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The original Daisy Theatre was co-commissioned by the Luminato Festival (Toronto) and the Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA (Los Angeles) and produced in association with Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes (Toronto).

Ronnie Burkett received development support for The Daisy Theatre from the Canada Council for the Arts.

Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes is exclusively represented by John Lambert & Assoc., Montreal, Canada (www.johnlambert.ca)

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#### Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes

# LITTLE DICKENS

#### The Daisy Theatre presents A Christmas Carol

#### Created and Performed by

Ronnie Burkett Musical Arrangements by John Alcorn Stage Managed by Crystal Salverda

Marionette, Costume and Set Design: Ronnie Burkett Production Manager / Artistic Associate: Terri Gillis Marionettes built by: Ronnie Burkett **Costumes:** Kim Crossley Puppet Builders: Angela Talbot, Gemma James-Smith, Jesse Byiers, Marcus Jamin, with Gil Garratt and Martin Herbert Shoes and Accessories: Camellia Koo and Robin Fisher Marionette Controls: Luman Coad Majordomos: Robbie Buttinski and Daisy Padunkles The Daisy Theatre stage devised and created by: Mike Kukucska, Hamilton Scenic Specialty Inc Little Dickens graphic and curtain design by: John Alcorn "The Max Blümchen Orchestrale" pit band devised and constructed by Eric James Ball, with puppets sculpted by Noreen Young

The Franz and Schnitzel theme music composed by: Cathy Nosaty

The Daisy Theatre theme song sung by: Laura Hubert, music and lyrics by John Alcorn.

Technician: Ashley Carter



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With Bells On: L to R: Zachary Parsons-Lozinski (aka Lilith Fair), Thomas Jones. All photos by Ian Jackson

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WORLD PREMIERE JUPITER By Colleen Murphy Directed by Bradley Moss APRIL 1 - 20, 2025

JUPITER explores working-class roots in Quebec and Northern Ontario, unfolding over four days in the Hutchinson family's living room. It questions if the future offers forgiveness, if we have the courage to embrace it, and whether we listen to our children or keep secrets. A full-bodied family drama featuring a beautiful dog.

Previews: April 1 & 2 • Opening Night: April 3 Tickets: \$23.00 - \$55.00. Purchase at theatrenetwork.ca



### **LITTLE DICKENS** A Production of Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes

In Ronnie Burkett's Little Dickens, the cast of The Daisy Theatre take on the beloved holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, in the merriest marionette mashup ever. Faded Daisy diva, Esmé Massengill, plays the role of miserly, drunken, bitter Esmé Scrooge, in this Burkett-esque retelling of the Dickens classic. As always with an improvised Daisy show, there is no set script, and in the journey of Esmé Scrooge toward redemption, she encounters all the Daisy favourites portraying Dickens' familiar characters. In keeping with the vaudeville show theme of The Daisy Theatre, popular Christmas songs will feature in a burlesque opening, sultry jazz solos, and the merriment of Fezziwig's party. A raucous, adults-only holiday treat, Little Dickens holds true to the heart of A Christmas Carol by featuring The Daisy Theatre's most iconic and beloved character, Schnitzel, as Tiny Tim.















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#### **RONNIE BURKETT** - CREATOR AND PERFORMER

Ronnie Burkett has been captivated by puppetry since the age of seven and began touring his shows around Alberta at the age of fourteen. Ronnie Burkett Theatre of Marionettes was formed in 1986, continuously playing on Canada's major stages, and as a guest company on numerous tours abroad. Ronnie received the 2009 Siminovitch Prize in Theatre, The Herbert Whittaker Drama Bench Award for Outstanding Contribution to Canadian Theatre, a Village Voice OBIE award, and four Citations of Excellence from the American Center of the Union Internationale de la Marionnette. In 2019, Ronnie Burkett was appointed as an Officer of The Order of Canada and in 2024 he was awarded Canada's Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement.



#### JOHN ALCORN - MUSIC ARRANGEMENTS AND PRODUCTION

John Alcorn is one of Canada's premiere jazz vocalists, delivering his distinctive renditions of jazz standards on the most prestigious bandstands and concert stages across Canada. His list of citations and acknowledgements in music and theatre include both Jazz Report (Male Vocalist of the Year) and Dora (Outstanding Music) awards. As composer, lyricist, musical director, arranger and producer, he has collaborated with numerous significant Canadian theatre artists, including Daniel Maclvor, Deanne Taylor, Sky Gilbert, Theresa Tova, and Tomson Highway, and eight collaborations with Theatre of Marionettes.





#### **CRYSTAL SALVERDA** - STAGE MANAGER

With over 30 years in the entertainment industry, Crystal has been blessed to work both across the country and internationally stage managing some wonderful productions. She has had the pleasure of working with Ronnie fo the past 11 years. She has also worked with companies such as Blyth Festival, Kidoons Network, Calgary Stampede, Necessary Angel, Soulpepper Theatre, Canadian Stage, Harold Green Jewish Theatre, just to name a few. Other work experience includes Operations for *Field of Dreams* and *Little League Classic* (BaAM Productions), Sales Manager (Westsun), Concert Stage Manager (Marguis Entertainment).



#### **ASHLEY CARTER - TECHNICIAN**

Ashley (She/Her) has been a full time Theatre & Live Event Technician since 2019, though her journey started much earlier when she joined her high school tech club. Working on events such as concerts, conventions, galas, festivals, and live theatre, she finds joy in representing, creating, and bringing to life all forms of live arts. Having come to the Roxy Theatre in Season 48, she is honored to be a part of the incredible Theatre Network team!

Ashley believes that art, in all of its forms, is and should be a place of community, of expression, and of acceptance. Anybody anywhere, no matter their age, language, orientation, experiences, or tastes, can find art that speaks to them, and that's the way it should be. As a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Ashley hopes to continue the work this industry has done to create spaces that are inclusive, welcoming, and safe to all members of all communities, by incorporating the Métis values of Unity and Harmony as well as honoring Tatawaw, the Cree phrase meaning "Welcome, there is room".

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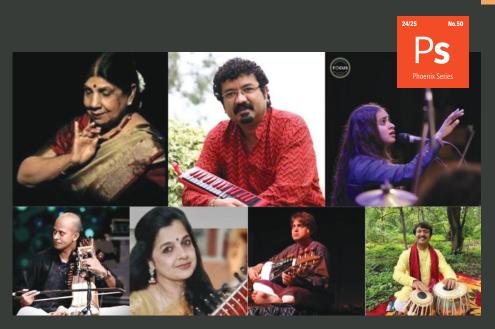


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