

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

#### **Snow White Christmas**

Welcome to Norm Foster's *A Snow White Christmas*! Mr. Foster has done it again. A wonderful romp through a loosely-based fairy tale that has all the magic you'd expect from the portrayal of this enchanting story...taking place sometime after the forest scenes of the original *Snow White*.

Norm Foster is my favourite Canadian playwright I have performed in many of his plays on stage, largely because I enjoy his stories. This one is no exception. I love his humour, as he weaves through a good story-line with a message. This one is very different from the fairy tales of our childhood. It is fast-paced and has many charming and larger-than-life characters. I hope you enjoy watching this show as much as I've had directing it.



The cast has worked hard to bring you this storytelling adventure and I feel quite blessed to have had this special group for my Theatre Woodstock directorial debut. Everyone involved in its making; set builders, painters, costume designers, props, lighting-professional, sound development and stage management are just a few examples of the 'behind the scenes' assistance that we experienced throughout the show. I feel very blessed to have co-directed this production with the help of my gifted wife, Joanna Sweete. She developed and directed the black-light scene changes with a talented group of children. Thanks to Kim Di Lello for her help and organization with the production of this show.

I hope you are all taken away from your daily worries and woes and transformed into this magical space that will have you leaving the theatre with a light heart for this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the cast and crew. Enjoy the show! Hi Ho!

JEFF SWEETE



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## CAST

| Snow White                | JOANNA SWEETE          |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Vincent Charming          | DAVID BUTCHER          |
| Max                       |                        |
| Freddy                    | ALEX WOODWARD-HERBORTH |
| Derek                     | AARON GORLICK          |
| Fairly Good Mother        | JOANNA KENNEDY         |
| Prudence                  |                        |
| Happy Jr                  | PAIGE ALLEN            |
| Sleepy Jr.                |                        |
| Grumpy Jr.                |                        |
| Bashful Jr.               |                        |
| Dopey Jr                  | OLIVIA SIMARD          |
| Sneezy Jr.                |                        |
| Doc Jane Jr               |                        |
|                           |                        |
| Voice of the Magic Mirror | CHUCK BAXTER           |

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Ashlee Sweete Nikki Sweete Perry Klein Cadence Waters Julie Matheson David DeJonge Melanie Carter Do Good - Oxford



Front: Penny, Olivia, Carissa Back: Alexis, Katie, Zoey, Paige



Back: Rob, Nathan Middle: Maria, Abby Front: Alex, Ben



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## CREW

| Director JEFF SWEETE  |
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| Black Light Director JOANNA SWEETE  |
| Producers KIM DI LELLO, SUSAN ROBINSON  |
| Stage Manager KIM SERAFINO  |
| Assistant Stage Managers NATHAN COOMBER, ABBY ARMSTRONG, ALEX ROBERTS   |
| Green Room Assistant Stage Manager STEPHANIE SIMARD   |
| Set Design JOANNA SWEETE  |
| Black Light Artists PAIGE ALLEN, CARISSA EVANS, ALEXIS CARLISLE,<br>PENNY WIJNKER, OLIVIA SIMARD, ZOEY FLEMING, KATIE GORLICK |
| Black Light Props JOANNA SWEETE, KRISTIN KLEIN, JEFF SWEETE   |
| Costumes KRISTIN KLEIN, JOCELYN KLEIN, AUDREY PRICE   |
| Hair AUDREY KELLESTINE &<br>WOODSTOCK CAMPUS FANSHAWE HAIRSTYLING STUDENTS  |
| Lighting Designer ROB COLES   |
| Lighting Operator EMMETT HAMMOND  |
| Sound Designers JOANNA SWEETE, JEFF SWEETE  |
| Sound Production ROB MCLAUGHLIN   |
| Props MARIA ST. LAURENT   |
| Set Construction DEAN MATHESON, FRANK BAASNER, JASON CARLISLE   |
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**JOANNA SWEETE (Snow White & Black Light Director)** Joanna Sweete is delighted to play the role of Snow White. She is usually either directing or stage managing for Theatre Woodstock but is having a ball playing with this amazing cast. She worked for years directing for CAST often adding black light to her productions. She is so grateful to Jeff for giving her the opportunity to work with the children and black light in this hilarious adaptation of Snow White. Her directing credits include The *Foursome, Outlaw, Shorthanded, Dracula the Musica*l and most recently *Guys in a Garage*. So, sit back, relax and remember sometimes dreams do come true.



**DAVID BUTCHER (Vincent Charming)** David has been in and around the theatre scene for approximately 23 years. Although this WODL award winning actor is based out of Woodstock, David has been seen performing on various stages throughout the region. David is happy to be a part of this show. Enjoy.



**DANA FOBERT (Max)** Dana has been involved with Theatre Woodstock through CAST and STAGES since she was 7 years old. She is very excited to be back after being in Toronto for 5 years doing Stand up comedy. You may have seen her in Red Players' *Anything Goes* as Erma. You can also catch her in Theatre Woodstock's upcoming production of *Cabaret* as Sally Bowles. Dana is very excited for audiences to join the amazing cast in Snow White's Sweat Shoppe. Big thanks to the cast and crew for their hard work, and all the candy and treats shared over many late nights rehearsing at the church. Happy Holidays and enjoy the show!



**ALEX WOODWARD-HERBORTH (Freddy)** Alex is making his return to the stage after a 6 year hiatus. Last seen with Penny and Pound in their 2018 production of *You Can't Take it With You*, Alex is making his Theatre Woodstock debut. Alex would like to thank his friends and family for supporting his work and also the chair which has wheels on it for never letting him down.

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**AARON GORLICK (Derek)** Aaron is an actor and musician in the Southern Ontario area, having moved from Toronto to Woodstock in 2018. After *A Snow White Christmas* you'll be able to catch him in the upcoming mystery *Rehearsal for Murder* at the Guelph Little Theatre. Aaron's dream as an actor is to one day play Shakespeare at a big venue.



**JOANNA KENNEDY (Fairly Good Mother)** Joanna is very excited to be making her Theatre Woodstock debut in *A Snow White Christmas*. When she's not rehearsing, Joanna loves to volunteer at her children's public school, Algonquin, and behind the scenes for Theatre Woodstock as the Social Media Director. She wants to thank all the VERY good mothers in her life and her incredible family for their support during this latest creative adventure. Surely, it won't be her last.



**GRACE KENNEDY (Prudence)** Grace is thrilled to be making her stage debut as Prudence in Theatre Woodstock's *A Snow White Christmas*. Grace is in the 6th grade at Algonquin Public School and enjoys studying acro and contemporary dance at Dance in Style Studio in her spare time. She would like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive, as well as the cast and crew for making it such a fun experience.

## **CREW**



**KIM DI LELLO (Producer)** Kim has many years of past experience with Theatre Woodstock, both on and off the stage. Most recently she directed for the Festival of One Act Plays 4. She hopes you enjoy this show and this season with your family and friends!



**KIM SERAFINO (Stage Manager)** This is Kim's 6th time stage managing for Theatre Woodstock. You may have also seen her on stage as an actor in many plays at Theatre Woodstock and Ingersoll. She hopes everyone enjoys this quirky, hilarious Norm Foster play because working with this incredibly talented cast and crew has been quirky and hilarious.

### **AUDITION NOTICE**

For

**A Rock Sails By** By Sean Grennan

Director: Scott Rooney Stage Manager: Samantha Muller Producers: Janny Hughes and Sally Johnston

#### Sunday, January 5, 2025 • 2:00 to 4:00 PM

#### Monday, January 6, 2025 • 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Old St. Paul's Church 723 Dundas St., Woodstock, ON

#### **Contact for scripts:**

Janny Hughes - *janny.hughes3@gmail.com* Sally Johnston - *saljohnston@rogers.com* 

#### **Roles:**

Dr. Lynn Cummings: Female, 50's-60's, astrophysicist, professor
Olive Cummings: Female, 20's-30's, Dr. Cumming's daughter
Jason Harper: Male, 30's, journalist
Haley: T.A. works for Dr. Lynn - Any gender or non-binary role
Chancellor: Head of University - Any gender or non-binary role
Taylor: Jason's superior - Any gender or non-binary role
Doctor: Dr. Lynn's specialist - Any gender or non-binary role
Messenger: Mysterious character - Any gender or non-binary role

**Play Runs:** 

April 3 - 13, 2025 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons

Selections from the script will be used for the audition

Rehearsals will begin in January





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February 13-23, 2025



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