the performing arts (i.e., acting and music) because he thinks that making people happy by entertaining them is a rewarding career. Jack is a very bright young man with big hopes and dreams.



+ CHIARA SALVADOR +

"Mamma Mia!" Chiara is elated to combine her love of singing and her love of ABBA's music in the Sudbury Performance Group's tribute presentation of the band's greatest hits. Chiara is completing her final year of Concurrent Education at Laurentian University, and this is the first time she "takes a chance on" public performance (beyond high school drama club). Grateful to be a part of this exceptional opportunity, Chiara hopes you love the show!

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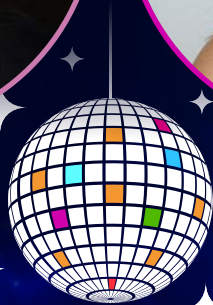
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+ LIBBY MICHIE +

Libby is thrilled to be doing another show with Sudbury Performance Group. Libby has been a part of previous shows with SPG, such as *The Rocky Horror Show*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and, most recently, *Cabaret*. When Libby is not on stage you can find her at home reading or painting, or working at SACY. She would like to give a huge shoutout to the cast and crew for putting so much time and dedication into the production. She hopes that the fun energy and iconic ABBA songs make you feel like a dancing queen!

+ SAMANTHA ONSKI +

As a self-proclaimed ABBA enthusiast, Samantha could not be more excited to be a part of *ABBA Gold* with SPG! This will mark Samantha's 4th production with SPG, after playing Janet Weiss in *The Rocky Horror Show*, Featured Ensemble in *RENT*, and most recently, as Olive Ostrovsky in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*! Theatre and music have always been such a huge part of Samantha's life, so to get to combine that with ABBA is a dream come true! She hopes you enjoy the show and getting to hear your favourite ABBA songs sung by all of these talented artists!



✦ EMILY DUVAL ✦

Emily is a newcomer to the SPG family. She was part of the audience when the group put on their previous show, *Cabaret*—and she found herself whispering out loud, “I want to do this so bad. How do I sign up?!” Although this is her first performance with SPG, Emily is no stranger to the stage. Being part of a 5-piece rock band called Pop Mach!ne has made her comfortable onstage and in front of audiences. She also had fun starring in Lo-Ellen’s production of *Pippin* as the Leading Player, and ever since then, she’s been hungry for more. Emily is so excited about this show that she might explode—she hopes she and her friends onstage can bring you a smile!

✦ CANDICE DUVAL ✦

Candice is a longtime musician and theatre enthusiast. As a member of the local rock band Pop Mach!ne, and with a background in high school theatrics and improv competitions, she is no stranger to the stage. For *ABBA Gold*, Candice has graduated from SPG audience member to performer for the first time! All those nights of dancing around in her room to cheesy ABBA songs are paying off. Buckle up and enjoy the ride!





✦ **LINCOLN LECUYER** ✦

This is Lincoln's first production with Sudbury Performance Group. He hopes you enjoy the show!



✦ **MADISON CAMERON** ✦

Madison is so excited to be back on stage with her very first Sudbury Performance Group production! You may have seen her younger self in Theatre Cambrian's *Suessical the Musical*, and *Aladdin Jr.* She was a vocal major and minored in musical theatre at Sudbury Secondary School, showcasing her talents in *Dear Edwina!* Madison would also like to send a special shout-out to her Nan, who supports her every step of the way and her Poppa, who would have loved to be here.



✦ **KARA LARONE** ✦

Kara is very grateful to be part of *ABBA Gold*, and back on Thorneloe's stage. Many thanks to Mark, the production team, and the brilliant cast, for making the last four months unforgettable. Enjoy the show... I dare you not to dance!



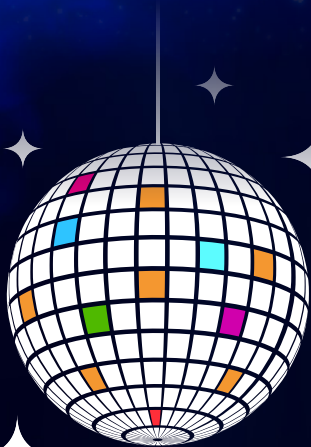
+ RACHELE DENIS +

Rachele is so excited to be part of this production! Singing is one of her passions, and to get a chance to sing ABBA was not something she was going to let pass her by. Although she's got her hands full as a full-time teacher starting a new school year in a grade she's never taught before, she always manages to find the energy to sing and dance to ABBA! It's been really exciting to sing some well-known hits, as well as discovering some unknown ones! This promises to be a concert that will get you on your feet and singing along with the cast. Rachele thanks you for your support, and hopes you enjoy the show!



+ CLAUDIO PERALTA LEIVA +

Claudio is 'latino', from Chile. Since arriving in Canada two years ago, he has participated in diverse artistic projects, which have allowed him to get involved in the Sudbury community. His first performance with Sudbury Performance Group was the 2022 production of *RENT*. Normally, Claudio performs Latin music, singing and playing Latin percussion. However, now, he is part of the *ABBA Gold* concert, and he hopes the audience enjoys the wonderful job that SPG is doing.





+ HALY MARCOTTE +

Haly is delighted to be part of the cast and crew of *ABBA Gold*! This is her first production with Sudbury Performance Group, however, she has previous experience with the Caledon Town Hall Players. Her roles involved assisting with costumes and makeup for *There Goes the Bride*, and singing in the chorus for *No Sex Please, We're British*. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, and playing guitar and mandolin. For Haly, the only thing better than singing is dancing, and this performance has it all!

+ KATHLEEN FOSTER +

Kathleen has been a member of SPG since October 2022, providing costumes and props for *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Cabaret*, however, *ABBA Gold* will be her first appearance on the other side of the curtain. Kathleen is a lifelong music enthusiast, and participated in musicals and talent shows all throughout her school years. She would like to thank her fellow cast mates for a wonderful summer of singing and dancing!






+ ALCIA PRUD'HOMME +

Alycia is very excited to be back in the theatre community. She has done various shows in the past, including *Miss Saigon* with Theatre Cambrian, and *HAIR* with YES Theatre. This is her first show back in over 10 years, and she could not be more grateful to be part of SPG. She would like to thank her husband and children for supporting this endeavour, and is proud to present an amazing show.

+ TANYA SAARI +

ABBA played a huge role in Tanya's formative years, so she couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of *ABBA Gold*. Previous SPG credits include: *Cabaret* (Fraulein Schneider), *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club* (Sheree Hollinger), and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (various roles). She thanks her cast mates for making dancing and singing in the summer heat more fun than could really be possible, and sends love to her family, who have resigned themselves to the fact that Mom is at rehearsal AGAIN. Enjoy the show!



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