

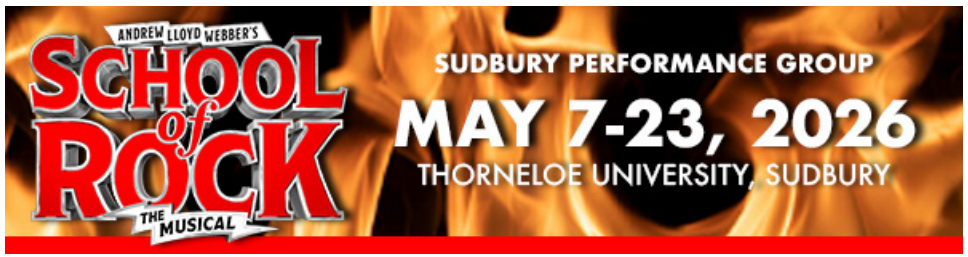
# PROGRAMME

SUDBURY PERFORMANCE GROUP

*— Be a Part of the Art —*



Spring  
alive  
FESTIVAL



**Director** – Mark Mannisto | **Stage Managers** – Léane Koskela + Tara Hawkes  
**Vocal Director** – Keagen Durocher | **Choreographers** – Angel Mannisto + Lindsay Dainton  
**Set Design + Props + Costumes** – Rosie Desjardins | **Lighting Design** – Travis Desjardins  
**Audio Technician** – Billy Bruhmuller | **Mic Operation** – Elina Jillings  
**House Band** – Michael Clarke, Scott Mitchell, Daniel Pisani, Ryan Paquette, Arina Kashlakova  
**Programme Headshots** – Leo Duquette | **Programme Editor** – Tanya Saari  
**Graphic Design & Videography** – Mike Clarke, Tara Hawkes, Leo Duquette  
**Front of House Manager** – Faizan Khan

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**Based on the Paramount movie by Mike White.**

**Book by Julian Fellowes | Lyrics by Glenn Slater | New Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber**

Rock got no reason, rock got no rhyme... You better get me to school on time!  
Andrew Lloyd Webber's School of Rock – The Musical is a two-hour, two-act show (plus intermission), based on the hit movie. The tuner follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A pupils into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. But can he get them to the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress finding out?

Lloyd Webber produced the stage musical on Broadway and in the West End, penning 14 new numbers for the show, alongside the original songs from the movie. The composer's tracks "You're in the Band" and "Stick it to the Man" are well on their way to becoming rock-solid standards, while the finale with "Teacher's Pet" brought audiences to their feet, eight shows a week.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's School of Rock – The Musical, with its sensational live kids' rock band, is a loving testimony to the transformative power of music. May the spirit of rock be with all who pledge allegiance to Lloyd Webber's newest hit!

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S  
**SCHOOL  
of  
ROCK**  
THE MUSICAL

## MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM OF SCHOOL OF ROCK!



**MARK**



**ANGEL**



**LINDSAY**



**KEAGEN**



**TARA**



**LEANE**

### **MARK MANNISTO - DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

What a ride this production has been.

From the very first rehearsal, it was clear that School of Rock would be something special. There's a certain kind of magic that happens when passion, talent, and a whole lot of noise come together—and this cast and crew have delivered all of that and more. Working with both our young performers and our seasoned cast members has been an absolute joy. Their energy, commitment, and willingness to go all-in have made every moment in the rehearsal hall something to look forward to.

This show would not be what it is without the incredible team behind the scenes. I am deeply grateful to our choreographers, Angel and Lindsay, whose creativity and drive brought this show to life in motion; our dedicated stage managers, Léane and Tara, who kept everything running smoothly; and our vocal director, Keagen, who helped shape the powerful sound you'll hear on stage.

A heartfelt thank you as well to the rest of our crew—Travis, Rosie, and the many backstage parents who always step up without hesitation. Your support is the backbone of what we do. And of course, our phenomenal band—Mike, Scott, Arina, Ryan, and Daniel—who quite literally rock this show night after night.

And I would be remiss if I didn't shine a spotlight on our incredible youth band—Avery, Emi, Reuben, and Simon. You wow me every single night. Your talent, confidence, and sheer love of music are inspiring, and I already look forward to booking you for our free community concerts across the city.

As we look ahead, Sudbury Performance Group is approaching an exciting milestone—our 10th anniversary this September. It's a moment to celebrate, but also a reminder of what it takes to keep community theatre alive and thriving. The truth is simple: we can only continue to create productions like this with your support. By coming to our shows, purchasing 50/50 tickets, and encouraging sponsorship within our community, you play a direct role in keeping the arts alive in Sudbury.

If you want to see SPG continue—show up, support, and be a part of the art. Thank you for being here, for believing in what we do, and for helping us keep the music playing.

Now sit back, turn it up, and enjoy the show.

### **ANGEL MANNISTO - CO-CHOREOGRAPHER**

It has been such a blast working with Lindsay to choreograph School of Rock! Everyone is doing a fabulous job, and the kids in particular will slay! I have also had the privilege of working with a lot of the youth in the upcoming production of Newsies, Jr., which will run this June! I want everyone in the cast, band, crew, and production team to have a blast, and I know the audience will feel the fun and talented energy all night long!

### **LINDSAY DAINTON - CO-CHOREOGRAPHER**

Lindsay is privileged to have the opportunity to share her love for dance with others. She has choreographed many productions for SPG, and School of Rock is another one to add to her list. She thanks everyone involved for their hard work and dedication. Enjoy the show.

### **KEAGEN DUROCHER - VOCAL DIRECTOR/DEWEY FINN**

Keagen is ecstatic to unleash his manic chaos as Dewey Finn. A longtime Sudbury performer, vocal director (for this show as well), and all-around oddball, Keagen thrives on characters with big personalities and big voices. Recent credits include Wadsworth in Clue, Nick in Jagged Little Pill, and vocal direction for Once Upon a One More Time. Huge thanks to this STELLAR creative team and cast—especially all the mini rockstars! Now...crank it up and let's ROCK!

### **LÉANE KOSKELA - CO-STAGE MANAGER**

As a teacher by day, and the lead singer of the local band Tea & Tequila by night, this story holds a special place in Léane's heart. Supporting students, music, and theatre all in one production has been an incredibly rewarding experience she won't soon forget. Although she jumped in midway through the production, she is grateful for this unexpected creative journey. Huge shoutout to her co-stage manager Tara, for always having her back and somehow reading her mind amongst all the NOISE... she means MUSIC!

### **TARA HAWKES - CO-STAGE MANAGER**

Here we go, again! A change in plans had Tara (and Léane) join this epic party a little later than usual, but she is stoked to be here! Tara is a familiar face, having been a part of almost all of SPG's productions in some capacity. Most recently, she was thrilled to be on stage in *Jagged Little Pill*. She would like to thank her partner-in-theatre, Léane, for the teamwork, friendship, laughter, and full, whole-hearted support. Proud doesn't begin to cover how she feels about this cast's efforts and accomplishments. Watching a show evolve is always rewarding, but this one came with new challenges and you've all risen to the occasion. She is also in awe of the creativity of the entire production team. You've killed it! A special mention to Elna and Billy, our audio team! She also extends a thank you to the band for joining us for another show. Your talent and support is top tier. This show has been special in so many ways, and will hold a place near the top of Tara's theatre highlight reel.

# MEET THE CAST OF SCHOOL OF ROCK!



**ABBY B.**



**ABBY P.**



**AMY**



**ARIA**



**AVA**



**AVERY B.**



**AVERY P.**



**BRENT**



**CLAUDIO**



**EMI**



**EMMA**



**HAILEY**



**HALEY**



**KAIZLEE**



**KATIE**



**LIBBY**



**LILY**



**LYDIA**



**OLIVIA**



**REUBEN**



**RHEA**



**ROSIE**



**SAM**



**SHANNON**



**SIMON**



**SOFIE**



**STEPHANIE**



**SYDNEY**



**TAMARA**



**TARA**



**TRAVIS**

**STICK IT TO THE MAN!**

### **ABBY BUCKNER - MAYSSEN**

Abby is pumped to step into the role of Maysen! She's 11 years old, and rocking her sixth Sudbury Performance Group show. Abby loves to sing, dance, and bring tons of energy to the stage. She can't wait to crank up the volume and rock out with the whole cast.

### **ABBY PITRE - MS. SANDERS**

Abby is very excited to be a part of School of Rock! Abby has been involved in many Sudbury Performance Group shows over the past year and a half, the most recent being Jagged Little Pill, and Once Upon a One More Time. She is so proud of all the amazing kids in this production, who have worked so hard, and are ready to put on a fantastic performance! Rock on and enjoy the show!

### **AMY DESJARDINS - STUDENT**

Amy is a big ball of energy and passion wrapped up in a small package. She loves to sing, dance and act. Previous roles include Mr. Mayor (Suessical, Jr.) and The Cowardly Lion (The Wizard of Oz, Jr.), but you may remember her from the SPG stage as a royal guard in Once Upon a One More Time. Keep an eye out for her in Newsies, Jr!

### **ARIA ROCHON - SOPHIE**

Ari is so excited to play Sophie in School of Rock. She is no stranger to the stage, having performed in the SPG shows Once Upon a One More Time, Beetlejuice, Jr., and Frozen, Jr., to name a few. Ari has a passion for singing, dancing, and entertaining, and loves to ROCK! She can't wait for you to come cheer on her and her talented castmates as they "Stick it to the man" in this high-energy production.

### **AVA LEVECQUE - PATTY**

Ava is thrilled to be playing a controlling girlfriend, although her boyfriend in real life might not think she needed rehearsals to do that. She has been involved in several other SPG productions, like Cabaret, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Rock of Ages, and in other theatre productions across town. Off the stage, she is a student at Laurentian University, who enjoys spending time with her friends, family, cat, and pug-mastiff. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **AVERY BAZINET - ZACK MOONEYHAM**

Having just turned 12 years old, this is Avery's first theatre production. When it comes to rock 'n' roll, however, Avery is truly an old soul who loves all things music. When Avery got the call to play Zack, he accepted without hesitation, having had a passion for rock guitar since he could walk. His musical inspirations include Lynyrd Skynyrd, Van Halen, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, and he has already become a fairly accomplished musician at a very young age. Outside of music, Avery enjoys curling, biking, and hanging out with friends—now including the incredibly accepting School of Rock community, who have supported him every step of the way in learning acting, choreography, and vocals. Avery is beyond excited to be part of this production and is thankful and grateful to the entire cast and crew. "You're not hardcore, unless you live hardcore!"

### **AVERY PITRE - STUDENT**

Avery is super excited to be a part of Sudbury Performance Group's School of Rock. This is Avery's third show with SPG, and she is currently also in Newsies, Jr. She hopes to do many more in the future. She always has so much fun at rehearsals, and hopes YOU enjoy the show. She also has the pleasure to share this experience with her sisters, Abby P (Adult ensemble) and Sydney (Shonelle).

### **BRENT CHAYKA - NED**

Brent originally auditioned for the part of Dewey, but he didn't get the part, because he can't sing or play guitar. He was thrilled to settle for the next best thing—Ned. Brent is a dorky metalhead teacher in real life, so he is having a great time with the role. He hopes you enjoying seeing him in very tight pants.

### **CLAUDIO PERALTA - TEACHER/JEFF**

Claudio, from Chile, is an Industrial Engineer and HVAC Technician. Since moving to Sudbury in 2021, he has embraced the arts, performing in musicals like RENT, ABBA: Gold, and Jesus Christ Superstar. He celebrates his Latin heritage as a vocalist and percussionist. In 2023, his family received the "Greater Together" award. Claudio is excited to return to the stage with his daughter Emi, who plays Katie, and hopes the audience enjoys the Rock Show!

### **EMI PERALTA - KATIE**

Emi Peralta is a Grade 10 drama student, passionate about theatre and performance. She is excited to play Katie and perform on bass with a talented cast and band. Theatre has helped her build confidence, discipline, and creativity. Outside school, she enjoys sports and staying active. Emi has performed in Annie, Oliver, Matilda, and Jesus Christ Superstar, and now joins School of Rock with SPG. She hopes the audience enjoys the show.



### **EMMA SKILLICORN - MARCY**

Emma is excited to be returning to the stage for her second production with Sudbury Performance Group. She is in grade seven at Marymount, and has a passion for all things music, from listening to her favourite songs to playing instruments. When she's not performing, Emma enjoys reading, travelling, and staying active. She loves exploring both her creative side and her curiosity for science, with a particular interest in neuroscience and astrophysics. Emma is thrilled to be part of this production and hopes you enjoy the show!

### **HAILEY ST. AMOUR - MISSBINGHAM/EMO GIRL**

Hailey is a Sudbury performer whose credits include The Lion King, Shrek, Divorce Southern Style, and improv with Who Are These People, Anyway?. She enjoys the unpredictability of unscripted comedy and loves bringing bold characters to life on stage. Hailey continues to pursue opportunities in theatre and improv, always looking for new ways to grow as a performer and connect with audiences through live performance.

### **HALEY CLARKE - STUDENT**

This is Haley's first production with Sudbury Performance Group, and she's beyond excited to be part of School of Rock. She's had a blast making new friends and bringing the music to life on stage. Off-stage, she enjoys school sports, especially basketball and volleyball. Haley would like to thank the cast and crew for an unforgettable experience, and her dad for keeping the beat (most of the time). She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **KAIZLEE DOIRON - BILLY**

Kaizlee is a cool and energetic grade 11 student who has been with SPG for many years now. She had the time of her life at the School of Rock and hopes you will too, if only you would listen! Don't forget, all fashion choices go through Billy! Let's rock!!

### **KATIE SPURGIASZ - GABBY/MAYSEN'S PARENT**

Katie is excited to make her debut with SPG in School of Rock. Although she hasn't appeared in a theatre production since her school days, she has been deeply involved in music, singing in choirs, and playing flute in bands and orchestras. After recently moving to Sudbury, she's thrilled to join the local arts community. By day, Katie works as a music teacher, leading choirs and bands. She's delighted to return to the stage, and hopes you enjoy this fun-filled, energetic show!

### **LIBBY MICHIE - MS. SHEINKOPF**

Libby is thrilled to be part of SPG's production of School of Rock. This was one of Libby's favourite movies growing up, and to this day, she still quotes it like it's a second language. She is so excited to bring this story to life on stage! Libby would like to acknowledge the hard work that has gone into this show, and share how proud she is of the amazing kids in the cast. She knows that the audience will be captured by the incredible talent of these awesome Little Rock stars!

### **LILY WILLIAMSON - TOMIKA**

Lily is thrilled to be portraying Tomika in School of Rock. She was previously part of the ensemble in the SPG productions of Frozen, Jr., Beetlejuice, Jr., and Once Upon a One More Time. She is very excited to be now appearing in a main role, and can't wait for people to see the play. Rock On!

### **LYDIA DESJARDINS - SUMMER**

Lydia has been active in Sudbury's youth theatre community for the past three years, and is thrilled to be taking on the role of Summer Hathaway in this production. Previously, her favorite roles she played were Mayzie LaBird (Seussical, Jr.) and Miss Honey (Matilda, Jr.). She also appeared in Once Upon a One More Time, and will be in the upcoming production of Newsies, Jr.

### **OLIVIA MASK - MADISON**

Olivia is so ecstatic to be performing for SPG in School of Rock. She hopes by the end of the performance, you'll be ranting, raving, screaming, and shouting for an encore. Some of Olivia's past performance credits include: Gretchen Wieners (Mean Girls), Miss Hannigan (Annie, Jr.), Prince Eric (Little Mermaid, Jr.), Otho (Beetlejuice, Jr.).

### **REUBEN JENNER - LAWRENCE**

Reuben, 11, returns to Sudbury Performance Group, having appeared as the Duke of Weselton in Disney's Frozen, Jr., and as Bruce Bogtrotter in Matilda, Jr. In addition to the piano/keyboard, Reuben plays the violin, viola, and clarinet, and is also a competitive cross-country ski racer. He's excited to combine his love of theatre and music onstage as Lawrence.



**RHEA SHIPLEY - STUDENT**

Rhea is excited to be part of School of Rock, after discovering her love for theatre during The Little Mermaid, Jr. with SPG this past summer. When she's not on stage, she enjoys sketching, chatting with friends, and curling. Known for her light, fun energy, Rhea brings laughter and makes others feel special and loved. While she loves performing, she also values her quiet downtime to recharge.

**ROSIE DESJARDINS - MS. WILLIAMS**

Rosie is what happens when the visual artist decides to branch out into performing arts. Rosie has created sets, props and costumes for nearly two dozen productions, including SPG's entire season. On stage, she recently had her first lead role as Megan in Puffs! She is so excited for her first musical theatre performance in School of Rock. Thanks, Mark and the crew, for everything you do!

**SAMANTHA ONSKI - ROSALIE MULLINS**

Samantha is a passionate performer with a deep love for musical theatre, having started to perform at a young age in her hometown of Thunder Bay, Ontario. Samantha is so grateful to have continued her musical theatre journey since moving to Sudbury in 2019! Samantha has always dreamed of being in an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. This musical and role feel extra special to her, as she has been an ALW superfan since she first heard The Phantom of the Opera at the age of 12. Select stage credits include: Featured Vocalist in Sudbury Performance Group's ABBA: Gold, Olive Ostrovsky in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (SPG), Janet Weiss in The Rocky Horror Show (SPG), and Grace Farrell in Annie (Theatre Cambrian). Samantha loves being able to share her love of musicals with the Sudbury community!

**SHANNON BLANEY - MS. SANFORD**

Shannon returns for her third production with SPG, having previously appeared in Once Upon a One More Time, and Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii. Get ready to sing, dance, and rock out—tonight's all about having fun!

**SIMON GUILLETTE - FREDDIE**

Simon Guillette is thrilled to be rocking out as Freddie in School of Rock with Sudbury Performance Group. Past credits include the title role in James and the Giant Peach, Jr., (SPG), Bruce Bogtrotter in Matilda! The Musical, Jason in High School Musical, and an ensemble role in Oliver! (YES Theatre). He has also appeared in several regional TV & film productions. When he's not on stage, Simon trains in voice and dance, and plays piano, drums and harmonica. Enormous thanks to his family, Zesty Besties, Jeff Wiseman, Oloman Talent Management, and Sudbury Performance Group. Now let's turn it up to eleven!



**SOFIE LAMPI - JAMIE**

Sofie is so excited to be playing Jamie in SPG's School of Rock. She has been in many other productions with SPG (Frozen, Jr., Beetlejuice, Jr., Once Upon a One More Time), and is happy to have one more under her belt!

**STEPHANIE FISHER - MS. SPENSE**

Stephanie is excited to be part of another SPG production. School of Rock is very special to her family—in fact, the entire movie has been acted out in her house more than once. In the last year, Stephanie has been a part of a number of theatre productions, including Clue, Once Upon a One More Time, and Jagged Little Pill. She is looking forward to many more productions in the future.

**SYDNEY PITRE - SHONELLE**

Sydney is so grateful to play Shonelle. She loves to sing and dance her heart out, and is so excited to be a backup girl. She is so excited for you all to watch them rant and rave and scream and shout in the show, and hopes you love it!

**TAMARA DORION  
- MS. GORDON/MRS. HATHAWAY**

Tamara is thrilled to be part of her very first musical, School of Rock, alongside her daughter, Rhea. A kindergarten educator by day, she enjoys spending time outdoors and loves when her sister lets her eat at her house (because she hates to cook). She's both amazed and grateful for the overwhelming support of the theatre community, especially as she's learning that no matter the stress, everything somehow comes together...eventually.

**TARA ST. PIERRE - MS. HAMILTON**

Tara is a versatile and engaging performer with a passion for storytelling through theatre. With a background in dinner theatre and musical productions, she brings warmth, humour, and authenticity to every role she takes on. Her credits include Fiona in Shrek: The Musical, understudy for Madame Thénardier in Les Misérables, and Fraulein Kost in Cabaret. Most recently, she delighted audiences as Jinx Jenkins in The Savannah Sipping Society. Tara has also begun exploring improv, embracing its spontaneity and energy to further expand her performance skills. Known for her approachable presence both on and off stage, she values collaboration and connection in every production. She extends her sincere thanks to SPG for their continued support and opportunities to grow as an artist.

**TRAVIS DESJARDINS  
- MR. MOONEYHAM**

Travis has spent 20+ years on live audio production and concert lighting for bands, but has recently taken to the production side of theatre as a lighting designer. Fun fact: he designed the lighting for this show! Now, he is making his acting debut with School of Rock! Travis hopes that you really enjoy the show that he and his fellow cast and crew members have worked so hard to bring to life.



ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S

# SCHOOL of ROCK

THE  
MUSICAL

## MEET THE BAND OF SCHOOL OF ROCK!



### **MIKE CLARKE**

This is Mike's third production with Sudbury Performance Group, and he's fired up to be behind the drum kit for School of Rock. A drummer for over 30 years, he brings decades of experience and a lifelong love of loud, live music to the stage. When he's not keeping the beat, Mike has also worked as a magician, and enjoys exploring visual arts and technology. He's especially excited to share the stage with his daughter, Haley, in this production, easily the highlight of the whole experience. "Break a leg, Haley...if anything goes off the rails, blame the drummer."



### **SCOTT MITCHELL**

With over 25 years of professional experience as a musician, Scott Mitchell brings a deep well of artistry and versatility to the stage in School of Rock. A multi-instrumentalist with a strong foundation in performance, he studied music at Laurentian University and has spent the past 15 years sharing his passion through teaching. Whether in the classroom or on stage, his commitment to musicianship and mentorship shines through. In this production, he's excited to return to his roots on guitar, delivering the energy and authenticity that rock demands.



### **DANIEL PISANI**

This past year, Daniel performed in Rock of Ages and Jagged Little Pill. Veteran status? Not sure. All we know is that he likes to play fast and bend the strings. Especially the opening notes to this production: BHIRRR BAAN BAAN BAAAAAAN DUN DUNNNNNNN. School of Rock has the toughest of solos, and the slickest of grooves. Wish him luck!



### **RYAN PAQUETTE**

He once climbed to the top of Mount Rock, but without its foundation, and his bass so heavy, Mt Rock itself began crumble beneath him. Seeing his error, he rolled; broadly with conviction & through straight quavers, back down to where rock needed him. Mount Rock—again lode upon such thiccness—was uplifted...the Gods of Rock returned, and all rejoiced in a Rock of Ages. School of Rock - Rock Mythology 101 - Parable of the Bass



### **ARINA KASHLAKOVA**

This is Arina's debut with Sudbury Performance Group. Playing in a band for the first time, they're just happy to be here. We think. We're not really sure where they came from. Might be picked up off the street. As a former dancer and musician, they were thrilled to be surrounded by artists again, enough to qualify as a keyboardist in School of Rock. They hope you enjoy the show (almost as much as we hope they hit the right notes!)

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