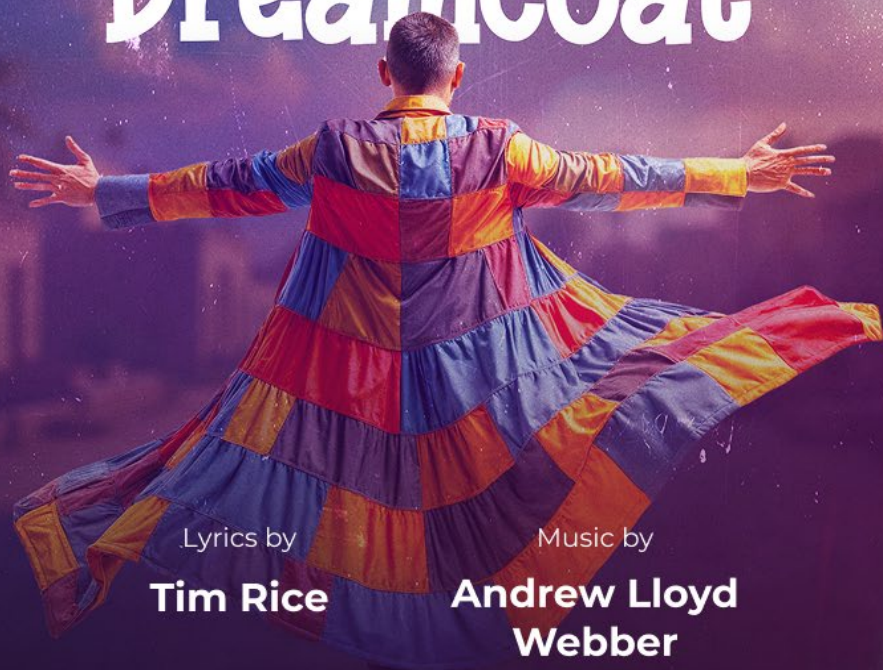


CHAI LIFE YYC PRESENTS:

# Joseph and the Amazing **TECHN**COLOR Dreamcoat



Lyrics by

**Tim Rice**

Music by

**Andrew Lloyd  
Webber**

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**Nov 29th - Dec 7th, 2025**

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# FOUNDERS' REMARKS



We feel so privileged that you have joined us at Chai Life Production's first show! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!

"Joseph" is a very appropriate musical to produce as our launch. It is about a human being endowed with faith who ascends by moving from passivity to activity through the simple act of interpreting dreams. In many ways, it reflects the journey we have been on in bringing this production to you.

For 40 years, Calgary has been without a Jewish theatre company. It was an act of coordinated dreaming and faith that moved us to take the leap and say "action". We had setbacks, yet overcame them. We could have delayed the launch, yet we persisted. So many factors to consider: A live band, difficult music, a large cast, a robust crew, expensive rights, a demanding rehearsal schedule, a children's choir, and these were to be achieved through unpaid volunteers. Even a seasoned theatre company would find this musical challenging to stage and produce, let alone a fledgling one such as ours.

Another main theme of Joseph is about unity. It is about the brothers who turned on each other who finally discover how to be there for one another. This musical is happening because of all of us being there for one another. We have only a profound indebtedness and gratitude to the city's sprawling theatre community's existing directors and designers who committed themselves to this launch.

To Director Sean Anderson, Music Directors Donna Pearson and Erin Pelz, Choreographer Krista Willot, Rehearsal and Performance Pianist Deb Finkleman, Stage Manager Meredith Anderson, Costume Designer Yvonne Ustick, Lighting Engineer Derek Wilkinson, Sound Engineer Byron Hynes, Prop Masters Linda Garshman along with Gwen Stewart, Make-Up/Hair Designer Paije Hartwick, and Marketing Team Asher and Mila Magri, the volunteers for our fundraiser, the dozens of donors, journalists, and all the adult and children cast, who week after week stayed united on course, absorbing the bumps - thank you for this privilege to witness your talents and contributions to our dream.

Sincerely,

*Ari, Tracy, and Laura*

# DIRECTOR'S NOTES



As you will read many times in this program, so many of the cast and crew are thrilled to be working with Chai Life Productions on their inaugural production. You may also read of the many connections that they have to past productions of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Whether it was their first theatre production, the first Canadian school production with a visit from Andrew Lloyd Webber himself, a role in a professional production, or just fond memories of seeing Donnie Osmond on stage.

In that way, we know that this show means so much to our cast, crew and even to our audience.

I was honoured to be asked to direct this iconic musical, which just about everyone, even those that have never seen it, knows at least one of the songs. It is because of its popularity that we did not want to just recreate a past production from Broadway, the West End, or even the movie. We wanted to create new blocking, new choreography, and an experience that was built for this new theatre company, this cast, and that suited the unique nature of this venue.

I really want to highlight the production team that pulled this show together, each bringing their skills and perspectives to the production. Tracy for being our guiding light, along with Laura and Ari as producers and/or founders, Donna as music and orchestra director, Erin as kids' music director, Krista as choreographer, Meredith as stage manager, Yvonne, Gwen, Linda, Paije, Derek, and Byron as our designers, Deb and the wonderful band, and our stage crew. I want to point out that many of the production team has taken on multiple roles in this show, both on and off-stage, and a big thank you to everyone for their commitment to making this show a success.

We hope that you enjoy the production and leave knowing a little bit more of the story of Joseph, Jacob and his family, and of course good luck avoiding singing the songs in your head on your way home.

Sincerely,

*Sear*



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**TRACY SMITH & LAURA SHULER**

DIRECTOR STAGE MANAGER  
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## **CHAI LIFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ari Cohen (co-founder, co-Chair)  
Laura Shuler (co-founder, co-Chair)  
Tracy Smith (co-founder, Artistic Director)  
Scott Ellsworth (member at large)

Dorothy Hanson (member at large)  
Asher Magri (member at large)  
Mila Magri (member at large)

## **Auditions for our next show – coming in January!**

**The Last Yiddish Speaker by Deborah Zoe Laufer**  
**Directed by Zelda Dean**

### **Roles:**

**Sarah** (F,18-27): High school senior. 17. Alias “Mary”

**Paul** (M,40- 55): Her father.

**John** (M, 18--27): Her boyfriend.

**Chava** (F, 55- 80): Speaks Yiddish. 1000 yrs old.

**Want audition updates? Contact Laura at [ChaiLifeYYC@gmail.com](mailto:ChaiLifeYYC@gmail.com)**  
**(Subject: Auditions - Yiddish Speaker)**

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

- Overture
- Prologue / Any Dream Will Do
- Jacob and Sons
- Joseph's Coat
- Poor, Poor Joseph
- One More Angel in Heaven/ Hoedown
- Journey to Egypt
- Potiphar
- Close Every Door
- Go, Go, Go Joseph
- A Pharaoh's Story
- Poor, Poor Pharaoh / Song of the King
- Pharaoh's Dream Explained
- Stone the Crows
- Those Canaan Days
- The Brothers Come to Egypt / Grovel Grovel
- Who's the Thief?
- Benjamin Calypso
- Joseph All the Time
- Any Dream Will Do (Finale)
- Megamix

**\*There is no intermission \***

## CAST

<b>Narrator</b> .....	<i>Kimberly Jetté</i>
<b>Narrator Understudy</b> .....	<i>Tracy Smith</i>
<b>Joseph</b> .....	<i>Aubrey Baux</i>
<b>Joseph Understudy</b> .....	<i>Ari Cohen</i>
<b>Jacob</b> .....	<i>Paul Finkleman</i>
<b>Pharaoh</b> .....	<i>Dustin Port</i>
<b>Potiphar</b> .....	<i>Derek Wilkinson</i>
<b>Butler</b> .....	<i>Gary Silberg</i>
<b>Baker</b> .....	<i>Anne Roggensack</i>
<b>Mrs. Potiphar</b> .....	<i>Julie-Anne Cleyn</i>
<b>Featured Soloist (One More Angel in Heaven) ..</b>	<i>Scott Ellsworth</i>
<b>Featured Soloist (Those Canaan Days) .....</b>	<i>Mike Jarzecki</i>
<b>Featured Soloist (Benjamin's Calypso) .....</b>	<i>Hector Serra</i>
<b>Ensemble:</b>	
.....	<i>Joseph Fernando</i>
.....	<i>Paige Fossheim</i>
.....	<i>Lorna Gilfedder</i>
.....	<i>Erin Pelz</i>
.....	<i>Hayley Powis</i>
.....	<i>Yvonne Ustick</i>
.....	<i>David Wilkinson</i>
.....	<i>Sarah Yudkovitch</i>

### Children's Choir:

.....	<i>Olivia Becher</i>
.....	<i>Maren Childs</i>
.....	<i>Gabriel Coates</i>
.....	<i>Jessica Ng</i>
.....	<i>Kira Pearson</i>
.....	<i>Josef Pelz</i>
.....	<i>Eytan Silberg</i>
.....	<i>Chelsea Wickerson</i>

# PRODUCTION CREW

<b>Producer .....</b>	<i>Laura Shuler</i>
<b>Producer .....</b>	<i>Tracy Smith</i>
<b>Director .....</b>	<i>Sean Anderson</i>
<b>Music Director .....</b>	<i>Donna Pearson</i>
<b>Music Director .....</b>	<i>Erin Pelz</i>
<b>Choreographer .....</b>	<i>Krista Willott</i>
<b>Stage Manager .....</b>	<i>Meredith Anderson</i>
<b>Costume Designer .....</b>	<i>Yvonne Ustick</i>
<b>Hair &amp; Makeup Designer .....</b>	<i>Paije Hartwick</i>
<b>Prop and Set Decor.....</b>	<i>Linda Garshman</i>
<b>Prop and Set Decor.....</b>	<i>Gwen Stewart</i>
<b>Lighting Design.....</b>	<i>Derek Wilkinson</i>
<b>Sound Designer.....</b>	<i>Byron Paul Hynes</i>
<b>Rehearsal Pianist.....</b>	<i>Deb Finkleman</i>
<b>Set Builder / Painters .....</b>	<i>Derek Wilkinson / Tracy Smith</i>
<b>Poster Design.....</b>	<i>Asher Magri</i>
<b>Program Design.....</b>	<i>Ari Cohen</i>
<b>Photography .....</b>	<i>Dorin McIntosh</i>

# MUSICIANS

<b>Bass .....</b>	<i>Deanna Manson</i>
<b>Drums .....</b>	<i>David Ramsey</i>
<b>Guitar .....</b>	<i>Jack FM</i>
<b>Piano .....</b>	<i>Deb Finkleman</i>
<b>Reeds .....</b>	<i>Robert Seymour</i>
<b>Violin .....</b>	<i>Blythe Friesen</i>

# VOLUNTEERS

Carol Abbott	Yvonne Fredrick	Elysha Klaver	Niki Tapp
Donna Barnfield	Mandi Fusaro	Mireille Klaver	Moira Taylor
Gordon Baux	Linda Garshman	Frances Kordov	Paul Ustick
Melanie Baux	Donna Gaylord	Kathy Ma	Cheryl Wheat
Sarah Chan	Jacqueline Gibney	Astrid Olsen	Mary Anne Wickerson
Judy Chetner	Paije Hartwick	AJ Pearce	Mark Wilkinson
Haley Dorais	Dean Horn	Rowena Romero	Sydney Winter
Sara Drabinsky	Deb Katz	Gwen Stewart	
Zena Drabinsky	Jeff Kerr	Danielle Szyszko	
Amber Dujay	Joyce Kerr	Tom Szyszko	

# THANK- YOUS

Front Row Centre Players	Donna Barnfield	Trevor Matheson
Heritage Park	Carl Bishop	Danny Oppenheim
MisFit Theatre YYC	Deb and Paul Finkleman	Rhona Shore
Morpheus Theatre	Lorna Gilfedder	Esther Silberg
Painted Fish	Margaret Harper	Carey Smith
Paperny Family JCC	Byron Hynes	David Smith
Southwood United Church	Christina Mah	Paul Ustick
Temple B'nai Tikvah	Patricia Martin	Yvonne Ustick
	Dorin McIntosh	Joanne Wheeler



# THE ARTISTS

## **Meredith Anderson** (*Stage Manager*)

Meredith has been volunteering in community theatre for several years in various capacities and is thrilled to be stage managing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, the inaugural production for Chai Life Productions! It's been a colorful adventure (pun fully intended) working with such a talented cast and crew to bring this beloved show to life, and she can't wait for audiences to experience the magic they've created together. Enjoy the show!



## **Sean Anderson** (*Director*)

Sean has been directing and producing community theatre productions for over three decades and enjoys working with new theatre companies to get their start. Sean was thrilled to be invited to direct *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* for Chai Life Productions and is excited for the cast and crew to enjoy their moment in the limelight.



## **Aubrey Baux** (*Joseph*)

Aubrey is excited to be in Chai life's first production and is super excited to see all the work that has been put into this show. Thanks to the cast for being so welcoming, and thanks to Maddie, my parents and brothers.



## **Olivia Becher** (*Children's Choir*)

Olivia is very excited to participate in her first play, and she hopes this will be the first of many. Olivia loves all types of arts and enjoys the creativity associated with it. Olivia has been in a choir, where she discovered her love of singing and started dreaming about being in plays. She is proud of reaching this opportunity to be in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and wishes for everyone to enjoy it.



## **Maren Childs** (*Children's Choir*)

Maren is excited to be a part of this show! Maren loves musical theatre, and her recent credits include *The Music Man* (SBT), *Fiddler on the Roof* (PFTC), and 10 SBT Spotlight productions (favourites include Pugsley in *The Addams Family* and Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*). She sings with Good Vibrations Voice Studio and YSC JUNIOR HI choir. Maren is in grade 8 and can often be found crafting, painting, and drawing with her twin sibling.





### **Julie-Anne Cleyn (Ensemble)**

Last year, in the depth of a life transition, Julie-Anne felt inspired to learn how to sing. Now, after an 11-year hiatus from dancing on stage, she is thrilled to be performing in her first musical. Julie-Anne is incredibly grateful to the Chai Life team for inviting her into a world where she has found a sense of belonging.

### **Gabriel Coates (Children's Choir)**

Gabriel Coates is an active, joyful and creative 9-year-old. He likes singing, camping, rock climbing and mastering his scooter skills at the park as much as reading science books. He worked hard to pass his audition to Chai Life Theatre and practiced singing every day so his first performance would be enjoyed by many.



### **Ari Cohen (Joseph U/S)**

For Ari, theatre and acting were childhood dreams he pursued as an amateur and professionally until university. Despite a 25-year hiatus, his love for the artform never waned, and now he's back, proudly serving as understudy to the incredibly talented Aubrey. "Joseph" was a production he did not think he would have the good fortune to be a part of. Ari is deeply grateful to his wife, children, family and friends for their encouragement, and to his fellow co-founders, cast & crew for sharing this wonderful adventure. Enjoy the show!

### **Scott Ellsworth (Ensemble)**

After a "small" hiatus, Scott is thrilled to return to Community Theatre with ChaiLife's Debut Production Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Never far away from the stage, Scott (Under Alias- "Shauna Starr") has shared his creative talents and "Gift of Gab" as Emcee and Performer, supporting Various Local Organizations in their fundraising efforts since moving to Calgary in 2003. Scott dedicates this performance to Sugar Bear & "The Brigham's".



### **Joseph Fernando (Ensemble)**

Joseph Fernando has been involved in the Calgary theatre scene for almost two years and is fully hooked! A classically trained pianist, Joseph has performed music/orchestra roles in several productions, including a multi-instrumental tour-de-force in Misfit Theatre's recent production of "Dads: The Musical". He has been moving towards singing/acting roles recently, and is excited to be part of Chai Life's first production, which just happens to be his namesake musical!



### **Deb Finkleman (Rehearsal Pianist, Piano)**

Deb, a retired elementary school Music Specialist, has thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the Community Theatre world! Her involvement in Beth Israel Players, Storybook, and Theatre 80 seem like a lifetime ago! A mother of two daughters, she keeps busy helping with her adorable grandchildren, teaching piano, playing piano at Temple B'nai Tikvah, and enjoying life with her husband, Paul. As rehearsal pianist, she has really enjoyed getting to know this amazing, talented bunch of actors and musicians!



### **Paul Finkleman (Jacob)**

Paul (a.k.a. PAULO) is a Calgary songster and entertainer who has performed hundreds of concerts on stages at Festivals and schools across Western Canada. He has written over a thousand songs and parodies, and is thrilled to be working and playing in this musical with such a fun, creative crew. Always grateful and appreciative, Paul deeply loves his family and friends, cycling, gardening, and laughing at life.



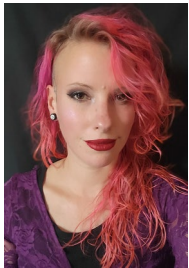
### **Paige Fossheim (Ensemble)**

Paige Fossheim is ecstatic to make her Chai Life Productions debut with this high-energy show! A Mezzo Soprano and trained dancer, her most recent theatre credits include Ash Tolliver in A Double Dose of Murder (2025) and Sister Mary Leo in Nunsense (2024). She loves the show's infectious music. Paige is happily tackling the fast pace while performing for two, as she's running the final stretch of a different production—her family's!



### **Blythe Friesen (Violin)**

Blythe had a long hiatus from playing violin but has returned to perform in "Joseph", rekindling her love for music. She has been a cast member in several productions, and this is her first time contributing to the band. Offstage, Blythe uses her second instrument, her voice, to connect and inspire the children she works with.



### **Jack FM (Guitar)**

From a young age Jack has loved making music. If he is not making music he is likely tinkering with his instruments, always searching for new and unique sounds. In his hometown of Grande Prairie Jack performed in several productions, most notably as Buddy Holly in The Buddy Holly Story. Jack can also be found playing in his band Girl Talk The Band with his sister, Saltee, or on his own as The Fonomancer.





### **Linda Garshman (*Prop & Set Decor*)**

Linda started her acting on a major stage at the age of 9 years old in "Guys and Dolls" and went on to "Pajama Game" and "Oliver" all held at the Jubilee Auditorium and went all over Alberta during those years. Musicals have always brought her motivation. She also did Drama throughout her high school years and went on to Directing a musical "The Night before Christmas" at Strathcona-Tweedsmuir in 1972. This is her first time in the Props division and has a new respect for what it takes on the other side of things! Thrilled to be included in Chai Life's first year.

### **Lorna Gilfedder (*Ensemble*)**

A lifelong lover of musical theatre, Lorna has been a fan of the works of Andrew Lloyd Webber since childhood. She sings with the Calgary Philharmonic Chorus and is also a composer and musician. Her stage experience includes high school productions of Carousel, Guys and Dolls, The King and I, and South Pacific. Lorna is thrilled to be part of Chai Life Productions' debut show!



### **Paije Hartwick (*Hair & Makeup*)**

Starting her career as a child/youth triple threat actor in Ukrainian & English theatre tweaked Paije's interest in special effects makeup and hair. Taking courses through the Citadel Theatre Edmonton, Paije has done makeup/hair for film and theatre. Artistically focused, Paije is also an awarded singer-songwriter and makes her living as lead vocalist for IN4RED. Proudly, founder Laura's adopted daughter, doing her first production with Chai Life.

### **Byron Paul Hynes (*Sound Coordinator*)**

Byron Paul is delighted to help you hear every beat and lyric! Recent sound work includes design for Dads: The Musical and mixing for The Rocky Horror Show. More often he's volunteering with a theatre board, a box office, or doing improv or mentalism. He manages technology and sound in sports and co-writes magical urban fantasy novels ([rainbowsorcerers.com](http://rainbowsorcerers.com)). Byron Paul is grateful for family, friends, and the amazing people in Calgary's vibrant community theatre scene.



### **Mike Jarzecki (*Ensemble*)**

Mike is delighted to be a part of Chai Life's production of Joseph. This is his second time being part of a production of his show, and his first time singing it all since a very fun, but unplanned late-night sing-through. Usually found in the orchestra pits of various shows around the city, he can't wait to get back on stage for this run. Enjoy the show!

### **Kimberley Jetté (Narrator)**

Kim is so excited to be back on the stage after a 9-year hiatus. She'd like to thank her sweet husband and her two lovely boys for all their support and sacrifice so she can do what she loves. She can't wait for you to see this show and everything this incredibly talented cast has to offer. This one is for the dreamers.



### **Deanna Manson (Bass)**

Deanna moved to Calgary in 2017 and since then has done 12 shows with Front Row Centre Players and one show with Cappuccino. She has been performing in community theatre musical pits since 1984, and Joseph is one of her bucket list shows!



### **Jessica Ng (Children's Choir)**

Jessica is 13 years old, and this is her first experience in musical theatre. She loves dancing and singing. Jessica's favourite part of the show is learning new songs and choreography. She is thrilled to be a part of this production because it was not only fun but an incredible learning opportunity.



### **Donna Pearson (Music Director)**

Donna is ecstatic to get the opportunity to musically direct all the amazing voices and musicians in this fantastic production. Thank you to Tracy for considering her for the role. Thank you, Sean, for working her into some scenes!! Thank you always to Kyle and Kira and all her friends and family for always supporting her in these exhausting/rewarding endeavours.



### **Kira Pearson (Children's Choir)**

Kira is very excited to be in both her first Chai Life Production and her first Webber musical! Past credits include Disney's Moana Jr (Misfit Minis), A Christmas Carol (Small Time Theatre), Disney's Little Mermaid Jr, and Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Southwood Players). Thank you so much to her voice instructor, Kaylee, for teaching her amazing technique and how to settle nerves; to her friends and family for always supporting her, and, especially to her mom for dragging her to the first rehearsal to "help" with theatre games.





### **Erin Pelz (Music Director, Ensemble)**

Erin is tickled pink (and orange... and BLUE!) to be part of Chai Life Productions' inaugural show. A classically trained soprano and experienced chorus singer, she's grateful to support this production through music direction. As a lifelong fan of Andrew Lloyd Webber, she feels truly blessed to help bring this story to life once again—a timeless tale of resilience, forgiveness, and family that continues to inspire her.

### **Josef Pelz (Children's Choir)**

Josef is excited to be part of Chai Life Productions' first show! He attends an arts-focused school and enjoys drama, Dungeons & Dragons, and making people laugh. He's performed in Moana Jr. (Tamatoa), Fiddler on the Roof (Chorus), and studies with Calgary Actors Studio. He's grown up listening to the music of Joseph and proudly dedicates his performance to his baby brother, Oberon—who he hopes isn't too confused (or jealous) that there's no musical named after him.

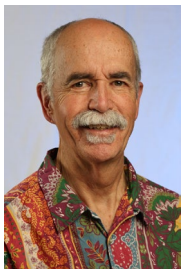


### **Dustin Port (Pharaoh, Ensemble)**

Dustin Port is thrilled to be part of Chai Life Productions' debut show, bringing double the fun as both Issachar and Pharaoh! A familiar face in the Calgary theatre scene, Dustin recently appeared as Sky Masterson in Guys and Dolls and Brad in The Rocky Horror Show. When not onstage, he's deeply involved in the local arts and Burning Man communities and enjoys creating interactive art and theatre experiences.

### **Hayley Powis (Ensemble)**

Hayley is delighted to be a part of Chai Life's first production. She previously appeared as an ensemble member in Misfit Theatre's productions of Guys and Dolls and The Rocky Horror Show. She is also a singer and board member for Blend Vocal, a treble voices choir in Calgary. She would like to thank all the people who were kind enough to give her a ride to or from rehearsals.



### **David Ramsey (Drums)**

David is right chuffed to don his Broadway cloak and add another company and musical to his curriculum vitae. He has previously performed with Story Book Theatre, Bonavista Players and Front Row Centre Players as a drummer, trumpet player or percussionist. The delightful Joseph... is the second Andrew Lloyd-Webber composition he has had the pleasure to play, the first being Evita, with two different casts. He is sure you will be thoroughly entertained by this masterpiece of English musical theatre, performed by the wonderful voices and capable musicians of Chai Life Productions.

### **Anne Roggensack (*Baker, Ensemble*)**

Anne is thrilled to be part of Chai Life's debut! Her stage credits include School of Rock, The Music Man, Sweeney Todd (SBT), Fiddler on the Roof (PFTC), and Samson et Dalila (CCOC). Anne is also a musical director, most recently for Sweeney Todd, Sondheim Tribute Review, and Kinky Boots (FRC). An experienced choral singer, Anne sings with Blend Vocal. When not making music, Anne is a physician, U of C educator, and mom to awesome twin kiddos.



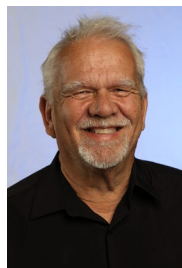
### **Hector Serra (*Ensemble*)**

Jumping headfirst into this show, Hector is excited to be part of this production, the first for Chai Life! Previously he performed in Rocky Horror and Bambi. Every show has its challenges and opportunities for growth, this show being no exception. Join him in the mystical journey of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!



### **Robert Seymour (*Reeds*)**

Robert Seymour is on Flute, Clarinet and Alto Sax for this, his second involvement in Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's early classic. He'd like to give a shoutout to all involved in this show for the energy that makes this such a joy. Rob has a lifetime of passion for a wide variety of music: folk, orchestral, classical chamber music, opera, big band. Community Musical theatre has been a mainstay of his performances for several decades. Now, after over 100 musical productions, Robert is proud to be part of the inaugural Chai Life presentation of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.



### **Laura Shuler (*Producer*)**

After devoted involvement with the Beth Israel Players until their closure in 1986, Laura returned to the stage as Yente in Fiddler on the Roof, leading her to co-found Chai Life Productions, Calgary's only Jewish performance company. With years of musical and dramatic expertise working with children and adults, she's thrilled to give voice to the Jewish experience and enrich cultural awareness for all.



### **Eytan Silberg (*Children's Choir*)**

Eytan is very excited to be in his first ever theatre performance! He is following in the footsteps of his Sabba (Gary Silberg) who has an extensive theatre background. Eytan spends much of his free time flipping around as a competitive gymnast. He is grateful to his parents for all the driving to rehearsals and to his siblings, Libi and Shiloh, for their support!







### **Gary Silberg (*Butler, Ensemble*)**

Gary is thrilled to “bottle” in Chai Life’s production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. This group holds a special place in Gary’s heart. When Gary moved to Calgary in 1981, he joined the Beth Israel Players in their production of “Camelot”. It was there that he first met his wife, Esther! He continued to perform in all their shows for the next 5 years. Now Gary happily joins Chai Life, the descendant of that original Jewish theatrical group. You may also see Gary at Heritage Park in the summer as an interpreter at the synagogue there.

### **Gwendolyn Stewart (*Prop & Set Decor*)**

Gwendolyn delights in the magic of theatre, where imagination takes centre stage. From Platinum Studios to Stage Struck Theatre Schools and ten lively years with the Young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede, she’s loved every creative twist. A fan of the quirky and absurd, she’s often found singing show tunes to her plants and pets.



### **Tracy Smith (*Producer, Narrator- U/S, Ensemble*)**

Tracy is over the moon to be co-producing and singing in Chai Life’s debut production! Launching a company and a production at the same time has been a wild (and often sleep deprived) adventure. Tracy sends much love to the family & friends who cheered, listened, and reminded her to take a break, and to her parents and brothers who flew in to see the show. She’s bursting with pride over the team, whose talent, heart, and hustle helped make this dream a reality. They’ve helped her prove not any dream will do!

### **Yvonne Ustick (*Costume Designer, Ensemble*)**

Yvonne has been doing costumes for theatre for the last 7 years but started sewing as a kid with her grandma. She has been a part of many different productions including Prince's Bride, Titanic, Peacock Season, Rocky Horror, Guys and Dolls and Sweeney Todd. Yvonne loves the challenge of creating costumes for different shows. Her next endeavors include Peter Pan and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Yvonne loves spending time with her husband Paul, their 6 dogs and grandkids.



### **Chelsea Wickerson (*Children’s Choir*)**

Chelsea is so excited to be a part of this show! She is 10 years old and in Grade 5. She is a competitive Highland Dancer, plays piano and loves to sing. She is in her second year of G&S Jr. Theatre School. She played Wee Jo in the McAdo last year where she discovered her love of the dramatic. Chelsea enjoys spending time with her family and friends, doing art, and reading.



### **David Wilkinson** (*Ensemble*)

David, after making his theater debut in McAdo earlier this year, has decided to follow in his father's footsteps into the amazing world of Joseph, he has enjoyed the process and people behind this production and hopes you will too!



### **Derek Wilkinson** (*Potiphar, Ensemble*)

Derek's first ever theatre production was when his mom put him in the Children's Choir for the North American premiere of Joseph back in 1970. When Andrew Lloyd Webber heard Derek sing in that show, he told his mom "Your son has a beautiful voice... but he can't sing. You've got to put him in music lessons". So, she did. And now, 55 years and dozens of shows later, he's delighted to be singing in Joseph once again.

### **Krista Willott** (*Choreographer*)

Joseph was the first show Krista was in 31 years ago in Toronto with Donny Osmond. It ignited a love of theatre that would only get stronger. Krista loves everything theatre and even started her own company (with tons of help) MisFit Theatre YYC! This will be show #54 that Krista has worked on and she's not stopping anytime soon.



### **Sarah Yudkovitch** (*Ensemble*)

Sarah Yudkovitch is thrilled to be part of this amazing show! A proud Cheesehead from Wisconsin, her recent credits include Masha (Young Frankenstein), Mercedes (La Cage Aux Folles), Penelope Pennywise (Urinetown) and Placard Girl (Reefer Madness). Offstage, she's a sophomore at the University of Calgary studying Cellular Biology and enjoys dancing, crocheting and chilling with her bunny. She's immensely grateful to be in this production and thanks her friends and family for their endless support!



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