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The o Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant

**Play by Leslie Kimbell** 

JANUARY 18, 19, 20, 2024

#### SUDBURY PERFORMANCE GROUP PROUDLY PRESENTS The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant by Leslie Kimbell

#### CHARACTERS

**BEATRICE SHELTON** – played by Rachelle St.Denis Sassy and salty senior citizen ... retired Burlesque dancer. EADDY MAE CLAYTON - played by Tara St. Pierre Desperately religious Senior Citizen. **IMOGENE FLETCHER** – played by Kristin Gibeault Snarky senior citizen and wife to Sam. MAUDE JENKINS – played by Tanya Saari Dingy and pageant obsessed senior citizen. SAM SMITH – played by Thomas Stewart Senior citizen. Reformed Casanova and husband to Imoaene. LURLEEN DUPREE – played by Jessica Sawicz Worn out and weary pageant coordinator. **CLOVIS CROWN** – played by Max Trainor Awkward and nerdy senior citizen. MARTHA PARCELL - played by Christina Charmichael A snooty senior citizen. The villain. HAZEL DILLARD - played by Karen Shute Christmas obsessed and squirrel loving octogenarian.

#### SETTING

Various locations at The Magnolia Place Assisted Living Facility in Petula, Georgia. 1999.

Director – Angel Mannisto | Stage Manager – Tara Hawkes Assistant Stage Managers – Lindsay Dainton + Ary Duong Costume Mistress and Cast Support – Chanda Grylls-Mahaffy and Celia-Mae Mahaffy Set Construction + Assembly – Brian Armstrong, Cast + Crew Set Painting – Caitlin Drohan, Libby Michie, Ary Duong, Riley Quesnel Props – Cast and Crew | Costumes – Chanda Grylls-Mahaffy + Cast Audio Operation – Sean Perras | Lighting Design – Shelby Lebeau Spotlight Operation – Elina Jillings + Riley Quesnel Cast Photography – Heather Hodgkinson Photo Editing – Tara Hawkes | Videography – Leo Duquette Program Editor – Tanya Saari | Graphic Designer – Tara Hawkes FOH Coordinator – Chanda Grylls-Mahaffy | FOH Manager – Sarah Tyler





#### Angel Mannisto – Director

Where to start? Whenever I write these lately, my creative juices are never flowing! Maybe just starting to write means inspiration will strike. I am beyond excited for you all to be a part of The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant! It truly has been so much fun! When I first read the play, I couldn't stop laughing, and that seems to have been the theme, from the first cast read-through, to every rehearsal thereafter. Laughter is the best, and when you get to do it surrounded by the people you love most, while getting to do what you love most, it makes it that much better! I am extremely proud and thankful to the cast and crew for indulging me during this insanity! Thank you so much to Tara, for always being my partner in crime on these journeys! Chanda and Mae, you are heaven sent! I am thrilled you hopped on board to help. I knew I wouldn't have to stress with the both of you and Tara by my side! Sean, I think you signed up for more than you bargained for with this one! However, I

don't think I would have chosen this play if I didn't have you to run all things audio! Thank you to all the amazing workers behind the scenes, including crew, set painters, front of house, set builders, program design, editing, and anyone else I inadvertently missed! A final, and most special, thank you to the audience–you are the only reason we get to do what we do! You cannot imagine the reward we get hearing you react and laugh and cheer and applaud! The louder you are, the more you show up for us, the more fire we get to be there for you! It creates an amazing chemistry of energy and being in the moment that live theatre encompasses! Without you, we would just be a group of eccentric people running around with southern accents, Elvis costumes, and sequinned dresses! Community theatre is made up of volunteers who leave their full-time jobs in the wings, along with their family and non-theatre friends who are placed on hold, so we can do something we love and that fills our cup! Without an audience, we couldn't be here to do that! So, again, thank you, thank, thank you! Now, on with the show!

#### Tara Hawkes – Stage Manager

Welcome to *Magnolia*! What a wildly hilarious time this has been! Tara is quite literally giddy over being a part of this production! From the read-thru till now, it's been a complete hoot! Not only is this show a great piece of theatre, but it is also a display of excellent comedic acting from each of the individuals on this stage. Tara is very proud of what everyone has accomplished here, both individually and as a collective. She wishes her director bestie, our incredible crew, the actors, and you, the audience, a fantastic show this evening! Break legs, have fun...and if you hear an array of snorts from the back of the room...well, that's Tara and Angel STILL enjoying this show, three months in.

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#### Ary Duong – Assistant Stage Manager/Ensemble

Ary cannot wait to be a part of a dinner theatre for the first time! They are a Grade 12 vocal major at Sudbury Secondary School, participating in many extracurriculars, such as band, choir, and student parliament. Outside of school, they're the Vice-Chair of the Rainbow District School Board student senate, and a member of Future North's Youth Expert Panel. Ary is very new to the theatre community, their first production being *The Crucible*, with Porchlight Theatre Company (Tituba). Interested in learning all aspects of what goes into a production, Ary is a part of *Miss Magnolia*'s creative team as an Assistant Stage Manager. Working with a complete cast of supportive senior actors has been such lovely experiences for them. Ary hopes the audience enjoys the show and laughs a lot!





#### Lindsay Dainton – Assistant Stage Manager/Ensemble

This is Lindsay's second dinner theatre production. Earlier this season, she was cast as Daphne in SPG's *Perfect Wedding*. Lindsay has been performing in SPG musicals since day one, including *We Will Rock You, Godspell, RENT, ABBA Gold, A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and her most recent role as Bumble, in *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. Get ready to laugh at the craziness, and enjoy the show.





#### Chanda Grylls-Mahaffy and Celia-Mae Mahaffy

- Costume Mistress and Cast Support

Chanda and Mae have been theatre enthusiasts for as long as they can remember! They were welcomed into the SPG Family in 2019, for the production of *All Shook Up*, and have been actively involved behind the scenes for the last five years.

Mae brings enthusiasm to every rehearsal and show she is involved in. Her passion and appreciation for all aspects of theatre are evident in her attention to detail, and her compliments to the cast and crew.

Chanda is happy to volunteer wherever she is needed. Being involved in live theatre allows her to truly "live in the moment!"

#### Tara St.Pierre – Eaddy Mae Clayton

Tara has been involved in community-theatre productions for the past 12 years. Prior to being part of the SPG family, she had been in several productions in Ottawa. Highlights include: Fiona in *Shrek: The Musical* (Suzart), Violet in *9 to 5* (Suzart), and Understudy for Mme Thénardier/ chorus in *Les Misérables* (ASNY). She would like to thank her work family for all their support; without them, performing with SPG would not be possible!





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#### Christina Carmichael — Martha Parcell

Christina has performed in dozens of contract murdermystery performances throughout the Sudbury area, along with venues in Northern and Southern Ontario. Local performances include *Sudbury Night Live*, as well as *Her Majesty's Feast*. Christina also performed in Theatre Cambrian's productions of *Grease*, and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Christina is a wife, mother, and proud Yiayia of two, who looks forward to working with SPG again, or in any feature opposite Kurt Russel!!





#### Rachelle St. Denis – Beatrice Shelton

Rachelle is excited to be back on stage for this hilarious play! Imagine the Golden Girls putting on a beauty pageant-doesn't that sound hilariously fun?! You are in for a treat with this show! There's so much going on, you are sure to be entertained all the way through. The characters are so colourful! Rachelle thanks you for coming, and she is sure that you will enjoy the show!

#### Kristin Gibeault — Imogene Smith

Kristin is a local resident of Lively. She began acting and singing at the age of 11, with Cambrian College and Theatre Cambrian. She took a long hiatus to start a career and a family. By day, she is an elementary teacher, and by night, a mother and wife. She returned to the stage for SPG's production of *Sealed for Freshness* back in 2019, and then again, for *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.* She is thrilled to be a part of the *Magnolia* cast.





#### Tanya Şaari — Maude Jenkins

Tanya is happy to be back on stage once again! Previous theatre credits include *ABBA*: *Gold*, *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*, *Cabaret*, and *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Once again, she will be wearing her Director hat for SPG's upcoming One-Act Festival. She is also a professional voice-over artist, and can be heard voicing characters on *Rabbit Girl* and *Friends*, an animated series airing on Eastlink Television. She sends love to her family, and hopes you enjoy this wacky adventure!

#### Karen Shute – Hazel Dillard

Karen is very excited to take part in her third dinnertheatre production with SPG, having most recently played Lexi Richards in *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*. She would like to thank the entire production team for their support and hopes you enjoy the show. Merry Christmas y'all!!





Jessica Sawicz — Lurleen Dupree

Jessica is excited to be doing another show with Sudbury Performance Group. Jessica was previously involved in past SPG shows such as *Perfect Wedding, Chicago, Godspell,* and *We Will Rock You,* as a stage manager/crew member. She's very thankful for the opportunity to join the cast of *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant* as Lurleen Dupree. Being a somewhat worn out and weary coordinator herself at times, she's had a blast taking on this role. She hopes you enjoy the show!



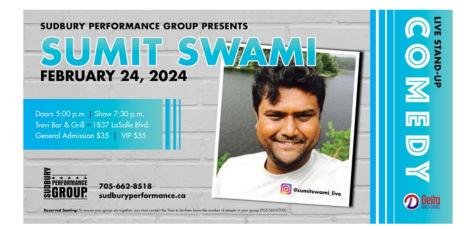
#### Max Trainor – Elovis Erown

Max is excited to welcome you to *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*. Max will be playing the role of Clovis Crown. This is Max's fifth performance, and he was recently in A Perfect Wedding as Bill, and Porchlight Production's *The Crucible* as Giles Corey. Max is excited to be back on the stage with SPG, and wants to thank everyone for coming to the show!

#### Thomas Stewart – Sam Smith

This is Tom's 10th performance, and 14th production with Sudbury Performance Group. This show is extremely funny, and takes a look at how elders are still vital and fun. The performers in this play brought passion and humour to their roles, and he feels blessed to be on stage with them. The production crew worked incredibly hard to bring this show to life and make it all that it could be. Lastly, Tom would like to thank his family for allowing him to continue to follow his passion. He wants to send a special message to his wife, who is recovering from a very serious accident. "Love you always and forever."





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