



Amie Debrone

Voice & Acting Studio

PROUDLY PRESENTS

COMEDY TONIGHT!

**A HILARIOUS
CONCERT
FOR AN
AWESOME
CAUSE!**



Concert Cast '23

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2 @ 3PM
@ THE REGISTRY THEATRE, KITCHENER**

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR

Breast Cancer Canada

WELCOME



It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to my studio's third fundraising concert - *Comedy Tonight!*

I offer this bi-annual opportunity to my students because I deeply believe in community, and that humans can support each other in incredible ways. This experience gives performers a chance to work in a professional theatre with a professional crew and musicians - to get a sense of what it is to prepare for a full-scale production, rehearsal processes and more. But it also brings them together, supporting each other. The experience reminds them that they can use their incredible talents for great causes, and that it's not always about "getting the part", but being a part of something great that is the reward.

Thank you for your support of the performers, and Breast Cancer Canada. We can all use a good laugh - so enjoy the show, and laugh loud!

Amie has studied singing and acting across North America and has been teaching students from beginner to pro from around the world for almost 20 years. Select favourite performances include ensemble in *Sister Act*, *9 to 5 the Musical* (Drayton Entertainment), Gwendolyn Fairfax in *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Lost & Found Theatre), Rita in *Educating Rita* (TCP), Kit Kat Ensemble in *Cabaret*, Kitty in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (KWMP), and performances with Spiritus Ensemble, the KW Symphony and WLU Opera. When she's not singing, she loves to travel, dance, hike, cook and read nerdy voice and brain science books. Thanks to my husband who always supports my dreams, and especially to all my students to inspire me and make me laugh every day!
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THE PROGRAM

Comedy Tonight! - Full Company

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, S. Sondheim

I'd Order Love - Randy

First Date, Zachary & Weiner

Taylor the Latte Boy/Taylor's Rebuttal - Chloée & Charlie

Heisler & Goldrich/A. Byrne

When I'm Not Near the Girl I Love - Andrew

Finian's Rainbow, Harburg & Lane

Poisoning Pigeons in the Park - Kristien & Mia

T. Lehrer

Computer Camp - Sofia & Millie

D. Rhodenizer

Ed the Invisible Dragon - Lola & Mia

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I Know it's Today - Josephine, Leah & Chloée

Tesori & Lindsay-Abaire

Ain't that a Kick in the Head - Dave

Dean Martin

Adelaide's Lament - Elizabeth

Guys & Dolls, F. Loesser

THE PROGRAM

Bride's Lament - Chloée & Andrew with Nancy, Kristien, Lisa, Elizabeth, Charlie & Randy

The Drowsy Chaperone, Lambert & Morrison

Sayonara - Poppy

How to Eat like a Child, J. Forster

To Excess - Charlie

Kooman & Dimond

What is this Feeling? - Natalie & Josephine

Wicked, S. Schwartz

I Won't Grow Up - Alexis, Sofia, Lola, Millie, Natalie, & Poppy

Peter Pan, Charlap & Leigh

Lollipop - Cassandra, Leah, Eli, Natalie, Alexis, Sofia, Charlie with Lola, Poppy, Millie & Josephine, Choreographer: Chloée

The Chordettes

Everybody Ought to have a Maid - Randy, Dave, Andrew

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, S. Sondheim

Wash that Man Right Outta My Hair - Kristien, Lisa, Nancy, Eli, Elizabeth, Mia

South Pacific, Rodgers & Hammerstein

Goodbye! - Full Company

The Producers, M. Brooks

THE CAST



Alexis Lyon

Alexis Lyon has been a student of Amie's since she was 7 years old. She started performing at age 4, and her most notable appearances include a stage appearance as Tiny Tim in *Charles Dickens Writes a Christmas Carol* (Lost and Found Theatre), the voice of Annabelle on the animated show *Pinecone and Pony* (AppleTV) and Allison Krendler on *Clarice* (CBS). When not auditioning or performing, Alexis is playing Rep Softball for Kitchener. Alexis is currently rehearsing for Waterloo-Oxfords spring stage performance.



Andrew Parent

Andrew currently lives in Mississauga, but was born and raised in Waterloo where he has been taking singing lessons for over 10 years. He started taking lessons with Amie in September of 2024. He is currently in the ensemble of TUPA's *Oliver* and his past roles include the dance core in *Company* (Burloak) and the ensemble in *Mamma Mia!* (TUPA). Andrew's inspiration is his fiancée who he just proposed to this past November. Thanks for seeing the show!



Becky Booker accompanist

Becky came to Kitchener-Waterloo in 1996 to study piano performance at Wilfrid Laurier University. Since then, she has enjoyed being a part of this area's vibrant musical community as a collaborative pianist. She is currently a vocal accompanist/coach at the University of Waterloo. Becky is currently completing a Masters of Theological Studies degree at Conrad Grebel College, and has been working at Highland since 2019. Becky enjoys gardening, hiking, and reading. She is married to Mark, and has two young adult children.

THE CAST



Cassandra Dhanapala

Cassandra is in her final term at the University of Waterloo, studying Legal Studies. In her free time, she loves exploring her passion for singing. Over the past two years, Amie has helped her to develop a deep love for theatre, and she is so excited to be part of this singing community. She looks forward to continuing to grow as a performer and discovering more about her voice. A heartfelt thank you to my loved ones for their support in attending this show, and a special thanks to Amie for making this all possible!



Charlie Brohman

Charlie has been studying singing with Amie for the past 2 years and is an active performer in community theatre productions and a current board member of Kitchener Waterloo Musical Productions (KWMP). Select favourite performances include Max/Hans in *Cabaret* (KWMP), and William Barfee in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (KWMP). When not singing or performing Charlie enjoys the outdoors and hiking, cooking, movies, and spending time with family/friends. Special thank-you to Amie for your constant support and guidance and continuing to share your gifts with your students!



Chloée Legault

Chloée has been performing from a very young age. She started vocal lessons with Amie over 10 ago and has been dancing competitively since the age of 6! Favourite credits include: Cosette in *Les Misérables* (The Singers Theatre), *Guys and Dolls*, *Shrek the Musical* (KWMP), *The Little Mermaid*, *Annie* (Drayton Entertainment). In her free time she loves to cuddle with her dog Ozzie. Next year she plans to continue auditioning for the top theatre companies in the country!

THE CAST



Dave Humphrey

Dave fell into theatre at the young age of 46 (right here at the Registry Theatre!) after storming Karaoke stages around the world! Favourite Credits: The Producers, Charlie Brown in *You're a Good Man...* (JM Drama), Marcus Lycus in *A Funny Thing Happened...*, Mr. Twimble in *How to Succeed...* (SCP) *Hunchback Of Notre Dame* (TCP), and more! Dave is a travel agent with a love for classic film, baseball, hiking and reading. Thanks to Amie who has taught me more about singing in the last year than the previous 58 and special thanks to my number one fan, my adoring and long-suffering wife.



Eli Harrison

Eli is a grade 10 French Immersion student at KCI and is thrilled to have the opportunity to perform on stage. Eli has been a member of KW Glee for 6 terms, and is still a member under its new name of Pop Nation Canada for Eli's 7th term. Eli has enjoyed classes at Drayton Youth Academy and KW Dance Adventure. Eli sends thanks to their family for their love and support. A thank you to Amie for this wonderful opportunity and for helping Eli grow and learn as a singer and performer.



Elizabeth Munz

Elizabeth has been a student of Amie's for over 10 years, and has loved every minute of it! Favourite performances have been Rachel Lynde in *Anne of Green Gables* (TCP), Joey Baltimore in *Guys and Dolls* (KWMP), Elle's Mom and D.A Riley in *Legally Blonde* (KWLT), Isabella in *What Happened in Vegas* (KWLT), and Mrs. Brandi Hook in *Peter Pan the Panto* (OTSP). Elizabeth would like to thank you all for coming and support an amazing cause; to Amie for being the greatest mentor, friend and confidant EVER; and to her family for supporting her in everything she's done and will do!

THE CAST



Josephine Nojd

Josephine has been studying with Amie for about 4 years now. She loves performing musical theatre numbers and hopes to get involved in some productions in the future. She has been dancing since she could walk and has been dancing competitively for 6 years now at Moree School of Dance. Jo's ultimate goal is to be on Broadway and her dream role would be 'Fanny' from 'Funny Girl'. Jo would like to thank Amie and her wonderful teachers from Moree for helping her reach toward her goals.



Kristien Wolmarans

After training and performing in South Africa, Kristien has enjoyed getting involved in Elora Community Theatre and joining Amie's lovely musical community. Select favourite performances include Narrator *Jane Eyre* in *Jane Eyre*, singing favourites like Celine Dion's "Tell Him", Sarah Brightman's "Time to Say Goodbye", "Pie Jesu" from *Requiem*; and performing as part of Musings at the Ontario Craft Gin Festival and the Elora Farmer's Market. Upcoming: Miep Gies in *Diary of Anne Frank*. None of this would be possible without the support of her wonderful family.



Leah Couch

Leah started her singing career in 2022. Since she is participated in Kiwanis, OMFA Provincials, NATS and sang at her older sister's wedding. She has been taking piano lessons since the age of 4. She enjoys musicals, spending time with friends and family has many other hobbies including skating, skiing and swimming. She is in grade 9 student at Grand River collegiate high school and successfully completed her 40 hrs of volunteer work.

THE CAST



Lisa Attygalle

After a long hiatus from singing, Lisa began lessons in September and has been loving the journey of honing her passion for music. Favourite Credits: Bye Bye Birdie, Guys and Dolls, My Fair Lady, The Wizard of Oz. Lisa is a visual artist with over 50 commissioned paintings to her credit and frequent exhibitions of her work. She loves all things creative, from singing and dancing to creating visual art. Lisa sends heartfelt thanks to her family for being her biggest cheerleaders and giving her the confidence to pursue what she loves most.



Lola McKee

Lola is very excited to perform today in “Comedy Tonight” and even happier to help contribute to raising funds and awareness for Breast Cancer Canada. Lola loves to sing, dance and do gymnastics! When she is not preparing for the stage, Lola plays soccer and enjoys time with her besties! Lola would like to thank Amie for all her hard work and asks the audience to keep an eye out for Ed (the invisible dragon)!



Mia Swart

Mia is a strange girl who enjoys lovingly aggravating her friends, playing guitar, and...you guessed it! Singing! Although she has never sung in front of an audience and it's a little terrifying. She loves being a part of Amie's studio, and hopes that the audience loves the show as much as she has loved being part of it. Thanks to my wacky and wonderful friends, even wackier family, and Amie for making this possible.

THE CAST



Millie Tracz

Millie's love for music started as an infant in "Music Together". She started dancing at age 2 and joined the Moreé School of Dance competitive team in 2019. She studies Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Acro, Contemporary & Musical Theatre. Favourite Credits: *The Music Man, The Addams Family, Come From Away, Beauty and the Beast*. Upcoming: Coroner in *The Wizard of Oz*. Awards: distinction award for R.A.D. Grade 3 ballet exam. Millie loves animals, creating slime and other messy concoctions, music, dance & art, of course. She is loving her first year with Amie and can't wait to share her passion on stage today!



Nancy Nugent

Nancy has been singing in various church and school choirs since childhood. Presently, she is a member of the NoteWorthy Singers, a seniors choir in Kitchener-Waterloo, and she served as it's president for the last four years. She sings with the choir at various retirement/long-term care homes, and she enjoys entertaining the greater K-W community in concerts with the NoteWorthy Singers. Recently, she has begun lessons with her singing teacher Amie Debrone. Thanks Amie, for nurturing my "mature" singing voice. You are teaching me that you're never too old to learn.



Natalie Popa

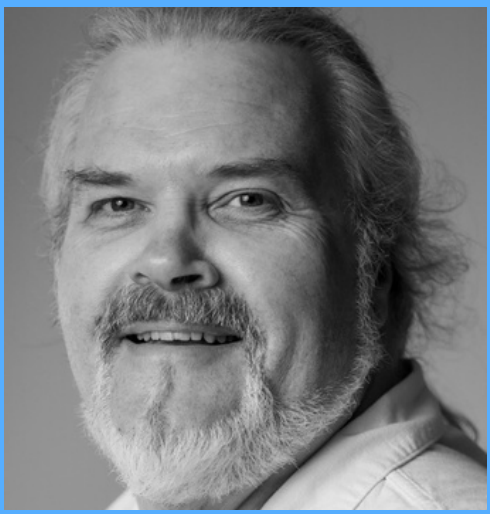
Natalie has been passionate about singing since she was little. She has participated in multiple Kiwanis and NATS competitions, and likes refining her acting and performance skills. Natalie also enjoys baking, dancing, and plays flute, drums, and piano. She's fluent in Romanian, French, and English, and has a deep passion for learning new languages. Natalie draws inspiration from her supportive parents, her brother (who is her role model), and her singing teacher, Amie Debrone, who has been a remarkable influence on her vocal development!

THE CAST



Poppy Butchart

Poppy has been interested in acting, singing, & dancing since before she started school. She has attended musical theatre camps with the Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy, and the Laurier Academy of Music and Arts. She has been dancing competitively with In.Motion Dance School since 2022, and has been taking voice lessons with Amie since 2024. In 2023 Poppy, was an Elf on the Waterloo Central Railway Christmas Trains, and in 2024 she performed as a frog in Ballet Jorgen's The Nutcracker: A Canadian Tradition.



Randy Streich

I have had the pleasure of working with Amie over the past 3 years. I have enjoyed performing in musicals since 1997, when I was a guy in *Guys and Dolls*, and I've continued to add my voice to many shows since that time. Favourite roles include Van Helsing in *Dracula* (JM Drama) and my all-time favourite, Riff Raff in *The Rocky Horror Show* (JM Drama) Lots of love to my Rena and my little bear.



Sofia Ouellette

Sofia is excited to be a part of her first Studio Fundraising Concert! This is her first year singing with Amie. Sofia has been singing with the Grand Philharmonic Children's Choir for 3 years. Favourite Credits: children's chorus for *Joseph...* (KWMP), and singing in *Carmina Burana* (GPC) at the Centre in the Square. Upcoming: Professor Ray in *Finding Nemo Jr.* (K2K) and *St. Matthew Passion* (GPC) at the Centre in the Square this spring. Sofia is also working towards completing the RCM level 4 piano exam this year. When Sofia is not indulging in her music, she enjoys time with friends, going to the beach, watching musicals and listening to Taylor Swift.

THE TEAM



Laura Johnson-Sherratt

Laura Johnson-Sherratt is a lighting designer, technician and stagehand. She graduated from York University in theatre production and works predominantly in the Kitchener-Waterloo region. Over the years she has worked with companies such as Wyrd Productions, Green Light Arts, Lost & Found Theatre, MT Space, Drayton Entertainment and The Stratford Festival. Laura is currently a member of I.A.T.S.E. Local 357 and the Technical Director for the Faculty of Music at Laurier University.



Maya Holmes

Maya has recently returned to the Kitchener-Waterloo theatre scene. While she spent much of her youth performing, Maya chose to explore the technical side of theatre in her post-secondary studies. She has since transitioned into key behind-the-scenes roles. Recent credits include Assistant Stage Manager for KW Glee Sr/Jr and Pop Therapy, as well as Assistant Stage Manager for *Cabaret* with Kitchener-Waterloo Musical Productions.



Thomas Humphries

Thomas has been involved with musical theatresince first stepping behind a soundboard in junior high. He has since helped at many shows and events in various roles, such as technical director, stage manager, and sound designer. Before moving to Waterloo in 2019, he ran a sound and lighting company in Western Manitoba and Southeast Saskatchewan. He is now focusing on his Ph.D. in data security and privacy at the University of Waterloo while keeping involved with musical theatre through volunteering.

THE CAUSE

Breast Cancer Canada

Since 1991, we have been laser-focused on breast cancer research.

With a focus on precision oncology (personalized care), Breast Cancer Canada is the only national breast cancer organization in Canada that has a clear mandate to raise money for research and advocate and educate on the progress of new research evidence.

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