

AN IMPROVISED HOLIDAY ROM COM



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Outside Joke takes on that holiday staple, the Holiday TV Movie.

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welcome to the show



The first time I saw Outside Joke perform, my jaw literally dropped. I had seen improvised theatre before, but never long-form improv, where a troupe spins one tale over an entire evening. Their ability to develop characters over many scenes, circle back on running jokes, and then tie it all up at the end is quite simply astounding. And... they do it all based on suggestions from the audience — different every night! Wow.

This year, OJ's intrepid team are looking at the Holiday Rom-Com genre. Did you know that Winnipeg is a hotbed of film production for a certain rom-com film company (which I won't name, but rhymes with Call Mark)? Yes, there's a TV channel that is full of Winnipeg actors and locations, with delightful love stories set in a wintery landscape (and often filmed in August in Winnipeg...)!

Today, we are so glad you're here — in person — to see this fantastic Winnipeg troupe as they create a new spin every performance on these fun (and sometimes corny) holiday love stories. I guarantee you will laugh. I also guarantee you will feel the thrill of being in a theatre together, knowing you are seeing something no other audience has seen, and no other audience will see again. That's the magic of live theatre — it really is about being here, live, in the moment with others, enjoying great stories. Okay, yes, improvised theatre takes that 'live' part to a bit of an extreme — but we are so glad you've chosen to gather with us today. We love sharing live theatre with you.

I wish you the happiest of holidays from all of us here at Prairie Theatre Exchange.

Warm regards,

Ann HodgesArtistic Director

We create and gather on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg (Ojibway), Ininewuk (Swampy Cree), Anishininewuk (Oji-cree), Dakota Oyate, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Métis. As we gather to tell stories today, we so appreciate the origina storytellers and stewards of this land.

PRAIRIE THEATRE EXCHANGE IS PROUD TO PRESENT

AN OUTSIDE JOKE PRODUCTION

OUTSIDE JOKE'S CHRISTMAS MIRACLE:

An Improvised Holiday Rom-Com

FEATURING:

ANDREA DEL CAMPO *

CHADD HENDERSON

TOBY HUGHES*

SARAH MICHAELSON

ROBYN SLADE*

JANE TESTAR *

JANE BUTTNER * Production/Stage Manager

LEIF INGEBRIGTSEN Musician in Waiting

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RUN TIME: TWO HOURS, WITH ONE INTERMISSION

AUDIENCE ADVISORY: this theatrical run of improvised performances is very likely to contain strong language and adult storylines and is intended for mature audiences.

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MEET the ARTISTS



Andrea del Campo (she/her)

Andrea is simply delighted to be continuing the Outside Joke/PTE love affair for the fourth season in a row! She is a Winnipeg-based performer and producer with credits on every professional stage in the city and many film and television productions - including several made-for-network-TV Christmas specials shot right here. Andrea's 20+ years of performing with Outside Joke are among the most precious treasures of her life, and she feels incredibly lucky to spend so much time making jokes with her dear friends. www.andreadelcampo.com.



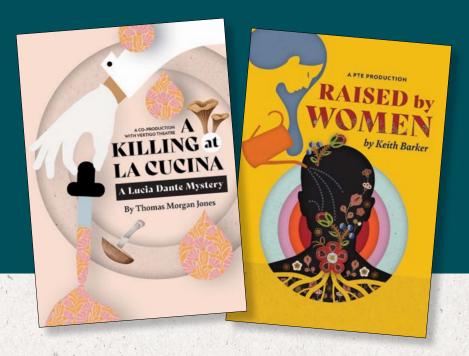
Chadd Henderson (he/him)

Since the day he was hatched, Chadd Henderson has wanted to do but one thing: fly a dragon! Instead of lamenting the fact that this is impossible, he decided to become an improviser and accomplish his goal using imagination. And thus began a love affair between Chadd and the art of improvisation, which endures to this day.



Toby Hughes (he/him)

Toby's work doing improv has been some of the most creatively fulfilling art he has had the privilege of participating in. Toby wants to get better at dancing. Most recently, you may have seen Toby at the MTC Warehouse in the world premiere of *The Recipe*. If Toby were an animal, he would be a tree, and is so grateful to those who have nourished his roots and shone sunlight on his leaves. Also the birds that eat caterpillars out of his bark. This metaphor has gone too far.



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MEET the ARTISTS



Sarah Michaelson (she/they)

Improvising under the DJ name Mama Cutsworth, Winnipeg's Sarah Michaelson has provided soundtracks for many of the world's best in improvised theatre: Det Andre Teatret (Norway), Patti Stiles (Australia), Impromadrid Teatro (Spain) and countless other international performers. In 2013, she began collaborating with two Colombian circus performers on a wordless improvised theatre project called *Speechless*, which toured across Europe, North and South America, and the Middle East. Sarah also co-created and directed *Midnight*

Radio, which debuted in Amsterdam (Compagnietheater, 2017) and was later remounted in Edmonton (Citadel Theatre, 2019). In 2023, she did sound design for her first scripted play, Palucheur, presented by Winnipeg's Théâtre Cercle Molière.



RobYn Slade (she/her)

RobYn Slade is a Winnipeg-based actor and improviser. Select theatre credits include Outside Joke: The Improvised Musical, Outside Joke's A Christmas Carol: Big Dickens Energy & Bigger Dickens Energy, The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, The Brink, MunschBusters!, How It Works (PTE); Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) (Theatre Projects Manitoba); Danny and the Deep Blue Sea (The Keep Theatre); Yaga, The Cottage, Steel Magnolias (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre); 204FM (One Trunk Theatre); New

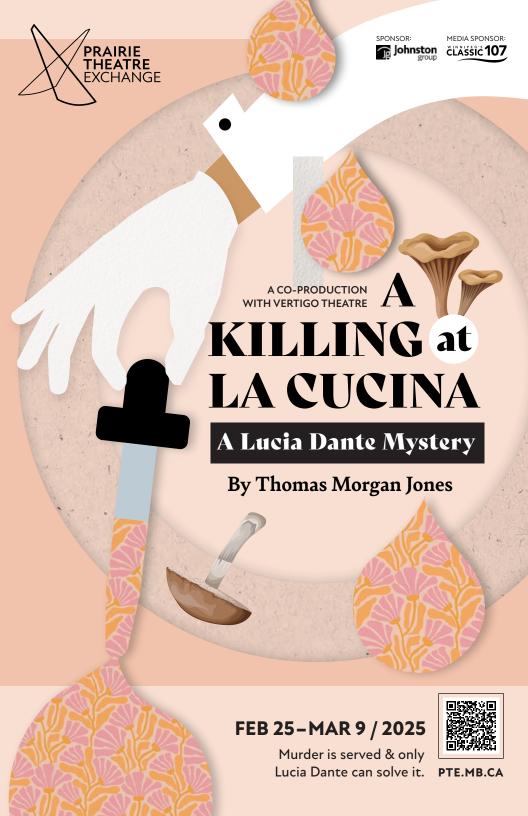
Canadian Kid, IMPROVident (Manitoba Theatre for Young Audiences). In the moments when we can't help but laugh at each other onstage - when we're truly present - that's where you are, Uncle Steve. \blacksquare



Jane Testar (she/her)

Jane has had the good fortune of being part of Outside Joke, as well as the sketch comedy troupe Hot Thespian Action, and the Fu Fu Chi Chi Choir. She has appeared on stage in Theatre Projects Manitoba's None of This Is Happening, in French with Cercle Molière's Que Faire d'Albert?, The Winter's Tale with Shakespeare in the Ruins, Noël Coward's Private Lives, and The Piano Teacher (MTC). She is also a frequent CBC Radio contributor and is currently the host of the CBC Comedy Factory Podcast. Jane would like to

dedicate her performances of this show to the memory of her dad, Brian Testar.



MEET the ARTISTS



Jane Buttner (she/her)
Stage Manager

Credits include: The Wedding Party (PTE); Red Earth, I Dream of Diesel (One Trunk Theatre/Theatre Projects Manitoba); The Threepenny Opera (Sick + Twisted/AA Battery); Sargent + Victor + Me (S+T/TPM); A Short History of Crazy Bone (TPM); Romeo & Juliet, Antony & Cleopatra (Shakespeare in the Ruins). Jane considers herself beyond lucky to work and play 'out west' during the summer months, where she and her partner enjoy

very long walks and sleeping in the dirt. She is thrilled to spend another holiday season surrounded by family and friends, and grateful to once again work in a room filled with laughter and the good people of OJ and PTE.



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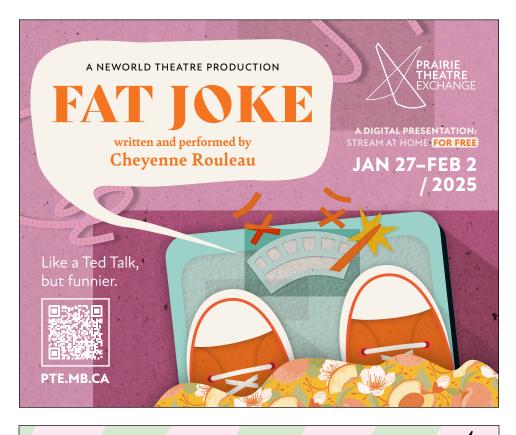
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The WJO is getting a little nuts this Christmas with their rendition of the Duke's classic Nutcracker Suite! If Sugar Plum Fairies and waltzing flowers weren't enough, our second act features Buddy the Elf as he journeys from the North Pole to New York City to a very swinging' soundtrack! Featuring special guest Quinn Greene, this concert will be sure to send your Christmas spirit soaring!

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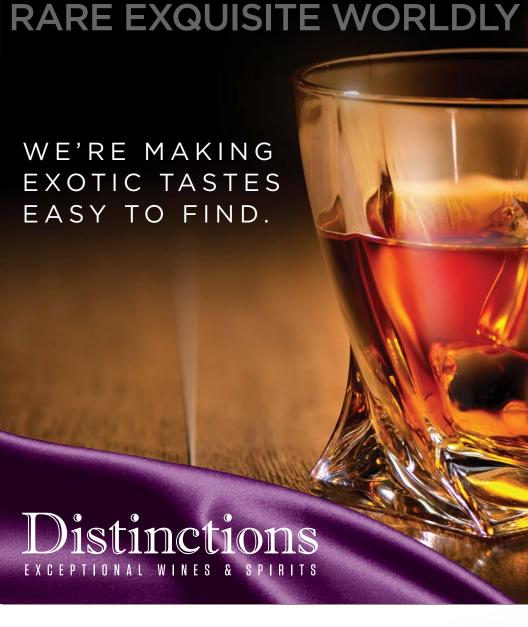
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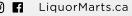
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