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Don't Dress for Dinner

by Marc Camoletti and Robin Hawdon



A Dinner Theatre Production | April 10-12, 2025

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Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic Parisian mistress in his charming converted French farmhouse, whilst his wife, Jacqueline, is away. He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights, and has invited his best friend, Robert, along too to provide the alibi. It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong? Well... suppose Robert turns up not realizing quite why he has been invited. Suppose Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, and consequently determined that Jacqueline will NOT leave for the weekend. Suppose the cook has to pretend to be the mistress and the mistress can't cook. Suppose everyone's alibi gets confused with everyone else's. An evening of hilarious confusion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed.

Director – Angel Mannisto | **Stage Manager** – Nancy Beland
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Props + Costumes – Cast and Crew
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Angel Mannisto – Director

Don't Dress for Dinner has always been such a fun show to be involved with. I am so fortunate that I got to be a part of this wonderful play a second time around! I really want to take this time to thank Sudbury Performance Group, for allowing all of us thespians a place to play. As usual, the laughs and memories at rehearsals are always such a treat! I would like to thank Nancy for being my right-hand-gal this time around! Without you, it would never get done! You have been my rock and the constant, when shift work, or rehearsals for three other projects have kept me away. You amaze me! To my cast, thank you for joining Nancy and me

on this journey! I hope you have all the fun in the world up on that stage! To all those behind the scenes—sound, front of house, editors, graphic designers—the list goes on—you are all superstars!

And last, but most definitely not least, to the audience. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Your support of everything that is Sudbury Performance Group is second to none. Without you, I would not get to have the chance to direct such fun shows. Without you, I would not be able to choreograph our upcoming productions of *Rock of Ages*, and *Beetlejuice Jr*. Without you, I wouldn't get to sing and dance my way as Justice in *Rock of Ages* in May. This is my passion, my heart, my home! Thank you for giving me this opportunity! You are the reason we get to do what we love most!

I hope you all enjoy your time watching, performing, and all things *Don't Dress for Dinner*! I can't wait to see everyone out at our upcoming productions, as we start to wrap up our 2024/2025 season! And remember, we always have local artists performing weekly across the City of Greater Sudbury, and we also have comedy nights and music festivals to keep you entertained, while the theatre side takes a brief summer hiatus! www.sudburyperformance.ca

See you on Stage!

Nancy Beland – Stage Manager

Nancy has thoroughly enjoyed working with Angel, and the entire cast of *Don't Dress for Dinner*. Thank you to the cast for the laughs during rehearsals; sometimes it was hard to stay on track. Nancy hopes you have a fantastic time watching the show. A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers—this production wouldn't have been possible without your dedication and support!



MEET THE CAST

Don't Dress for Dinner

Tyler Dokis – Bernard

Tyler is an indigenous musician and actor from Dokis First Nation. He started his theatre career in 2023; his previous roles include Prior Walter in *Angels in America* (Porchlight Theatre Company), Robert Lambert in *Boeing Boeing* (Sudbury Performance Group), and Ezekiel Cheever in *The Crucible* (Porchlight). He will be playing Drew Foley in SPG's upcoming production of *Rock of Ages*. Tonight, he will be playing the happily married Bernard.



Chad Racette – Robert

Chad stars as Robert in *Don't Dress for Dinner* with Sudbury Performance Group, bringing chaos and comedy to life in this fast-paced farce. With sharp wit and impeccable timing, Chad delivers a performance filled with laughter, misunderstandings, and non-stop mayhem.

Renee Damont Mitchell

– Jacqueline

Renee is thrilled to return for her second performance with Sudbury Performance Group. A passionate educator, she directs her school's annual play and loves sharing the magic of theatre with her students. Renee thanks her husband and daughter—her greatest inspirations—for their endless encouragement and support. Special thanks to SPG for advocating for the Arts in our community. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoys being part of it!



Mélanie Rainville – Suzette

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 some time out to play Suzette in *Don't Dress for Dinner*, and hopes you enjoy it as much as she and her hilarious castmates have enjoyed rehearsing for it.



Kailin Kohls – Suzanne

Hello, darlings! Kailin is so happy to welcome you to *Don't Dress for Dinner*! Kailin has been in a plethora of performances, recently playing Tracy in *Sandy Toes*, *Salty Kisses*, an Apostle in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Gabriella in *Boeing Boeing*, (SPG) 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 IV the third* (Stratford Shakespeare School). On top of that, she has written and starred in her own material. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Adam Laurenti – George

Adam is a new addition to Sudbury Performance Group. Building on his experience with the Espanola Little Theatre, Adam brings a unique blend of expression and enthusiasm to every role. His recent credits include two murder mystery dinner theatre shows, scripted and improvised, written by Michael Erskin. He also recently performed the role of Jeff in SPG's One-Act-Festival production of *Cooking for Love*. As Adam continues to refine his craft, he welcomes opportunities to collaborate and grow alongside fellow artists.



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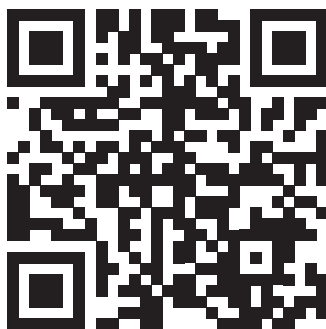
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