

PROGRAMME

SUDBURY PERFORMANCE GROUP

— Be a Part of the Art —

'Til **BETH** DO US PART

by Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten, Jessie Jones

A Dinner Theatre Production
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Tanya Saari – Director’s Message

Welcome, friends! I am thrilled you have come out to enjoy an evening (or afternoon!) of delicious food and unbeatable entertainment! I hope you laugh loudly and often throughout this production, and share your energy and enthusiasm with this stellar cast. Numerous thank-yous are in order, and I'd like to start with my amazing cast. Angel, Steve, Mel, Chad, Rachele, and Emma, thank you for agreeing to work with this (mostly) neophyte director, and making this process feel so smooth and easy! You are all talented beyond belief, and I am in awe of your skills! Beyond that, it is a pleasure to also be able to call you all friends.

Nancy—stage manager extraordinaire—THANK YOU. You are the most amazing right-hand gal anyone could ask for. I appreciate you more than you could ever know! Mark and the entire SPG board and committees—thank you for putting your trust in me with this opportunity. I am honoured to have had this chance. I hope I've done you proud! Sean, thank you for everything you do to make everyone sound good. You are also greatly appreciated! To my backstage crew, as well as the Front-of-House team—thank you for making everything run like a well-oiled machine. Those behind the scenes don't always get the acclaim and appreciation they deserve, so thank you! Tara H., Kristin G., Tara S.P.—thank you for being my friends, my sounding boards, my support, and my voices of reason when required. Love you all! To Chris and my family—thank you for your support as always, and for letting me fill my cup as needed. Love always! And finally, a humungous thank you to you—the audience! Without your support and enthusiasm, we literally could not do what we love to do. Tell your friends and family about what we offer to Greater Sudbury—better yet, bring them with you next time! Enjoy the show, and thank you for Being a Part of the Art!

This production is dedicated to Jessica Sawicz, who unfortunately had to resign from the show due to a personal emergency. We miss you! Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us.

Nancy Beland – Stage Manager

Nancy has had a fabulous time working with Tanya and the cast. She would like to thank them for the great laughs during rehearsals, at a time when she really needed them! She hopes you enjoy the show, and would like to thank you for being a part of the art. Thank you to all our volunteers—we would not be able to do this without you!

Angel Mannisto – Susannah Hayden

Angel is so excited to be back on the dinner theatre stage once again. She was on a brief hiatus, as she took on the role of director for the last three dinner theatre productions: last season's *Miss Magnolia Senior Citizens Beauty Pageant* and *Salty Kisses*, and this past October's production of *Four Old Broads*. Angel would like to thank both Tanya and Nancy for the opportunity, and the cast and crew for all of the fun she has had at rehearsals. "A special thank you always goes to you, the audience. Without you, we couldn't do what we love to do!" See you on stage!



Steve Maguire – Gibby Hayden

Steve has done so many shows with SPG and Theatre Cambrian, he's now lost count. Highlights include playing The Wizard of Oz in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Charlie Brown in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Recently, he's branched out into murder mysteries with *Murder By Appointment*, including *Spaced Out* (which he co-wrote), and *Grinch* (later this month). Prior to moving to Sudbury, he had been in eight other shows, including *The Rocky Horror Show* as Dr. Scott, and *Inherit the Wind* as Bert Cates.

Melanie Rainville – Beth Bailey

Mélanie has been passionate about being a performing artist for as long as she can remember. She is a graduate of the French Dramatic Arts program and Teacher's College at Laurentian University. She has performed as an actress, singer, and dancer in a variety of shows with SPG, Theatre Cambrian, *le TNO*, *Murder by Appointment*, and Laurentian University, as well as had small roles in television and film. She has worked with the theatre company *Les Draveurs*, as a drama teacher at MacDonald-Cartier High School, as well as an arts professor for the francophone Teacher's College at Laurentian University. Even though she is a full-time teacher with *le conseil scolaire du Grand Nord*, and a full-time mom, she is overjoyed about carving out some time to play Beth in this show, and hopes you enjoy it wholeheartedly.

Chad Racette – Hank Russell

It's been a minute since Chad last stepped onto the stage, but when "family" calls, he must dust off his "performance" skills, "kick-ball-change" his way into that audition, and let his "personality" shine. He knows that if he can make just one person smile, even for a second, it's worth every fall, every door to the face, and every embarrassing moment. This is why Chad Racette is proud to be part of Sudbury Performance Group, and this dinner theatre production of *'Til Beth do us Part*.

Rachelle St-Denis – Margot James

This is gearing up to be another busy season for Rachelle. She recently performed the role of Beatrice in the hilarious comedy *Four Old Broads*, and is now in rehearsals for *The Best of Billboard and Broadway*. We unfortunately had to say goodbye to one of our cast members, due to a personal emergency. Rachelle agreed to step into the role of Margo with less than a week before opening night. She is thankful for the help of her castmates and the production team, to be able to put on this super-funny show! She thanks you for coming, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Emma Wedlock – Gella Garmichael

This will be Emma's first production with Sudbury Performance Group, but she's no stranger to the spotlight! She's beyond excited to show you what she's got! Using experience from high school and university, she will leave you on the ground, dying from laughter! When she takes her acting mask off, she volunteers at Whiskers Kitty Cat Shop, and provides the best customer service at CIBC. Always looking to help others and make people smile, Emma's ready to help make this show unforgettable! Enjoy!

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