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Jesus Christ SUPERS^TAR

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What's the buzz? The first musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to be produced for the professional stage, *Jesus Christ Superstar* has wowed audiences for over 50 years. A timeless work, the rock opera is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Loosely based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, *Superstar* follows the last week of Jesus Christ's life. The story, told entirely through song, explores the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers and the Roman Empire.

Director – Mark Mannisto

Vocal Director – Kristin Hall

Choreographer – Sarah Tyler

Stage Managers – Karen Schute + Nancy Beland

Audio Team – Sean Perras + Amy Wilson

Lighting Design – Andre Labelle

Headshot Photography – Heather Hodgkinson

Costumes – Karen Schute, Nancy Beland, Theresa Anderson-Butcher, Maggie Mayzes

Props – Macey Veldman

Set Construction – Sarah Tyler, Mariem Kadhim, Michael Becker,

Noah Dickinson, Taylor Grignon, Mark Gibeault, Sean Perras

Set Painting – Caitlin Drohan

Programme Editor – Tanya Saari

Graphic Designer – Tara Hawkes

Show Videography + Photography – Leo Duquette

Front of House Co-Ordinator – Chanda Grylls-Mahaffy

ACT ONE

Overture

Heaven on Their Minds

What's the Buzz?

Strange Thing, Mystifying

Everything's Alright

This Jesus Must Die

Hosanna

Simon Zealotes/Poor Jerusalem

Pilate's Dream

The Temple

Everything's Alright Reprise

I Don't Know How to Love Him

Damned for All Time/Blood Money

Intermission

ACT TWO

The Last Supper

Gethsemane

The Arrest

Peter's Denial

Pilate + Christ

Herod's Song

Could We Start Again, Please?

Judas's Death

Trial by Pilate/39 Lashes

Superstar

Crucifixion

John 19:41



Mark Mannisto - Director

Hello, audiences...

Superstar marks the final musical production of our season. What a triumph the production has been. From unprecedented audition turnout, to packed audiences, to an extended week. All of us at Sudbury Performance Group are all very thankful.

I would like to acknowledge the extra hard work of my team, made up of stage management (Karen and Nancy), choreography (Sarah), and vocals (Kristin). All are great friends, and have not only invested their talents into the production, but they have invested their hearts. It is evident on stage! In order to pull off a production such as *Superstar*, you need to have all hands on deck, and you need to have all hands helping one another. Boy, what a treat it has been to work with a cast that has lived by that credo. Helping each other out in rehearsals while sharing laughs, lives, and love.

For those of you who are reading this message and want to be a part of the Sudbury Performance Group family, whether it be helping out on stage, or behind the scenes, or performing in one of our music venues, or getting your young ones involved in theatre camp, please reach out directly to me. Even if you just want to talk about arts, culture, or the happenings of the day. Reach me directly at mark@sudburyperformance.ca or call/text me at 705-622-8518. I'll always make time for you.

We have one more production to go before we officially wrap up our 23/24 season. Our dinner theatre production of *Sandy Toes and Salty Kisses* will be another smash hit for Sudbury Performance Group, and we encourage you all to get your tickets. If you have not been to a dinner theatre before, I highly recommend you trying it out. It really is the hottest ticket in town for a night out that includes dinner and a show.

Yours in theatre,

Mark Mannisto

President

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Kristin Hall – Vocal Director

This is Kristin's third time vocal directing for SPG, and it was a wonderful experience! She would like to sincerely thank production team members Mark, Sarah, Nancy, and Karen, as well as the cast, for the friendship and laughter. It was such a privilege to work with such kind, talented people. Kristin would also like to thank her husband Matt and her daughter Sophie for their love and patience over the last few months. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Sarah Tyler – Choreographer

Sarah is attending her final semester at Laurentian University to obtain a Master's of Architecture. Her love of dance began at age three, and she has danced competitively since age seven, including with Laurentian's Voyageurs Dance Team. She has had roles in a few of SPG's previous productions. Sarah would like to thank the production team for their hard work, and the cast for their dedication! To the cast and crew: Break a leg!



Karen Shute – Stage Manager

Karen is excited to be co-stage manager for this production, learning from Nancy Beland, stage manager extraordinaire. No stranger to the theatre, Karen has been on both sides of the curtain, most recently playing Hazel in the SPG production of *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*, and Rebecca Nurse in Porchlight Theatre Company's drama, *The Crucible*. Karen would like to thank the cast and crew for their tireless dedication to the project. You are the reason she does this crazy stuff, because you bring her such joy. A huge thank you goes out to our very talented Vocal Director Kristin Hall, Sarah Tyler for creating such beautiful movement on stage, and to Mark

Mannisto for his artistic vision, and giving Karen the opportunity to learn more about making the magic happen! Enjoy the show!

Nancy Beland – Stage Manager

Nancy has stage managed a number of productions for Sudbury Performance Group, most recently, the One-Act Festival. She is thrilled to be part of the crew for *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Nancy has had a blast working with the production team and sharing duties with Karen Shute. Watching the show evolve from day one with this amazing cast has been an incredible journey, and an honour. She hopes you enjoy the show, and would like to thank all our volunteers—front of house and back (and everywhere in between)—these shows would not happen without you. To our audience, thank you for being A Part of the Art.



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Andrew Prescott - Priest 1

Andrew is so excited to be part of this cast. He has only recently gotten into performing, and is having the time of his life on stage. Previously, Andrew appeared in SPG's production of *RENT*, and as well, with *Pat the Dog*, reading at STC. He hopes you enjoy *Jesus Christ Superstar!* Remember to be kind to each other!

Angel Mannisto - Simon Zealotes

Angel is excited to be a part of *Jesus Christ Superstar* as one of the Apostles—"The Last Supper" is one of her favourite songs from the show. The last time she got to be a part of this amazing production was in 1998.... Time flies! Angel most recently directed the January dinner theatre production, *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*, and is currently also in rehearsals directing the June dinner theater production, *Sandy Toes and Salty Kisses*. Angel would like to thank the amazing cast and crew for all of the fun rehearsals! She also gives a big thank you to the production team for entrusting her with Simon Zealotes, and as always, extra special thanks to the audience who continue to show up and support us all! It is because of you that we get to continue to do what we love to do! It is truly our passion!

Anne Bruneau - Priest 2

Anne most recently played Gretchen, in SPG's dinner theatre production, *Boeing Boeing*, and is excited to take part in a musical after taking a fairly long break. Many years ago, she participated in a few productions with Theatre Cambrian, such as *Les Misérables*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Evita*. She has a Classical Music Performance diploma from Cambrian College as a piano major, and loves to sing and write songs/collaborate with others. Anne is very grateful to play one of the priests. She is extremely humbled by the interest she has received from family and friends, and hopes you all enjoy the show. Thank you so much for coming out!



Ava Levecque - Apostle

Ava is thrilled to be playing an Apostle in SPG's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*! This is her second production with the group, having been a Kit-Kat Girl in last year's *Cabaret*. Off the stage, she's a first year English Major at Laurentian University. She would love to wish the rest of her amazing *Superstar* cast to "break a leg", and hopes that you will enjoy!

Blanca Castillo Alvarez - Ensemble

Blanca is a Spanish teacher from Chile. She arrived in Sudbury at the end of 2021. During her time here, she has actively participated in the arts scene, highlighted by the musical *Cabaret*, dancing classes and participations, and her beloved Pachamama Folkloric Dance—a group of dancers who profess her culture and tradition through dance. In September 2023, the City and Sudbury.com gave her family the "Greater Together" recognition for their contribution to the arts. Blanca says, "*Disfruta de esta maravillosa obra.*"

Caitlin Drohan - Apostle

Caitlin has been grounding her roots in Sudbury for the two past years. She played Drew in *No Fences*, a musical by local musician Andy Lowe, and she also portrayed Mrs. Claus in *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, with SPG in December. She was previously in *Seussical the Musical* as Sour Kangaroo, *Cinderella*, and she played the role of Audrey 2 in *Little Shop of Horrors* at New Star Theatre Company in Ottawa. Caitlin also assisted with makeup and costumes for *The Little Mermaid* and *The Wizard of Oz* with NSAA, located in Kingston.

Callum Arnold - Peter

Callum had the pleasure of playing the role of Kelly in this year's production of *No Fences*, and is absolutely thrilled to join the SPG production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the role of Peter! When not participating in theatrical performances, Callum is a writer, amateur musician, and young professional.

Claudio Peralta Leiva - King Herod

Claudio is "latino," from Chile. By day, he is an Industrial Engineer and HVAC Technician. Since his arrival in Sudbury in 2021, he has participated in diverse artistic projects which have allowed him to get involved in the Sudbury community. His theatre experience has been roles in the musical *RENT*, and *ABBA: Gold*. Claudio also performs Latin Music, singing and playing Latin percussion. In September 2023, the City and Sudbury.com gave his family the "Greater Together" recognition for their contribution to the arts. Claudio hopes the audience enjoys this great production.



Emi Peralta Castillo – Apostle

Emi is a talented grade eight student, originally from Chile. Since making Sudbury her home, she has been active in music and theatre. Emi's performances have included: *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Madagascar Jr.*, and *Annie Jr.*, and recently, she was part of the cast of *Matilda* at the STC. Recently, Emi and her parents were recognized in the Greater Together Stories by the City and Sudbury.com. Emi hopes you enjoy the show, and wants you to remember that you are all superstars.



Kailin Kohls – Apostle

Kailin is so happy to welcome you to *Jesus Christ Superstar!* Kailin has been in a plethora of performances, recently playing Gabriella in *Boeing Boeing*, Ann Putnam in *The Crucible*, (Porchlight), *Cabaret*, Beatrice in *Boxed In*, *All Shook Up* (SPG), *The Addams Family*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Little Mermaid* (Theatre Cambrian), Olivia in *Twelfth Night*, and Prince Hal in *King Henry VI: Part Three* (Stratford Shakespeare School). She has also written and starred in her own material. Enjoy the show, and don't forget you're a superstar!



Kara Larone – Caiaphas

This is Kara's second show with SPG. The role of Caiaphas has been a creative challenge. Kara would like to thank Mark and Kristin for their guidance and support. Enjoy the show!

Keagan Durocher – Jesus

Keagan is no stranger to the stage, and is deeply honored to portray Jesus in this classic and revered show! With past performances in *The Rocky Horror Show*, *RENT*, and *Rudolph Jr.*, Keagan brings a wealth of diverse experience to the stage. Grateful to Mark Mannisto and SPG for this gargantuan opportunity, Keagan extends heartfelt thanks to his family, friends, and castmates for their unwavering support and encouragement. Get ready for an absolutely stellar performance!

Kristin Gibeault – Annas

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, for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and finally, earlier in the season, for *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*. She is thrilled to be a part of the *Superstar* cast.



Libby Michie - Maid by the Fire

Libby is thrilled to be doing another show with Sudbury Performance Group. She is absolutely obsessed with *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and she is so excited to be a part of it! When Libby is not on stage, you can find her at home reading or painting, or out and about with friends. She would like to give a huge shoutout to the cast and crew for putting so much time and dedication into the production. She would also like to give a special shoutout to her sister, Scotia, of whom she is so proud in her lead role as Mary Magdalene. "Scotia, you are perfect in this role, and it is such a pleasure to watch you shine!"



Lindsay Dainton - Ensemble

Lindsay has appeared in several theatre productions, including *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *ABBA: Gold*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Wizard of Oz*, *RENT*, *Chicago*, *We Will Rock You*, *Sister Act*, and many more. She has also choreographed many pieces in the theatre community, and for dance studios, and gymnastics clubs. Her choreography has won awards at both provincial and national levels. She has enjoyed her rehearsal days as just a performer for *Jesus Christ Superstar*, but is looking forward to sharing her passion of dance with others in the future. Enjoy the show!



Lindsay Victoria - Ensemble

Lindsay is so excited to be part of this production. She's no stranger to performing, having played trumpet and guitar onstage for many years. She is grateful to have the opportunity to step out of musical instruments into musical theatre with such a wonderful community.



Max Trainor - Apostle

Max is a 20-year-old performer, who will be taking on the role of an apostle. Max has had a great time being a part of *JCS*, especially getting to learn the amazing songs of the show. Max would like to thank the cast for making it such a great experience, and the production team for helping bring the show to life.



Moira Ferguson - Ensemble

Moira has been performing dramatic roles since the age of seven, when her fainting scenes used to worry, and then annoy, the rest of the family, who were trying to watch *Jeopardy*. This is her first performance in front of a larger audience. Moira is a writer and a professor, and she would like to thank the beautiful cast and crew for welcoming her as part of the ensemble and chorus of *JCS*.



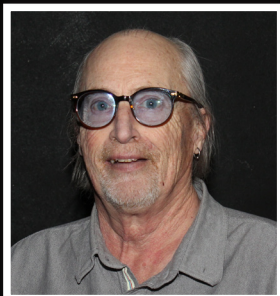
Phil Poirier – Pontius Pilate

Philippe has been involved in theatre and film for years, as a professional performer, acting coach, writer, director, and producer. His performance experience ranges from classic to contemporary. He's also the founder and Artistic Director of Porchlight Theatre Company, based in the Sudbury Area, which will be launching its fourth season this year. "It's been an unbelievable joyride to be sharing the stage with such a powerhouse group of people. I'm hoping you all enjoy the show, and join us on stage soon!"



Rachelle St-Denis – Judas Iscariot

Rachelle is extremely excited to be playing Judas in SPG's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. To say this is a dream role for her to play would be an understatement. Even more exciting, is to be playing alongside incredibly talented vocalists. You are all in for a treat with this production! She thanks you for coming, and is certain you will enjoy the show!



Roger Spielman – Old Man

Roger has been a professor of linguistics for the past thirty years (yikes!) at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario. The author of three, award-winning books, Dr. Spielmann grew up in Chicago, and has three beautiful daughters, and six pretty cool grandkids. His claim to fame is his late costume-designer aunt, Patricia Zipprodt, who won three Tony awards for her costumes for *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret*, *Barefoot in the Park with George*, and *Shogun*, among many other plays. The theater runs in his blood, and he's very excited to be in the cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.



Satine Stanfield – Apostle

Hallelujah! Satine is beyond excited to portray one of the apostles in SPG's *Jesus Christ Superstar*. *JCS* will mark her third time on the SPG stage. Her previous credits with the company include, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, and *No Fences*. Satine wishes to thank her castmates for making rehearsals that much more fun, and the production crew for being absolute angels. She also wishes to thank you (yes, you!) for coming out and supporting community theatre! Amen to that!



Scotia Wereley – Mary Magdalene

Since she was seven years old, musical theatre has been Scotia's passion, and she falls more and more in love with it every show she does. This show is particularly special to her, because it marks her first show playing a lead role since 2016! She has had such a blast learning about the characters, singing the beautiful songs, and making lots of new friends throughout the rehearsal process. When Scotia isn't indulging in her passion, she can most likely be found working toward her Bachelor of Education Degree at Laurentian University, watching obscure YouTube videos, or scrapbooking. She would like to thank her cast and crew for creating such an incredible production, and she hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoys being a part of it.



Tanya Saari - Apostle

On any given day, not even during rehearsals for the show, Tanya is most likely humming one of the incredible songs from this production. To say *JCS* is in her blood would be an understatement! She is excited to be performing the songs she's sung since she was a child, and helping to bring this dream show to life. Previous credits include: *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*, *ABBA: Gold*, and *Cabaret* (all SPG). In her other life, Tanya is a professional voice-over actress, book editor, and Chief Wrangler of all things family (kids, pets, etc.). Huge thanks to her castmates, and the production team. Love to Christopher.

Tara Hawkes - Ensemble

She's back! After four strictly-behind-the-scenes years, Tara is back on stage for *Jesus Christ Superstar!* She. Is. Thrilled. Although she's been with SPG from day one, it's been a season of 'firsts' for her. This past March, Tara made her directorial debut with our One-Act Festival, and also co-choreographed our production of *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* in December! She's really enjoyed the new challenges, and also friendships she's formed this past season. She would like to thank her family, friends, and furrries, for being forever supportive, the production team for their dedication, and her castmates for all the fun! A special thank you goes to our vocal director, Kristin, for her guidance and encouragement.

Tyler Dokis - Apostle

Tyler Dokis is an indigenous musician and actor from Dokis First Nation, Ontario. At 23 years of age, he has had a passion for the performing arts for the majority of his life. His previous roles include Ezekiel Cheever in *The Crucible* (Porchlight Theatre Company), as well as Robert Lambert in *Boeing Boeing* (SPG).

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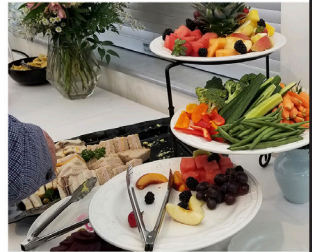


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