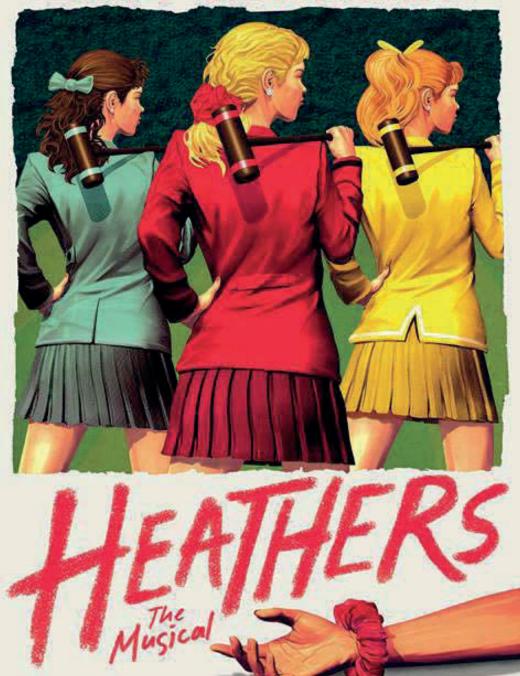
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Everyone has experienced their own 'Heathers'. You know, the people who were really awful to you when you were in high school; the people who don't care about anything but themselves. Add that to the feeling of being on your own to face the world, the layer of violence that exists in high schools today and the reality of suicide. We don't take these subjects lightly. *Heathers* is a dark comedy about "young people at the most hormonally ravaged, physically awkward and emotionally insecure period of their lives". (Kevin Murphy- Playwright) Yes, their actions are dark, but it is our hope that the stories will spur discussion and encourage all of us to face our bullies, talk to our kids and open up to our parents.

The characters in the play are not necessarily evil.....or are they? Veronica makes a deal with the devil which wreaks havoc on her world and then she has to set it straight. Does she redeem herself? Does she make right of wrong? Can the bullies change? What are the lessons learned?

It has been an incredible journey working on *Heathers* with such a talented group of artists. We hope you enjoy the show and that you will take the time to talk about it.

Yours,

Kayla Gordon Artistic Director







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(In alphabetical order)

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#### Act 1

Beautiful – Veronica, Martha, Ram, Kurt, Faculty & Students Candy Store – H. Chandler, H. McNamara, & H. Duke Fight for Me – Veronica, Faculty & Students Freeze Your Brain – J.D.

Big Fun – Ram, Kurt, Veronica, H. Chandler, H. McNamara, H. Duke, & Ensemble Dead Girl Walking – Veronica & J.D.

The Me Inside of Me – H. Chandler, Veronica, Cops, Ms. Fleming, & Company Blue – Ram, Kurt, Veronica, H. McNamara, & H. Duke

Beautiful - Students

Prom or Hell? - Veronica

Blue – Ram, Kurt, H. Duke, H. McNamara, & Students Our Love Is God – J.D., Veronica, & Kurt

#### Act II

My Dead Gay Son – Ram's Dad, Kurt's Dad, & Mourners Seventeen – Veronica & J.D.
Shine a Light – Ms. Fleming, Faculty & Students
Lifeboat – H. McNamara
Shine a Light (Reprise) – H. Duke, Faculty & Students
Westerburg Cheer – H. McNamara & Students
Kindergarten Boyfriend – Martha
Yo Girl – H. Chandler, Ram, & Kurt
Meant to Be Yours – J.D. and Students
Dead Girl Walking (Reprise) – Veronica, J.D., & Students
I Am Damaged – J.D. and Veronica
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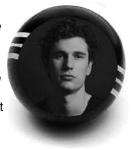


Anthony Ferens - Beleaguered Geek

Anthony is excited to be making his Winnipeg Studio Theatre debut in *Heathers*. He is currently studying Honours Acting in the University of Winnipeg Theatre and Film program. He also has 16 years of dance training with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Recreational Division. Selected credits include *The Rocky Horror Show* (Wasteland Productions), *Legally Blonde* (WST's StudioWorks), and *Godspell* (JHB). Anthony would like to thank his family and friends for their support and would like to dedicate his performance to his Grandma Burgess and Grandma Ferens.

#### Matthew Fletcher - Jason "J.D." Dean

Matthew's theatre credits include Earthworm in James and the Giant Peach (MTYP), Marius Pontmercy in Les Misérables (Rainbow Stage), Understudy Enjolras/Ensemble in Les Misérables (Drayton Entertainment), Robbie Fay in A Man of No Importance (Dry Cold Productions), Moritz Stiefel in Spring Awakening (Griffin, Chicago Premiere). Film/TV: T.R. Tilden in The Pinkertons (Buffalo Gal/Rosetta), Master Class Participant in Triple Sensation (CBC). Training: Northwestern University. Thanks to the Heathers Team, TH, the truly magnificent Haley, Steven, family, and friends for their support!!!





David Fox - Hipster Dork/Officer Millner

David is, like, totally wigging out to be part of this tubular production of *Heathers*. He last appeared with WST in *Spring Awakening* and since then has performed most notably in *Sister Act* (Rainbow Stage), *Bare: A Pop Opera* (WBT), *Bloodless: The Trial of Burke and Hare* (White Rabbit Productions), *Evil Dead the Musical*, and *The Rocky Horror Show* (Wasteland Productions). Now chill out and enjoy this radical show!

#### Jennifer Garcia - New Wave Girl

After a year of teaching music and drama underneath the scorching Thailand sun, Jennifer is very excited to be back on Canadian soil singing and dancing her face off. May MJ and Rubik's Cubes live in our hearts forever!



#### Jenna Hill - Heather MacNamara

Jenna is excited to be joining WST for such a righteous show! Jenna is an actor and singer from Winnipeg, where she has been performing since she was just a young one. Some of her favourite credits include *Mutated* (Sarasvati's Cabaret of Monologues), and *Social Studies* (Prairie Theatre Exchange). She would like to thank her amazing family for all their support. I love you.



**Brittany Hunter - Heather Chandler** 

Brittany is thrilled to be making her first appearance with Winnipeg Studio Theatre. She has appeared at Rainbow Stage for nine seasons with recent credits including West Side Story (Anybody's), Peter Pan, Beauty and the Beast, and Joseph. Brittany was last seen in RMTC's production of Billy Elliot. Other selected touring credits include Dee Dee Doodle in The Doodlebops, Strawberry Shortcake, and Nickelodeon's The Bubble Guppies (KOBA).

Katherine Krueger - Mrs. Fleming/Veronica's Mom With her appearance as Sister Mary Lazarus in Sister Act at Rainbow Stage last summer, Katherine celebrated her return to Winnipeg from Europe where she appeared in numerous roles including The Grand Duchess in Elisabeth, Lucy and Nellie in Jekyll & Hyde, Madame de la Grande Bouche in Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Donna and Rosie in Mamma Mia, and her absolute favourite, Norma Desmond in Sunset Boulevard.





Tyler Leighton - Teenybopper Prep
Tyler has been performing since age nine and has been involved in several shows at Rainbow Stage and RMTC. He has been dancing at Dance Express for eight years and has trained in voice for two years with Donna Fletcher. Tyler graduated from high school in January. He is thrilled to be part of such a talented cast and would like to thank Kayla for this amazing opportunity.

#### Julie Lumsden - Veronica

Big thanks to this VERY cast, creative team, and crew! Credits: James and the Giant Peach (MTYP), The Little Mermaid (Rainbow Stage), Little Women (Dry Cold Productions), Into The Woods (DTC), Spring Awakening (WST), Éponine in Les Misérables (Rainbow Stage) and Wednesday in The Addams Family (Dry Cold Productions). Love to the fam!





Andrea Macasaet - Heather Duke

After finishing a Canada-wide tour of *The Bubble Guppies Live!*, Andrea is very excited to be back at Winnipeg Studio Theatre with a stellar cast doing an amazing production. Thank you to mom, dad, sister, and the rest of the family for your love, laughter, and ongoing support. "Step into my candy store" and enjoy the show!

**Darren Martens - Kurt Kelly** 

Darren has appeared in various Winnipeg theatre productions including *Alice Through the Looking Glass* as Lion (RMTC), *The Addams Family* as Lucas (Dry Cold Productions), *Les Misérables* as Joly, and *Avenue Q* as Nicky/Trekkie Monster/Bad Idea Bear (WST). Enjoy the show!





Simon Miron - Ram's Dad/Big Bud Dean/Coach Ripper Simon is a local director, actor, singer, and vocal coach. Favorite projects: Abe - Altar Boyz (WST and PTE); Grasshopper - James and the Giant Peach (MTYP); Hamilton Barnes - Butcher (CM); Mr. Thénardier - Les Misérables (Rainbow Stage); Leo Bloom - The Producers (Rainbow Stage); Charles Condomine - Blithe Spirit (CowardFest); and George - Sunday in the Park with George (SondheimFest).

Robert Piché - Ram Sweeney

Robert is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg's Theatre Program. Recent credits include *The Cassilis Engagement*, *Enchanted April*, and *The Power of Yes* at the University of Winnipeg, and *Godspell*, *Violet*, *Tommy: The Who Musical*, and *Cabaret* at the Winnipeg Fringe. Similar to his character Ram, Robert still raids his parents' liquor cabinet.





Wes Rambo - Goth/Emo Guy/Officer McCord

Wes is super stoked to join this kick-ass cast to bring you some totally bitchin' theatre. You may have seen Wes perform with such companies as Rainbow Stage, Manitoba Opera, Winnipeg G & S Society, or in WST's Fringe production of *Godspell*, if you're already down with WST. Now chillax and enjoy the show!





Emma Stefanchuk – Goth/Stoner Chick
Emma is thrilled to be part of *Heathers* with this incredibly fresh, rad, choice cast. She feels she is truly a "stoner goth chick" deep down in her soul. Credits include *Godspell* (WST), *Bloodless: The Trial of Burke and Hare* (White Rabbit Productions), *Into the Woods* (District Theatre Collective), and *Little Women* (Dry Cold Productions).

Elizabeth Whitbread - Young Republican

Elizabeth is super psyched to be working on *Heathers* with such a rad group of folks! A recent graduate of the Honours Theatre program at the University of Winnipeg, Elizabeth was most recently seen as Magenta in *The Rocky Horror Show* at the Park Theatre last Halloween. She has also been busy working with Theatre Projects Manitoba this season as their Emerging Artist in Residence. What's your damage, Heather?





Jillian Willems - Martha Dunnstock
Jillian is thrilled to be back with WST after having appeared
as Olive in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.
Select performance credits include *Dogfight* and *Zanna Don't!* (Three Form Theatre), *Self(fish)* and *Letters and Words* (Synaethesis Dance Theatre), *Follies* (Dry Cold Productions), *Aida* (Edmonton Opera), *Annie* (Rainbow Stage), *Dora the Explorer* (Koba), *Merrily We Roll Along* and *Xanadu*(Grant MacEwan).

Cory Wojcik - Kurt's Dad/Veronica's Dad/Principal Gowan Cory is a father, actor, director, child of the 80s, renter of Heathers on VHS, and teacher from Winnipeg. Selected credits include Billy Elliot, Late Company, and August: Osage County (RMTC); Butcher (PTE); The Producers and The Wizard of Oz (Rainbow Stage); A Man of No Importance (Dry Cold Productions). In late April, he will be directing Mr. Burns: a Post-Electric Play with District Theatre Collective.



## THE CREATIVE CREW



Kayla Gordon - Director/Producer

Kayla got her start in musical theatre with Sundog Productions and she subsequently performed in over 10 shows at Rainbow Stage, including *Fiddler on the Roof, Forum, Cinderella, Funny Girl,* and *Kismet*. Presently working as the Artistic Director for the WST, Kayla has directed many new musicals including the recent hit shows *Avenue Q, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Altar Boyz, Spring Awakening and Hersteria*. She also teaches musical theatre and acting at the University of Winnipeg. Kayla is a proud product of the 80s and she had a great feeling about *Heathers* when she first saw it in New York.

Brenda Gorlick - Choreographer

Ever since seeing *Heathers* off-Broadway, Brenda has been waiting to bring her own twist to this dark musical comedy alongside "partner-in-crime" Kayla. A kick-ass cast completes the recipe for a devilishly good time! Watch for Brenda's upcoming StudioWorks productions *Show Choir* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. www.brendagorlick.ca

#### Paul De Gurse - Music Director

Paul is a Winnipeg-based music director, composer, and piano player. Favourite theatre credits: Sister Act (Music Director, Rainbow Stage), West Side Story, Les Misérables (Associate MD, Rainbow Stage), Grey Gardens (Assistant MD, Acting Up Stage) Avenue Q, Godspell (MD, Winnipeg Studio Theatre), Closer Than Ever (MD, Dry Cold Productions), Ordinary Days (MD, WST/Angelwalk Theatre). Training: University of Manitoba. Coming up, Paul will be Music Director for Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play (District Theatre Collective) and Sister Act (Drayton Entertainment).

Sean McMullen - Set Designer

Sean has been active in theatre since the 80s, and currently rocks out set, costume, and lighting designs here in the 'Peg. When he's not designing, Sean can be found at the University of Winnipeg shaping the minds of next generations' designers.

Angela Vaags - Costume Designer

As a child of the 80s, Angela is excited to be part of *Heathers*. Costume Design credits include: *They're Playing Our Song* (Surflight Theater, NJ), *Acne Japonaise* (2008 Montreal Fringe), *Wise Man of Chelm* (Segal Center), *Project Walser* (Group Bec-de lievre), *Le Grand Cahier* (Theatre de Quat'Sous, Montreal), *Quo Vadis* (That Way Productions, 2014 Winnipeg Fringe), *Proud* (TPM), and *Resurvations* (TPM). Angela's day job is School Costume Coordinator for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. She would like to thank Diana Miller for her assistance. Enjoy our Hootenanny. Scrunchies required.

Michael Duggan - Stage Manager

Michael is happy to be working again with Winnipeg Studio Theatre, having previously worked on their Fringe production of *Altar Boyz*. Catch him next working on Shakespeare in the Ruins' *Richard III*. Enjoy the show!

Erin Laforet - Assistant Stage Manager

Erin is a student in the University of Winnipeg's production program. Recent stage management credits include *Antony & Cleopatra* (Shakespeare in the Ruins), *Young Frankenstein* (Winnipeg Studio Theatre), *You Were There: A Shadow Play* (Pocket Frock Productions), and *Enchanted April* (University of Winnipeg). Erin was also Production Assistant for FemFest 2014. She is thrilled to be working with Winnipeg Studio Theatre for a third time. It's always a pleasure!

CJM Burke – Props Coordinator

A University of Winnipeg Theatre and Film grad, Cindy is pleased to add *Heathers* to her WST credits, which include *Avenue Q*, *Ordinary Days*, and *My Mother's Lesbian Jewish Wiccan Wedding*, among others. When she's not working with Kayla and the gang, Cindy can be found working on television and film projects. Thanks to my assistant Natalie Kilimnik. Thanks for another wonderful experience!

Randy Harder - Lighting Designer

Randy is pleased to be making his return to WST, having designed Avenue Q in 2015. Other credits include Late Company (RMTC); The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, How Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Legally Blonde the Musical, The Mousetrap (RMTC/MBA).

Tracy Goltsman - Assistant Producer

Coming from a theatrical family, Tracy has spent the last 25 years in theatre as an actor, singer, producer and production manager. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Winnipeg Studio Theatre once again. Tracy wishes to thank her family for being so supportive in all her endeavors.

#### **Brooke Pluta - Assistant Director**

The 80s has been the theme from Brooke's first choreography gig in *Footloose* in her final year of high school at River East Collegiate to assistant directing *Heathers* for WST during her graduating year from the U of M with a double advance major in theatre and religion. She is so majorly stoked to be working with such a talented team and very grateful for the 80s and its hair!

Rebekah Jones - Assistant Choreographer

Rebekah is thrilled to be returning to WST, having last worked as Apprentice Director on Avenue Q. Apprenticeships: Dry Cold Productions (A Man of No Importance, The Addams Family), Rainbow Stage (Les Misérables). Choreography: Westgate Mennonite Collegiate (The Music Man), Celebrations Dinner Theatre (Rock Around the Clock), Koba Entertainment (Bubble Guppies). Rebekah is the Assistant Director of the Winnipeg Studio Theatre StudioWorks program.

Béla Gyarmati - Emerging Producer

Béla is very excited to be working on this production of *Heathers*. This will be his first professional production with WST after having been a part of Winnipeg Studio Theatre's youth program for two years. Past productions include *Legally Blonde* and *Urinetown* (StudioWorks). Béla can also be seen on *Sunnyside* and the miniseries *Jenny and Jeff*. He would like to thank Kayla for giving him this opportunity and Brenda for helping along the way! Shout out to all his amazing friends, family and Shaun!

#### Phil Corrin - Sound Technician

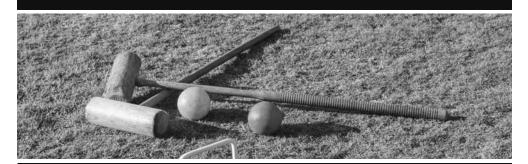
Having served as music director for over 30 productions, Phil is happy to be stepping away from his usual spot at the keyboard and into the technical side of the show. Thanks to Kayla and Brenda for a great time!

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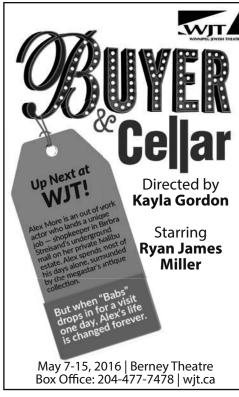


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