

# PROGRAMME

SUDBURY PERFORMANCE GROUP

— *Be a Part of the Art* —

Play by Leslie Kimbell

# Four Old BROADS

**A clever geriatric comedy**

A Dinner Theatre Production

**OCTOBER 23 - 26, 2024**





## **Angel Mannisto – Director’s Message**

I am beyond excited to welcome you all back to Magnolia Place! We didn’t think we could top the shenanigans from last season’s *Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*, but we have been proven wrong! It truly has been so much fun! I am extremely proud of, 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! Thank you to my amazing cast for all the laughter and fun, as well as our fantastic crew! Extra-special thanks to Jessica, Libby, Sean, K.C., Jennifer, Brian, Tara, Tanya, Mark, Karen, Nancy, and Dorothy for all the extra behind-the-scenes help! Finally, a 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 sequined 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**

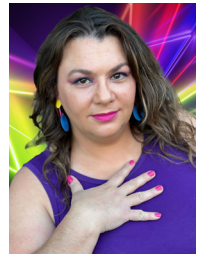
Tara is thrilled to welcome audiences back for our 2024-2025 season! She’s equally thrilled that the first show is the wild and fun, *Four Old Broads!* This show has been an absolute hoot and she’s grateful to be experiencing it with her bestie (and director), Angel, and this incredible cast of hooligans she’s lucky enough to call friends! Tara’s most recent appearance ON stage was in SPG’s spring production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, wherein she made her return after a 4 year hiatus of being strictly behind the scenes. She is currently choreographing for SPG’s upcoming holiday musical, *Frozen Jr.*, coming in December 2024! Don’t miss it! She hopes you laugh till you cry, and enjoy the show!

## **Rachelle St. Denis – Beatrice Shelton**

Rachelle is excited to reprise her role as the sassy and sarcastic former burlesque star, Beatrice Shelton. If you saw Beatrice twirl her tassels in January for the *Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*, then you won’t want to miss this hilarious prequel. This play is just as funny as the last, if not more so! Make sure you come out again so that Beatrice, Eaddy, Imogene, Maude, and Sam can make you bust a gut once again. 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. And if you couldn’t make it to the January show, not to worry—this is the first play of the series, so you won’t have missed a thing. Rachelle thanks you for coming and she is sure that you will enjoy the show!!

## **Tara St-Pierre – Eaddy Mae Clayton**

Tara is ecstatic to reprise her role as Eaddy Mae Clayton in this hilarious comedy! Credits include Eaddy Mae Clayton (*Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant*, SPG), Logainne Schwartzman Grubiniere (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, SPG), Frauline Kost (*Cabaret*, SPG), Fiona (Shrek: The Musical, Suzart), *Miserables* (ASNY). A big thank you to my family and friends, and my work family who are always supportive with my love of theatre! Also, a huge thank you to my SPG family for these amazing opportunities!!



## **Kara Larone – Imogene Fletcher**

Kara is pleased to have been a part of this wonderful cast and hilarious farce! Special thanks go to Angel and Tara for their patience, guidance, and trust. Enjoy the food and the show!

## **Tanya Saari – Maude Jenkins**

Tanya is happy to reprise her role as ditzy, crazy-pants Maude in *Four Old Broads*. Credits include *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Apostle, SPG), *Cabaret* (Fraulein Schneider, SPG), *ABBA: Gold* (Performer, SPG), and *The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizens Beauty Pageant* (Maude, SPG). She is also the director of SPG's upcoming, hilarious dinner theatre, *Til Beth Do Us Part*. (Get your tickets!) In her other life, she is a professional voice actor ([www.tanyasaarivoice.com](http://www.tanyasaarivoice.com)). Much love to her friends and family for their support.

## **Thomas Stewart – Sam Smith**

This is Tom's 15th performance with Sudbury Performance Group. This show was so much fun to be a part of, especially having previously performed in *Miss Magnolia* last season. Many of the performers are reprising their roles, but there are also some great new additions to the cast. Tom feels so fortunate to be able to work with this entire group. The production team worked incredibly hard in difficult times to help make this show all that it could be, and to make sure the cast was ready to go. Lastly, Tom would like to thank his family, for again allowing him to be absent from them so he can continue follow his passion. Be a part of the art!

## **Renee Dumont Mitchell – Ruby Sue**

Renee, a grade five teacher, directed her first school play last year, reigniting her love for theatre. Now, she was inspired by her daughter to take the leap and audition, stepping back into the spotlight for her first stage performance since high school. Renee deeply appreciates the encouragement from her husband and daughter, as well as the support of her family, friends, and students, in helping her return to her passion for acting. Special thanks to SPG for supporting the Arts in our community!

## **Stephanie Fisher – Pat Jones**

Stephanie is excited to be making her theatrical debut in Sudbury Performance Group's *Four Old Broads*. After a sports injury last spring, Stephanie decided to try something completely different, and she is now completely obsessed with all things theatre. She is incredibly thankful for the welcoming spirit of everyone at SPG, and looks forward to learning from so many amazing people. Her three children, and her incredibly awesome husband, have been so supportive of this journey; she is grateful for their love and encouragement. Lastly, Stephanie would like to thank her mother for reminding her about the little girl who once played a singing robot.

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