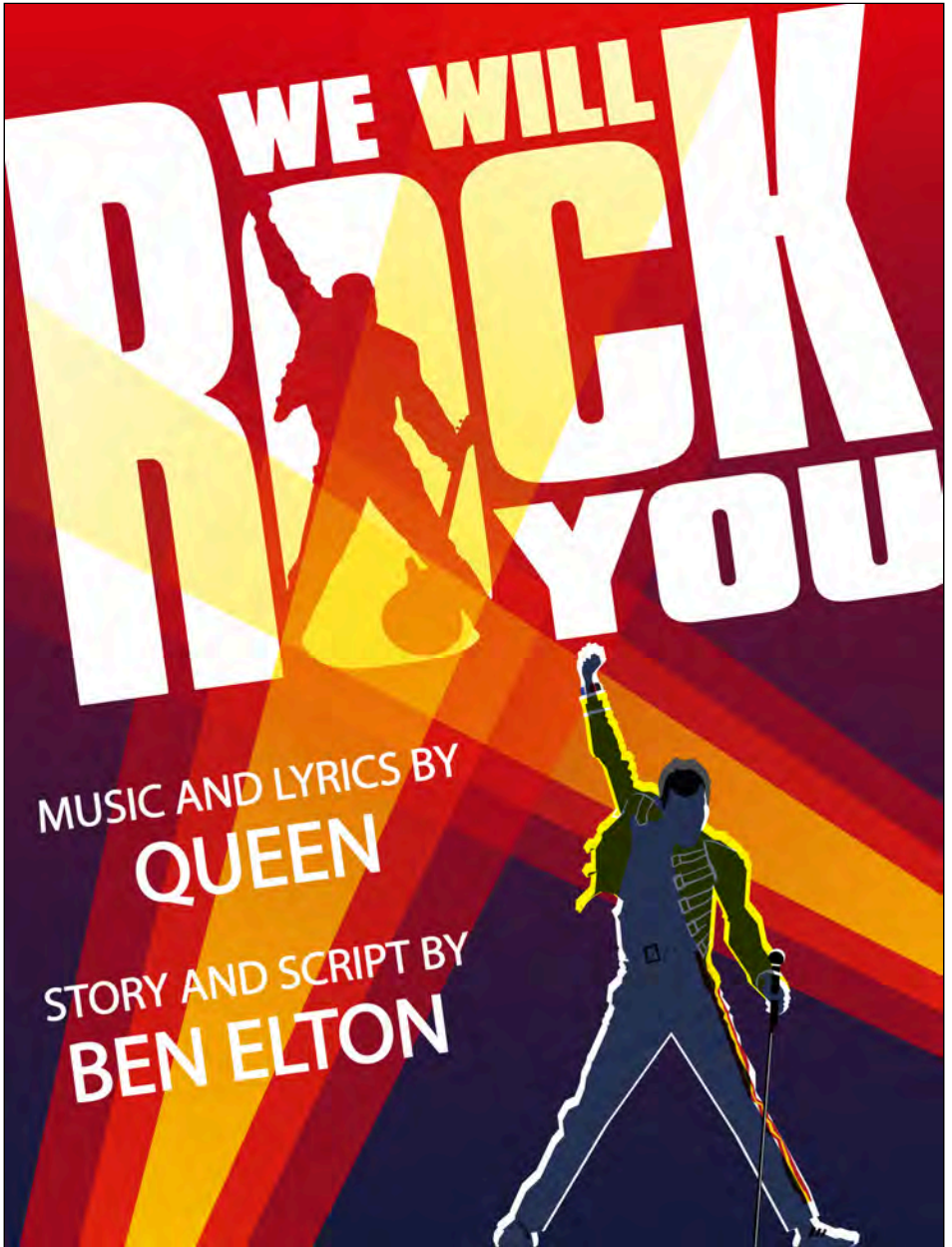


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# Lord Byng Theatre Company

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**Dawn Ewen**

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**Arielle Ballance**

Directed & Produced by  
**Karli Sawka & Matthew Thiessen**

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# DIRECTORS' NOTES

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Back in 2019, we decided we had the company and the ability to produce the musical *We Will Rock You*. Spring Break of 2020 rolled around and Darren and his crew began the install of the musical on the Lord Byng stage. 2 days later, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that schools would not be returning after Spring Break due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

We were stunned, shocked, and devastated. We all walked away from a musical that we had all collectively spent so much time and money on. Originally, after the closing of our musical in June 2020, the School Board had intended on closing the theatre for one year, to do seismic upgrades to building. But, with Covid closing the building down 3 months early, the school board and their contractors decided to go ahead with the upgrades to the building immediately.

Darren and his team had 2 eight hour days to not only strip the set out of the theatre, but also every piece of technical equipment including all of the lighting, sound, video, and drapery. All of this had to be stored in our drama room in another part of the building. Following 4 months of upgrades to the building, the Lord Byng PAC and the school board graciously provided us with new dimmers, a new lighting console, some new LED lighting fixtures, and a new digital sound system.

It took us 6 years to put together the right company to attack *We Will Rock You* again, and this is that year! We are thrilled to finally bring this hilariously silly comedy to the stage, packed with amazing Queen music. It has taken 7 years of work to get here and we are glad that you are all here with us to experience the joy of Rock! We would just like to thank a few organizations for their kindness. First, Theatrical Rights Worldwide who hold the rights to this musical. When the musical was shut down in 2020, they gave us our license fees back in full without question. And when we decided this would be our musical this year, they offered a discount on the rights. Second, Christie Lites Vancouver (our rep Nicole Balesdant and the rentals staff) who also refunded half of the rental cost in 2020 when we had to return the equipment 6 weeks early. They also discounted our rental of lighting truss this year for the show. We are grateful to them all for all they do for us.

Finally, we want to thank all of the mentors who join us every year to work on our musicals, making them bigger and better each time. Dawn Ewen, Arielle Ballance, Darren Hales, Ethan Cook, Isaiah Ibarra, Kade Larson, Nik Majorkiewicz, and Rose Fulker.

Enjoy the show...and Rock On!

Matthew Thiessen & Karli Sawka  
Directors  
*We Will Rock You!*

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## SYNOPSIS

*WE WILL ROCK YOU* tells the story of a globalized future without musical instruments. A handful of rock rebels, the Bohemians, fight against the all-powerful Globalsoft company and its boss, the Killer Queen; they fight for freedom, individuality and the rebirth of the age of rock. Scaramouche and Galileo, two young outsiders, cannot come to terms with the bleak conformist reality. They join the Bohemians and embark on the search to find the unlimited power of freedom, love and Rock!

Since 2002, over 15 million theatregoers in 17 countries have been thrilled by this awe-inspiring production which is based on the songs of Queen with a book by Ben Elton (*The Young Ones*, *Blackadder*, *Popcorn*). Elton fashioned this hilarious futurist comedy around more than 24 of Queen's biggest hit songs including *We Are The Champions*, *Radio Ga Ga*, *I Want To Break Free*, *Somebody To Love*, *Killer Queen*, *Don't Stop Me Now*, *Under Pressure*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Another One Bites The Dust* and of course, *We Will Rock You*.

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

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## Act One

Innuendo .....	Company
Radio GaGa .....	Teachers, GaGa Kids
I Want to Break Free .....	Galileo, Scaramouche
Somebody to Love .....	Scaramouche, Teen Queens
Killer Queen .....	Killer Queen, Yuppies
Play the Game .....	Killer Queen, Yuppies
Under Pressure .....	Galileo, Scaramouche
A Kind of Magic .....	Killer Queen, Khashoggi, Yuppies
I Want it All .....	Britney, Oz, Bohemians
You're My Best Friend .....	Galileo, Scaramouche
Headlong .....	Oz, Britney, Galileo, Scaramouche, Bohemians
No One But You .....	Oz, Bohemians
Crazy Little Thing Called Love .....	Britney, Oz, Galileo, Scaramouche, Bohemians

## Act Two

Flash .....	Bohemians, Company
Seven Seas of Rhye .....	Khashoggi, Oz, Buddy, Bohemians, Doctors
Who Wants to Live Forever .....	Scaramouche, Galileo
Fat Bottomed Girls .....	Killer Queen, Yuppies
Another One Bites The Dust .....	Killer Queen
Hammer To Fall .....	Galileo, Scaramouche
These Are The Days Of Our Lives .....	Buddy, Oz, Bohemians
We Are The Champions .....	Bohemians
Bicycle Race .....	Bohemians
Headlong - Reprise .....	Scaramouche, Galileo, Buddy, Ensemble
We Will Rock You .....	Galileo, Buddy, Scaramouche
We Are The Champions - Reprise .....	Ensemble

**\*\* There will be ONE 15 minute intermission \*\***

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# CAST

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Galileo	Avan Stewart
Scaramouche	Lia Frankland
Khashoggi	Julian Wood
Killer Queen	Viola Abley
Brit	River Angeli
Oz	Lola Steinberg
Buddy	Evelynn McTaggart
Bruce Springsteen	Ellen Drysdale
Katy Perry	Luc Perrot
Aretha Franklin	Lærke Peterson
Sixx	Lucas Arguello
Jackson Five, Guard	Samantha Golden
Lady Gaga, Yuppy, Doctor	Kristina Gruetzke
Teacher, Bohemian	Zara Bacic
Gaga Kid, Guitarist, Yuppy	Eli Barret-Stewart
Bohemian, Guard, Doctor	Mira Bortolussi
Bohemian, Yuppy, Doctor	Angelina Sunwoo
Bohemian	Celeste Cho
Bohemian	Abby Cornwall
Bohemian	Wynn Johnson
Bohemian	Felicja Li
Bohemian	Marie Rieseberg
Bohemian	Iga Roth
Bohemian, Yuppy	Johua Severyn
Bohemian, Yuppy	Laila Mihlar
Bohemian, Yuppy	Aimee Mintha
Bohemian, Yuppy	Nex Nodwell-Laval
Bohemian, Yuppy	Odessa Tosto
Bohemian, Yuppy	Jayden Zhang

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# CAST

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Bohemian, Yuppy, Guard, Doctor .....	Felix Zuckerman
Teen Queen, Bohemian, Yuppy .....	Josie Driedger
Teen Queen, Bohemian, Yuppy .....	Chloe Klein
Teen Queen, Bohemian, Yuppy .....	Luiza Williams
Teen Queen, Bohemian .....	Ivy Kettlewell
Teen Queen, Bohemian .....	Mina Salim
Teen Queen, Yuppy .....	Izzy Baril
Teen Queen, Yuppy .....	Taya Groner
Yuppy, Guard .....	Isak Lowe
Yuppy, Guard .....	Ronan Martin
Yuppy .....	Ana Arguello
Yuppy .....	Macey Pearce
Electronic Voice, Guard .....	Audrey Ross

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# PRODUCTION STAFF

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Director / Producer .....	Karli Sawka
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Digital Mix Programmer / Lead Carpenter .....	Ethan Cook *
Costume Design / Stage Manager .....	Rose Fulker *
Graphic Design .....	Derek Fu *
Production Electrician .....	Isaiah Ibarra *
Lighting Operator .....	Michelle Katz
Playback Operator .....	Sianna Doherty
Followspot Operator .....	Ella Myles
Followspot Operator .....	Sydney Running
Dance Captains .....	Kristina Gruetzke Lola Steinberg Angelina Sunwoo Odessa Tosto Felix Zuckerman
Sculptor .....	Nik Majorkiewicz *
Audio Engineer .....	Ethan Yeung
Stage Hand .....	Alfonsina Luna
Stage Hand .....	Sully Eastwood Metzger
Stage Hand .....	Noah Sharp
Stage Hand .....	Gracie Chambers-White
Stage Hand .....	Sofia Cox Van Roon
Stage Hand .....	Hutton Maliha
Stage Hand .....	Robyn Murphy
Stage Hand .....	Sadie Spooner
Stage Hand .....	Jude Birdsall
Stage Hand .....	Alice Huang
Stage Hand .....	Candy Huang

# PRODUCTION STAFF

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Stage Hand ..... Yvonne Huang

Stage Hand ..... Cohen Brown

Stage Hand ..... Alex Song

Stage Hand ..... Colton Hunter

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Some of this year's Theatre Company students created some of the choreography in this musical. These students are listed as follows:

Crazy Little Thing Called Love: Lola Steinberg

I Want it All: Odessa Tosto

Under Pressure: Lola Steinberg

Headlong: Lola Steinberg

Who Wants to Live Forever: Lola Steinberg, Izzy Baril, Taya Groner

These Are the Days of our Lives: Angelina Sunwoo and Kristina Gruetzke

Bows: Lola Steinberg

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# WHO'S WHO

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## Avan Stewart

*as Galileo*

Avan's second year in TheaCo has been amazing, and he's excited to play the role of 'Galileo'! He's incredibly grateful to the wonderful directors, cast, and crew of this show, and he hopes that everyone enjoys!



## Lia Frankland

*as Scaramouche*

Lia is stoked to be playing Scaramouche in her final year of Theatre Company. She is thrilled to be working on *We Will Rock You* alongside a super talented cast and crew, supported by incredible mentors. Lia cannot wait for you to see this year's show. Not to put anyone Under Pressure, but everyone really needs to come watch because they will go Radio Ga Ga over it!



## Julian Wood

*as Khashoggi*

Julian is thrilled and honoured to play Khashoggi during his second (and last) year in Theaco. He's excited to be part of such a magical and oddly silly show, working with an incredible cast and crew. He would like to thank Darren, Mr. Thiessen, Ms. Sawka, Arielle, Dawn, the cast and crew for helping put together such an amazing show!



## Viola Abley

*as Killer Queen*

This is Viola's first year in Theatre Company, and she's thrilled to be performing as "Killer Queen" in *We Will Rock You!* She thanks the incredible cast and crew for their hard work and dedication in bringing this phenomenal show to life. She can't wait for you to see it and hopes you enjoy the performance!



## River Angeli

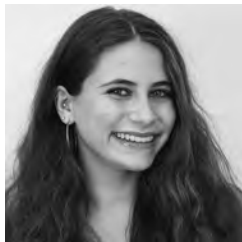
*as Brit*

This is River Angeli's first year in Theatre Company, and he is thrilled to play the part of Brit in *We Will Rock You*. He has loved working on the show and is excited to see how it will all come together. River is very ambitious; one could even say He Wants It All!

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## Lola Steinberg

*as Oz*

Lola Steinberg, harbouring a life-long love of theatre, grew up performing, and will pursue her passion post-secondary. Lola aspires to share her joy with audiences, as Oz in *We Will Rock You*. The opportunity to do a production of such professionalism, with TheaCo's remarkable team, is treasured. Lola's journey with the show has been divine. Long live big hair!



## Evelynn McTaggart

*as Buddy*

This is Evelyn's second year in Theaco, and she is so excited to play the role of Buddy in *We Will Rock You*. She is so grateful to all of her friends, family, and teachers for an amazing senior year, and hopes you enjoy the show. These are the days...



## Ellen Drysdale

*as Bruce Springsteen*

This is Ellen's first year in theaco and she's super excited to be performing as Bruce. She's thankful for everyone who made this show possible and can't wait for audiences to see all the hard work that was put in. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## Luc Perrot

*as Katy Perry*

This is Luc's first year in Theatre Company. He is extremely excited to be performing in Ben Elton's "We Will Rock You" for you all! He wants to thank the incredible cast, crew and directors for their dedication and hard work in putting this production together and can't wait for you to see this year's show. Stay tuned!



## Laerke Peterson

*as Aretha Franklin*

This is Laerke's first year in Theatre Company. She is super excited to be performing as Aretha in "We will rock you" for you all! She wants to thank the incredible cast and crew for their hard work in putting this production together and can't wait for you to see this year's show.

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## **Lucas Arguello**

*as Sixx*

This is Lucas' first year of Theatre Company. He has really enjoyed working on "We will Rock You" with this amazing cast and thanks the cast, crew, and teachers for all their commitment and support. He hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Samantha Golden**

*as Jackson Five, Guard*

This is Samantha's second year in theaco. She is so proud of how much the show has improved since February. She is so happy to be a part of this production, and loves working with the amazing cast and crew of the show. She hopes you enjoy this incredible rock and roll show!



## **Kristina Gruetzke**

*as Lady Gaga, Yuppy, Doctor*

This is Kristina's second and final year of Theatre Company. She will be playing the role of ensemble in this production of We Will Rock You. She has really enjoyed working on the show and would like to thank the teachers, cast, and crew for all their hard work. She wants and hopes for No One But You to come watch the show!



## **Zara Bacic**

*as Teacher, Bohemian*

This is Zara's first year in Theatre Company. She is extremely excited to be a part of "We Will Rock You" and to play the role of teacher! She wants to thank the awesome cast and crew for their hard work in putting this production together. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Eli Barret-Stewart**

*as Gaga Kid, Guitarist, Yuppy*

This is Eli's first year in Theatre Company. He is beyond excited to be part of the ensemble in Ben Elton's "We Will Rock You!" He wants to thank everyone for their hard work in this production, and cannot wait to sing Queen songs for all of you!

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## **Mira Bortolussi** *as Bohemian, Guard, Doctor*

This is Mira's last year in Theatre Company and she is so excited for you to see We Will Rock You! She would like to thank all the amazing people who put so much work into the show.



## **Angelina Sunwoo** *as Bohemian, Yuppy, Doctor*

Angelina is a grade 12 student in her second year of Theatre Company! She will appear in the ensemble of the show, and she is immensely proud of the hard work her classmates and teachers have put into We Will Rock You. She hopes it makes your rockin' world go 'round!



## **Celeste Cho** *as Bohemian*

This is Celeste's first year in Theatre Company and is super excited to perform "We Will Rock You" as a part of the ensemble! Enjoy the show:)



## **Abby Cornwall** *as Bohemian*

This is Abby Cornwall's first year of Theatre Company. She has really enjoyed working on We Will Rock You with this year's amazing cast and crew! With thanks to the cast, crew, teachers, and everyone else who has supported this show. So with that said she hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Wynn Johnson** *as Bohemian*

This is Wynn's second and final year of Theatre Company! She is thrilled to bring We Will Rock You to Byng's stage as Mick Jagger. She is so thankful to have been able to spend the last two years alongside the incredible cast and crew. She hopes We Will Rock... your socks off!

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## Felicja Li

*as Bohemian*

This is Felicja's first year in Theatre Company and she's absolutely thrilled to be coming together with a crew of amazing people to perform *We Will Rock You*. She's deeply grateful for everyone's hard work with this incredible show and she's gonna put you all Under Pressure to come watch the magic come to life.



## Marie Rieseberg

*as Bohemian*

This is Marie's first year in Theatre Company. She is extremely excited to be a part of "*We Will Rock You*"! She wants to thank the incredible cast and crew for their hard work in putting this production together. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



## Iga Roth

*as Bohemian*

This is Iga's first year in Theatre Company. She is extremely excited to be performing in "*We Will Rock You*"! She wants to thank the cast and the crew for working so hard on the show! Watch out for Killer Queen and enjoy!



## Johua Severyn

*as Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Josh's first year in Theatre Company. He is thrilled to be a part of *We Will Rock You*! He would like to thank everyone who made this experience so wonderful and is excited for everyone to see the show!



## Laila Mihlar

*as Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Laila's first year in Theatre Company. She is extremely excited to be performing as ensemble in *We Will Rock You*! She wants to thank the incredible cast and crew for their hard work in putting this production together and can't wait for you to see this year's show.

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## **Aimee Mintha**

*as Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Aimee's first year in theatre company, and I'm so excited to be part of the cast of *We Will Rock You*. I'm incredibly grateful for this opportunity and for everyone who helped make this show possible. I can't wait to perform and share this experience with the audience!



## **Nex Nodwell-Laval**

*as Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Nex's second year in theaco, but first year acting in the production! After working as a tech, he is excited to be onstage singing and dancing as a Bohemian. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the show!



## **Odessa Tosto**

*as Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Odessa's second year in Theaco! She is thrilled to be apart of *We will rock you*



## **Jayden Zhang**

*as Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Jayden Zhang's first year in Theatre Company. He is extremely grateful and excited to be performing the Queen inspired "We Will Rock You". He wants to thank everyone on the cast and crew for all their hard work putting this musical together, and would like to thank all of the teachers, coaches, and designers who helped create this production. Enjoy the show!



## **Felix Zuckerman**

*as Bohemian, Yuppy, Guard, Doctor*

This is Felix's second and final year of theatre company. He is very excited to play all sorts of roles in this musical, including but not limited to; Guard, Doctor, Bohemian, and a Gaga Kid. This will be most likely Felix's last musical he will perform in and is very excited to be a part of this cast. He hopes everyone loves it!

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## **Josie Driedger**

*as Teen Queen, Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Josie's first year in Theatre Company. She is extremely excited to play a Gaga Girl and be in the ensemble for "We Will Rock You"! She wants to thank the incredible cast and crew for their hard work in putting this production together and can't wait for you to see this year's show.



## **Chloe Klein** *as Teen Queen, Bohemian, Yuppy*

This is Chloe's first year in Theatre Company. She is excited to be performing as a Gaga Girl/Ensemble in this year's production of We Will Rock You. She wants to thank the amazing and talented cast and crew for all the hard work they've put in this year. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Luiza Williams** *as Teen Queen, Bohemian, Yuppy*

Listen all you people...come gather 'round, this is Luiza's final year in Theatre Company. She is delighted to be a part of the killer production of We Will Rock You. Luiza would like to thank her friends and family for their support and hopes this show will absolutely drive you wild! It will truly be a kind of magic.



## **Ivy Kettlewell** *as Teen Queen, Bohemian*

This is Ivy's second year in Theatre Company. She is extremely excited to be a part of "We Will Rock You"! She wants to thank the incredible cast and crew for their hard work in putting this production together. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



## **Mina Salim** *as Teen Queen, Bohemian*

This is Mina's first year in Theatre Company. She is so excited to be performing Ben Elton's "We Will Rock You" for you all!! She wants to thank the wonderful cast and crew for all their hard work in putting this show together and can't wait for you to see the final product! So hop on and come watch their kind of magic unfold!!

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## Izzy Baril

*as Teen Queen, Yuppy*

This is Izzy's second year of Theaco, and she couldn't be more excited! She's very thankful to the amazing cast, crew, and teachers for all their commitment and support. She's looking forward to seeing you at the show!



## Taya Groner

*as Teen Queen, Yuppy*

This is Taya's second and final year in Theatre Company and really enjoyed working on last year's production of Hometown: Teen Edition. She is thrilled to be a part of this year's We Will Rock You as a Teen Queen and Yuppy, she hopes you all enjoy the show!



## Isak Lowe

*as Yuppy, Guard*

This is Isak's first year with Theaco and he's so excited to be part of Lord Byng's production of We Will Rock You. He's really enjoyed working with the cast and crew and thanks all the amazing people who've made this show possible. He looks forward to performing and hopes you enjoy the show!



## Ronan Martin

*as Yuppy, Guard*

This is Ronan's first year in Theatre Company. He is thrilled to be a part of his first show at Lord Byng with We Will Rock You! He would like to thank everyone who made this experience so special, and is excited for everyone to see the show!



## Ana Arguello

*as Yuppy*

This is Ana's second year in Theatre Company as an actor! She is very excited to perform "We Will Rock You" with such an amazing cast and is thankful for all the hard work from the incredible crew. She hopes to see everyone at the show!

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## **Macey Pearce**

*as Yuppy*

This is Macey's first year of Theatre Company. She wants to thank the cast, crew, and teachers for all their commitment and support. She is overall very grateful for everything she has learned from being apart of this show. She has had a great time working on We Will Rock You with this amazing cast and she hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Audrey Ross**

*as Electronic Voice, Guard*

This is Audrey's second and final year in Theatre Company. She is excited to bring We Will Rock You to the stage. Audrey would like to thank the cast, techs, and teachers for their incredible work. Rock on and enjoy the show!

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# CREW WHO'S WHO

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## **Karli Sawka**

*Director / Producer*

Ms. Sawka is excited to embark on her second year as a producer for TheaCo's production of *We Will Rock You*. Ms. Sawka's journey in the arts began with extensive dance training, which has given her a strong foundation in performance and choreography.

Ms. Sawka is not new to directing mainstage shows. Before moving to the VSB, she dedicated seven years to SD34 where she co-directed and worked on mainstage shows at the Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts including *Grease*, *Aida*, *The Serpent*, and *The Tempest*. She is looking forward to contributing her creativity to this exciting project alongside Jedi Master/co-producer Mr. Thiessen, Choreographer, Dawn Ewen, Bossman/artistic designer Darren Hales and Songbird/musical director Arielle Ballance - what an honour to be working with such a talented, professional, and creative team! What a strong cast and crew this year - looking forward to an incredible production!



## **Matthew Thiessen**

*Director / Producer*

This is Mr. Thiessen's eighth foray into the magic that is Theatre Company. Though not a musical theatre aficionado, he does dabble with singing and choreo alongside his nine-year old daughter while blasting Youtube tunes. In 2018-2019, Matthew joined TheaCo and he and Hughes co-produced and directed their first show together: *Moby Dick: The Musical*. He is grateful to work alongside Karli Sawka on *We Will Rock You*, and is especially grateful to his Theatre Widow and wife, Petra. Thiessen has had a great time working with these talented actors and crew, and thanks them for their hard work and professionalism. A big THANK YOU to Dawn Ewen for her wonderfulness, and to Darren Hales for...everything! And of course, to the actors and techs whose fantastic work on this show exceeded his expectations in quality and pizzazz. You are inspiring!

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# CREW WHO'S WHO

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## **Dawn Ewen \***

*Choreographer*

Dawn is a director, choreographer, instructor, and producer in Canadian theatre. As Artistic Director of Pixie & Dot Productions and Sassafras & Co., she crafts imaginative, award-winning productions, workshops and classes for all ages. Her work, recognized with Ovation and CTC Awards, has graced stages from BC to Inverness, Scotland. A five-time Ethel Tibbits Award nominee. With a passion for storytelling and community-driven theatre, she continues to strive for visionary leadership and commitment to creating unforgettable theatrical experiences. Dawn wishes to thank Amy Hughes for being her "Hotel" whenever Dawn comes to town for Byng. Enjoy the show!



## **Arielle Ballance \***

*Musical Director*

Arielle Ballance is a music director, accompanist, performer, and coach. She has made music with numerous theatre companies in BC and Alberta including Sound the Alarm, Theatre Under the Stars, Raincity Theatre, the Gateway, Metro Theatre, CapU, Studio 58, MacEwan University, and Alberta Musical Theatre Company. She has received two Ovation awards for Outstanding Music Direction and was nominated for a Jessie award in 2019. Besides her work in both professional and community theatre, Arielle also loves to work with emerging performers in educational environments. She has music directed at Magee and North Delta Secondary, and is on the faculty of Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! musical theatre summer program.

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## **Darren W. Hales \***

*Set, Lighting, Video, Sound Designs*

Darren began as lighting designer with Lord Byng on their production of *My Fair Lady* in 2005. Other notable designs with Byng include *Unity 1918*, *Urinetown*, *Cabaret*, *The Laramie Project*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Curtains: The Musical*, *Moby Dick: The Musical*, *Mamma Mia*, and last year's production of *Hadestown*. Some other recent projects include lighting for *The Lightning Thief* (Matthew McNair Secondary), and the Arts Club's production of *Mom's The Word: Talkin' Turkey*, which will tour BC this fall. One of his favourite and most complex designs to date was for St. George's production of *Les Miserables* in November 2018 with over 420 lighting cues which was only surpassed by Byng's production of *Hadestown* with 445 cues! This musical is a very close second! Darren is head electrician at the Arts Club's Lindsay Family Stage at Granville Island. Darren sends his thanks and love to his partner, Isaiah!



## **Kade Larson \***

*Set Design*

Kade assisted on the installation of our production of *Hadestown: Teen Edition* last year. He is happy to return to co-design the set for *We Will Rock You*. Kade is the technical director of the Arts Club's Lindsay Family Stage at Granville Island.



## **Ethan Cook \***

*Digital Mix Programmer / Lead Carpenter*

Ethan is excited to be part of another of Lord Byng Theatre Company's shows, *We Will Rock You!* Ethan is a Byng alumnus and has been a part of the tech side of many of Lord Byng's shows over the last few years, most notably *Mamma Mia* and *Hadestown*. He wants to thank Darren and Tim Horton's.



## **Rose Fulker \*** *Costume Design / Stage Manager*

Rose is thrilled to be returning to Lord Byng for this year's production of *We Will Rock You!* She is a recent graduate and previously appeared in Lord Byng's productions as *Hermes* in *Hadestown: Teen Edition* and *Ali* in *Mamma Mia*. This year, she is contributing to the production's technical elements, including costumes, props, lighting, and more. She will be attending Studio 58 next year to pursue her studies in theatre. She would like to thank the cast and crew for all their hard work and dedication.

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## **Isaiah Ibarra \***

*Production Electrician*

This is Isaiah's third production with Lord Byng's TheaCo. Last year, he assisted on the sold out production of Hadestown. Other recent musicals include Mamma Mia (Lord Byng), Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (CTORA), and Hadestown: Teen Edition (Crofton). Working on another TheaCo production as an electrician has been great fun and he hopes you enjoy this hilarious production full of hits!



## **Nik Majorkiewicz \***

*Sculptor*

Nik is a professional scenic painter and sculptor. Many of her projects are with Bard on the Beach and Metro Theatre. Nik is a recent graduate of Capilano University's Theatre Program.



## **Michelle Katz**

*Lighting Operator*

This is Michelle's second and final year as a tech in Theatre Company. She is grateful for the opportunity to work behind the scenes with such a talented cast and crew, and she hopes you enjoy We Will Rock You!



## **Sianna Doherty**

*Playback Operator*

This is Sianna's second and final year in Theatre Company. She is excited to serve as a Technician for We Will Rock You, specializing in painting, and costumes. She has loved bringing this production to life and thanks the cast, crew, and teachers for their dedication and support. She cannot wait to see all the hard work pay off and hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Ella Myles**

*Followspot Operator*

This is Ella's last year of Theatre Company as a tech; she is sad but can't wait for people to watch this amazing show. So much time and effort has been put into it by the techs and the actors. We hope you enjoy the show!

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## Sydney Running

*Followspot Operator*

This is Sydney's first year in Theatre Company as a Tech. They are very excited to be a part of this production of We Will Rock You, and is excited to paint, craft, and learn new skills. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## Ethan Yeung

*Audio Engineer*

This is Ethan's second year in TheaCo, and he's doing tech again? After doing it last year, he thought it wasn't the worst use of a block. He is mildly enthused to be doing We Will Rock You this year (he's not the biggest musical person). Most importantly, Ethan wants to enjoy himself, and maybe you will too.



## Alfonsina Luna

*Stage Hand*

This is Alfonsina's Third year doing tech for Lord Byng Theatre Company. Although she is sad this will be her last time doing tech for Theatre Company, she is excited to help make this show possible one last time, and hopes everyone enjoys this year's show!



## Sully Eastwood Metzger

*Stage Hand*

This is Sully's second and final year of Theatre Company. He has loved being a part of the tech team behind We Will Rock you, and he's sure you'll love the show!



## Noah Sharp

*Stage Hand*

This is Noah Sharp's first year as a tech in Theaco. He is very excited to help out with the production this year!

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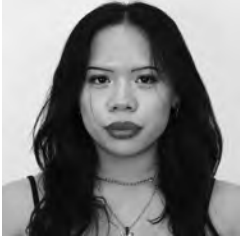
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### **Gracie Chambers-White**

*Stage Hand*

This is Gracie's first year in theatre company as a technician. She is very eager to work in the production of "We Will Rock You" specializing in makeup, costumes, and painting.



### **Sofia Cox Van Roon**

*Stage Hand*

Sofia hopes you enjoy the show.



### **Hutton Maliha**

*Stage Hand*

This is Hutton's first year of Theatre Company as a technician, he is very excited to work on We Will Rock You on painting and set construction. He wishes all of the cast and crew the best for having a great production and can't for you to see it!



### **Robyn Murphy**

*Stage Hand*

This is Robyn's second and final year as a technician, she has loved getting to work with such a talented cast and crew and can't wait for everyone to see Theatre Company's production of We Will Rock You! She hopes you enjoy it as much as she does!



### **Sadie Spooner**

*Stage Hand*

Sadie hopes you enjoy the show.

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**Alice Huang**

*Stage Hand*

Alice is a grade 12 student and this will be her first year working as a tech with the Theatre Company! After a year of quietly supporting the department by organizing costumes, she is excited to dive into the hands-on work of painting, prop work, and collaborative work to help bring the show to life.



**Candy Huang**

*Stage Hand*

This is Candy's first year in Theatre Company as a technician. She is excited to participate in the production of "We Will Rock You," supporting set painting, and construction. She truly enjoys collaborating with the team and contributing to bringing the production to life behind the scenes.



**Yvonne Huang**

*Stage Hand*

Yvonne is in grade 12 and is thrilled to be working on her first year as a tech with the Theatre Company. Throughout the year, her work focuses on hands-on painting and the organization of costumes. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Cohen Brown**

*Stage Hand*

This is Cohen Brown's first year in theatre company as a technician. He is excited to participate in the production of WE WILL ROCK YOU, specializing in brute force work, as well as assisting with the set construction.



**Alex Song**

*Stage Hand*

Alex hopes you enjoy the show.

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## **Jude Birdsall**

*Stage Hand*

This is Jude Birdsall's first year working with Theatre Company! He's currently in grade 12 Media Arts. He's excited to work as a tech this year and is dedicated to helping the show run. Jude's up to any task and is always happy to help with sets, painting, costumes, and technology.



## **Colton Hunter**

*Stage Hand*

Colton hopes you enjoy the show.

# PHOTOS



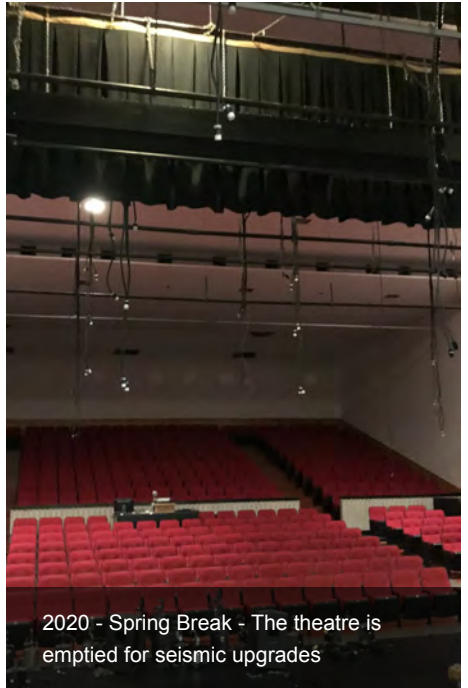
2020 - Spring Break - Building the truss structure



2020 - Spring Break - Adding the base plates



2020 - Spring Break - Covid shuts down our show and theatre



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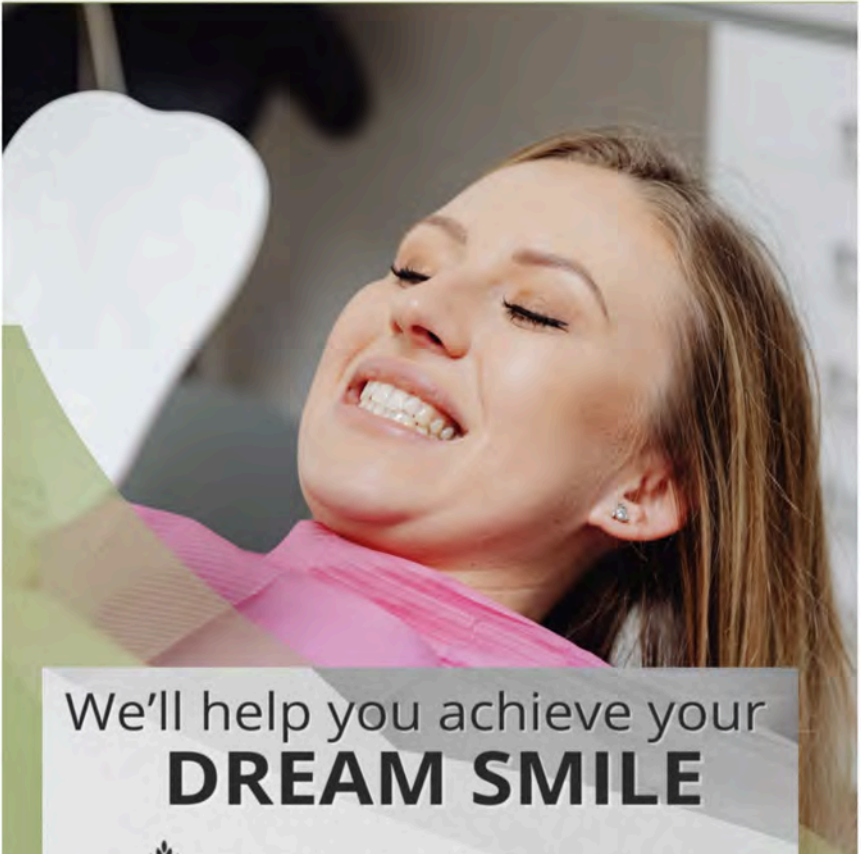
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As a long-time Byng teacher, Ms. Hughes has been a cornerstone of Byng's history, leaving an indelible mark on our community. Her dedication and passion for education and the arts have inspired countless students. During her years as a Theatre Company producer, Ms. Hughes brought immense joy, creativity, and rigor to our productions. In addition, we are especially grateful for her generosity in providing lodging for our director and choreographer, Dawn Ewen, each year, ensuring the shows run smoothly and fostering a spirit of collaboration.

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when the rights to Hadestown became available  
just before we made our final decision.

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