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ORIGINAL BROADWAY PRODUCTION DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY JERRY MITCHELL
BASED ON THE MIRAMAX MOTION PICTURE KINKY BOOTS WRITTEN BY GEOFF DEANE & TIM FIRTH
ORCHESTRATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS BY STEPHEN OREMUS
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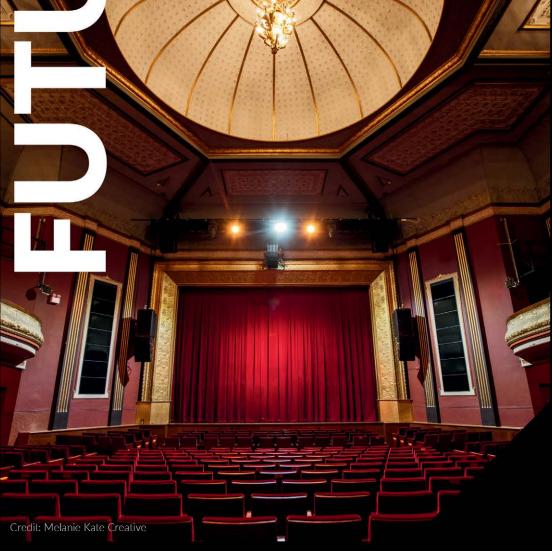


## Reimagining the Princess Theatre

The City of Launceston is progressing a major redevelopment of the Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre.

The project will seek to improve both the Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre for patrons, performers, hirers and staff by making the complex more accessible, welcoming and fit-for-purpose into the future.

This significant project is expected to get underway in 2026.





We acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of lutruwita's land on which we live and learn.

Kinky Boots, a sensational musical that has dazzled audiences worldwide, is more than just a high-energy show filled with dazzling costumes and infectious music - it's a powerful story about acceptance, transformation, and the impact of changing perspectives.

Kinky Boots is a testament to the transformative power of musical theatre, demonstrating how art can foster positive change and acceptance and play a vital role in connecting communities. It invites us to celebrate the richness of our differences and encourages us to uplift one another. By bringing people together, it reminds us that we all have the power to elevate those around us, one step - and one fabulous pair of boots - at a time.

Our heartfelt thanks for their ongoing encouragement and support go to Jenni and Graeme LeFevre at Invermay Newsagency, Daniel Clarke and the Worklocker team, Dr Brendan Vote and the Launceston Eye Institute, Glenn at Hotel Grand Chancellor, FitMind FitBody, our media partners 7 Tasmania, 89.3 LAFM and The Examiner, along with our community partners in Launceston College and Launceston Legacy.

Encore also receive magnificent support through the City of Launceston's Event Sponsorship Program and are deeply grateful for their ongoing encouragement of our contribution to the Launceston community.

Kinky Boots has been creatively led by Director Belinda J King, Musical Director Andy Prideaux and Choreographer Bianca King.

Together with our brilliant cast, musicians, design and production teams and crews, they have worked tirelessly to invite you to enjoy a world where you can just be who you want to be. Enjoy!

## And our special thanks

For the invaluable support of Stu Hendricks at MTI International Australasia, Grant Alley, Bernard & Gemma Hedger and the team at CLOC Musical Theatre and our talented Graphic Designer, Nathan Toovey







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I fell in love with Cyndi Lauper's glittering score for *Kinky Boots* on first hearing, and jumped at the chance to direct the musical for the Encore. The company's unwavering commitment to showcasing the talent and expertise (both on stage and behind the scenes) make it a very special organisation to be a part of - and I knew our Tassie cast could bring something extraordinary to this most life-affirming of musicals.

Singing lies at the heart of this show, with Lauper making steep vocal demands of every single role – roles we cast by scouring the state during the casting process.

Meanwhile, my wonderful team of creative collaborators set to work creating the sights and sounds of the Northampton shoe factory, and the fabulous neon-lit universe of Lola and her Angels – with the necessary gravity-defying shoes and boots taking a central focus!

To my brilliant cast, please savour every single moment out there. You have worked so hard and deserve every accolade coming your way.

To Andy and Bianca, thank you for saying yes and making rehearsals equally memorable and fun. It has been an absolute pleasure working together again and with all our fabulous tribe.

This show pivots on the iconic line, "You change the world when you change your mind"

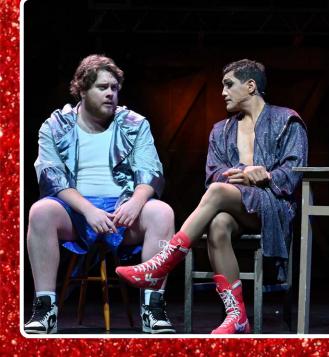
Kinky Boots' core message of the need for acceptance (of difference, of others, and of yourself) resonates deeply, and is one which is close to my heart. Through the story of Charlie and Lola, the characters - and the audience - learn that embracing diversity and challenging preconceived notions can lead to extraordinary outcomes.

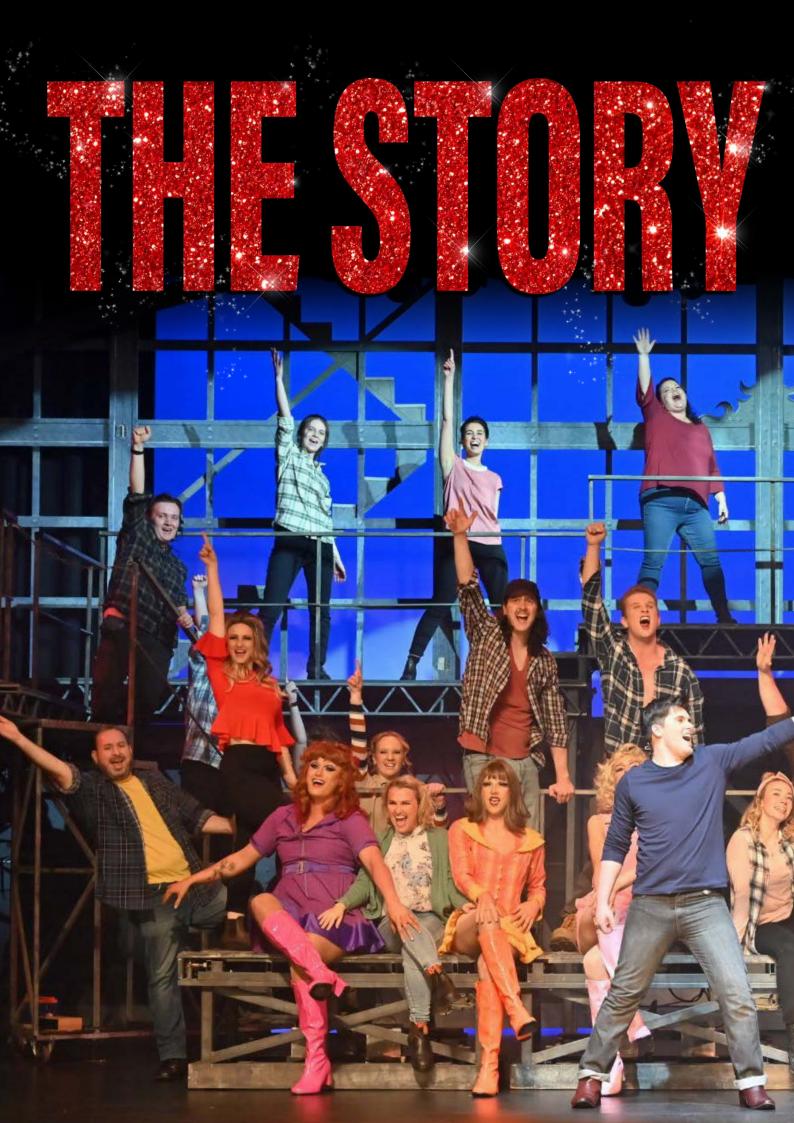
I hope that our staging will leave this sentiment echoing in your heart long after you leave the theatre tonight.

Belinda / King DIRECTOR









After trying to escape his father's low-key, family ambitions for him, Charlie Price has suddenly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Charlie must now face the decision of whether to pursue a new life in London with his fiancée Nicola, or return to the town in which he grew up and save his father's dreams and the jobs of all who work in the factory.

Ultimately, Charlie decides to try to live up to his father's legacy and rescue his family business, and, in doing so, he finds unlikely inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous drag queen in need of some sturdy stiletto boots.

As they work to turn the factory around, Lola turns out to be the one person who can help Charlie become the man he's meant to be. This unlikely pair find that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible. With the door thrown open and the world at their feet, Charlie discovers that when you change your mind about someone, you can change your whole world.





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## DEKLAN HAAS

Deklan's first musical role should have been Chuck Cranston in *Footloose* in 2020 with Elizabeth College, Hobart. However, COVID intervened, and like everything else it was cancelled.

As the Pandemic receded, he grasped the opportunity to play JD in *Heathers* (2021) and Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls* (2022), both with Old Nick Theatre Company. At this time he won the Don Gay Memorial Award at the 2021 City of Hobart Eisteddfod and the Open Musical Theatre Award in 2022.

Relocating to Launceston in mid-2022, he played Tommy DeVito in Encore Theatre Company's Tasmanian premiere production of *Jersey Boys* and was subsequently invited to participate in an Australian Musical Theatre Festival 2023 workshop and concert performance for an exciting new Australian work, *Paper Stars*, playing the role of Bill.

He has also taken on the roles of Prince Eric in *Under the Sea* and Willy Wonka in *The Golden Ticket* for Kim Roe School of Dance (KRSD) and various local corporate guest appearances.

In 2023 he played Adam/Felicia in *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and Greg Connell in *The Boy from Oz* (both with Encore), picking up Tasmanian Theatre Awards for both roles.

He began 2024 with a professional development with Terrapin Puppet Theatre's *Feathers*, and made his professional debut when he joined them onstage on Flinders Island. Since then he has appeared as Melchior in *Spring Awakening* (Black Box Theatre Co) and *The Laramie Project* (Three River Theatre).



## JARROD PITMAN

In many ways, Jarrod's return to the Princess stage as Lola marks a return to his home and roots as an artist.

Jarrod began his journey as a musical theatre artist appearing in dozens of concerts, competitions, and community events across Tasmania as a talented dancer and singer.

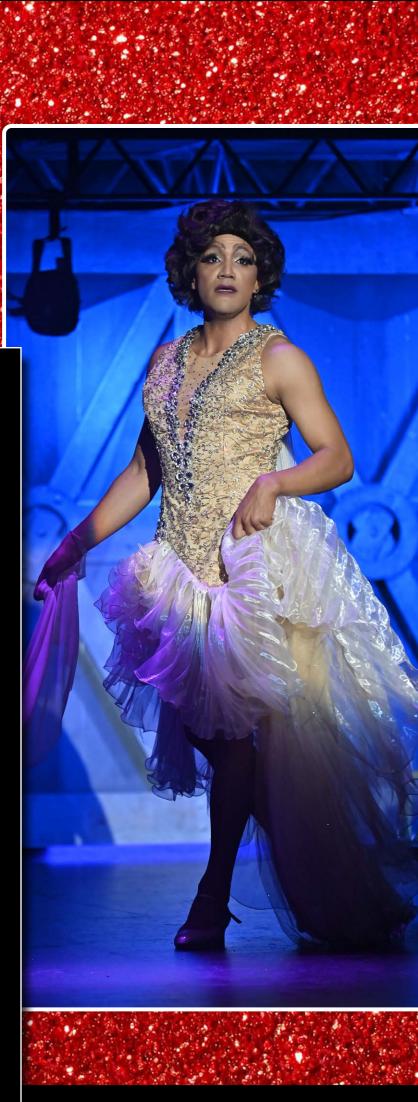
Attending Launceston Church Grammar School on a performing arts scholarship, he continued his studies at UTAS in voice, acting, stage management and direction, graduating with a Bachelor of Contemporary Arts in Theatre.

He made his professional Choreographer debut working on the benefit concert, *Come Together*, featuring Jessica Mauboy and showcasing local Tasmanian talent

Jarrod has appeared in major film and TV marketing campaigns and appeared in the critically-acclaimed *The Kettering Incident* by local screenwriter and producer Vicki Madden. He then spread his wings, spending the last decade abroad working as a singer, dancer, choreographer and actor until the chance to play Lola drew him home.

Performing in *Kinky Boots* has always been a distant dream, and he feels incredibly fortunate and grateful to be given the chance to play Lola and work with the team at Encore. He has valued the opportunity to work his craft as an artist in such a supported way.

For Jarrod, playing Lola gives him a chance to walk alongside her and share in her strength and power and tell her story.











## PAIGE CROOKS

Paige's love for performing started at a young age and after seeing her first musical, *Billy Elliot* back in 2009, she has been driven to be on the stage.

She began dancing at age four at Kim Roe School of Dance, studying in various styles, and now teaches dance and acrobatics there alongside her peers and mentors

Paige has studied the arts on the mainland but her heart lies with Tasmania's performing arts scene. Her first musical involvement was *Annie* (Encore), where she performed as one of the orphans.

Other previous performances include; Peggy in *Camp Rock*, an Angel in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Nigella in *Matilda* all at Launceston College (LC), *Chicago* and *The Boy from Oz* (Encore) and many KRSD. Christmas Pantomimes.

Paige has also had involvements in Launceston Christmas Carols, TV Advertisements and live music concerts.

She is thrilled to bring Lauren to life in Tasmania's premiere of *Kinky Boots* and dedicates her performance to her mother, Evette.

## **BILLY HAWKINS**

Billy is a North-West based performer who was most recently seen as Dave in Devonport Choral Society [DCS]'s' *The Full Monty*.

Originally, Billy never aspired to musical theatre and it was all about acting. However, his Dad and a drama teacher from Don College pushed him to do the school musical where he played Shrek in *Shrek The Musical Jr.*, and in the same year he was exposed to *Hamilton* and absolutely fell in love with the genre.

He loves the idea of slipping into character and becoming a completely new person, and since then his shows include *Young Frankenstein* (DCS, 2018), *Rent* (DoMaur Productions, 2023) and *Freaky Friday* (DCS, 2023)

For Billy, there is no other feeling like connecting with like-minded individuals and being with them on stage. He wants audience members feeling affected in some way by the character he is playing or relate it to someone they know or even themselves.

From Don College to playing Don in Tasmania's premiere of *Kinky Boots*, Billy is thrilled to be making his debut with Encore.

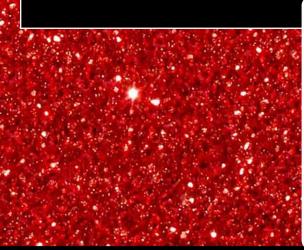
## ASHLEE PREWER

Ashlee has been performing for as long as she can remember.

From the ripe age of three Ashlee began piano lessons and from there her love for all things music has done nothing but grow. However, it wasn't until Ashlee entered Year 11 that she fell in love with the world of musical theatre, performing in her first show with Launceston College, *Aida*. A few short months later she performed in her first Encore production, *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2012). They say the rest is history, but this was just the beginning!

Ashlee went on to complete her Bachelor of Music majoring in contemporary voice at the Hobart Conservatorium of Music, during which time, although she took a hiatus from musicals, she and her keyboard frequented many establishments as the entertainment.

Upon returning to Launceston, Ashlee has performed in numerous productions with an array of different companies, with *Kinky Boots* being her eighh Encore show. You could almost say the Princess Theatre is Ashlee's second home and she wouldn't have it any other way!











## FRED RAINBIRD

In his first-ever principal role, and second-ever musical, Fred is thrilled to have the opportunity to tread the boards again in *Kinky Boots*. Long established as the accordion player and singer for the Celtic pop-punk seven-piece Captain O'Brien's Craic, Fred had previously expanded his skills to include dancing for his ensemble role in *Chess* earlier this year.

Now as George, Fred has had to take the step out from amongst the chorus to bring to life the faithful factory manager of Price and Son. Reaching deep into his past, Fred has drawn on his high school drama classes to remember everything he was ever taught about acting. Fred is keen to elevate his skills at least six inches but hopefully much more!

Fred expresses gratitude to Carmel Claxton, to Belinda King and the Encore company for extending him this opportunity, and especially his family for their encouragement and support.

Fred would also like to extend belated thanks to Kelly Howell, whose drama lessons from long ago are now being put to good use.

## ALANA LANE

Alana has previously performed with Encore in their award-winning productions of *Mary Poppins* (Winifred Banks) and *Wicked* (Glinda/Galinda).

In 2023 Alana starred in DCS' *Freaky Friday* as Katherine, for which she won an Errol award for best leading performer in a musical. She also performed with Esque Opera and the Australian Music Theatre Festival.

Alana spent over a decade performing in Melbourne playing lead roles such as Ulla in *The Producers* (OSMaD), the title role in *Sweet Charity* (WMTC & BuSTCo), llse in *Spring Awakening* (Fab Nobs), Ellen in *Miss Saigon* (CLOC), Amneris in *Aida* (Whitehorse Music Theatre) and Miss Dorothy in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Catchment Players), earning numerous nominations for the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria Award.

## NELSON TABE

The grandfather in the cast (when did that happen?), *Kinky Boots* is Nelson's second Encore production.

As a child he was always hoping to be "discovered" and become a new member of Young Talent Time. Unfortunately, that never happened so he went on to play in rock bands for about 25 years instead.

In the last few years, Nelson has turned his attention to the musical theatre genre, having appeared in *9 to 5* (LMS), *Godspell* (LMS), *Chess* (Encore) and playing the keyboards for *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (LMS) and *Our Town* (Three River Theatre).

The message of acceptance in *Kinky Boots* really speaks to Nelson; he hopes it speaks to you too.







## CONALL CASSIDY

As a regular performer at weddings and events, Conall always appreciates the opportunity to get back in the theatre and perform as part of an ensemble.

This year, he has performed in Black Box Theatre Co's debut production of *Spring Awakening* and Encore's production of *Chess*.

In comparison to these emotionally driven shows, *Kinky Boots*, on the surface, can appear as just a feel-good musical. However, hidden behind all the glitz, glam and heels are some poignant and important themes which have made rehearsing and performing the show a rewarding experience for Conall.

Launceston has a thriving arts scene which contributes vitally to the city's culture and community. Conall is always grateful to be a part of that.







## Musical Numbers

## **ACT I**

#### FACTORY EXTERIOR

PRICE & SON THEME - FACTORY WORKERS

## THE FACTORY, THE SHOE STORE

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING - MR. PRICE, NICOLA, FACTORY

#### I ONDON FLAT

#### THE FACTOR'

THE FUNERAL - TRISH, FACTORY WORKERS

## THE LONDON PUB

TAKE WHAT YOU GOT - HARRY, CHARLIE, ENSEMBLE

#### CONSTRUCTION SITE

## THE BLUE ANGEL CLUB STAGE

THE LAND OF LOLA - LOLA, ANGELS

#### LOLA'S DRESSING ROOM

#### THE BLUE ANGEL CLUB STAGE/FACTORY/DRESSING ROOM

THE LAND OF LOLA (REPRISE) - LOLA, ANGELS

### THE FACTORY

STEP ONE - CHARLIE

SEX IS IN THE HEEL - LOLA & THE ANGELS, PAT, GEORGE, TRISH, LAUREN, CHARLIE, WORKERS PRICE & SON THEME (REPRISE) - FACTORY WORKERS

THE HIGTORY OF MADONIC CHIVE I ALIDEN

THE HISTORY OF WRONG GUYS - LAUREN

NOT MY FATHER'S SON - SIMON, CHARLIE

## OUTSIDE THE FACTORY

### THE FACTORY

EVERYBODY SAY YEAH - CHARLIE, LOLA, THE ANGELS, FACTORY WORKERS

## **ACT II**

### THE FACTORY

ENTR'ACTE/PRICE & SON THEME (REPRISE) - ENSEMBLE WHAT A WOMAN WANTS - LOLA, PAT, DON, FACTORY WOMEN

### **OUTSIDE THE FACTORY**

### THE FIST'A CUFFS PUB

IN THIS CORNER - REFEREE ANGEL, THE ANGELS, PAT, TRISH, LOLA, DON, FACTORY WORKERS

### THE FACTORY

SOUL OF A MAN - CHARLIE

SEX IS IN THE HEEL (REPRISE) - FACTORY WORKERS

### OUTSIDE THE FACTORY

### CLACTON NURSING HOME

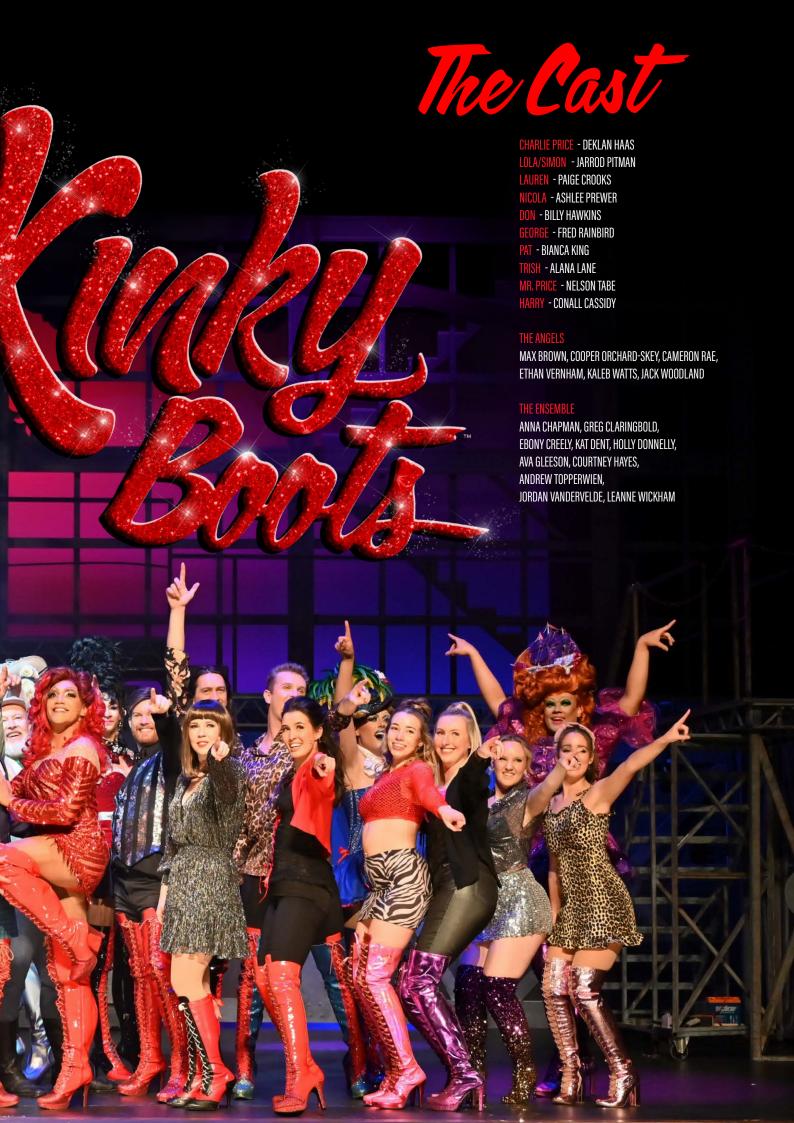
HOLD ME IN YOUR HEART - LOLA

### BACKSTAGE MILAN SHOF FAIL

THE HISTORY OF WRONG GUYS (REPRISE) - LAUREN

### MILAN SHOE FAIR

RAISE YOU UP/JUST BE - LOLA, ANGELS, CHARLIE, LAUREN, DON, PAT, TRISH, NICOLA, COMPANY









## **MAX BROWN**

At the age of 10 Max found his love for the stage when he began dance lessons at KRSD, and later Palmer's Dance Studio.

Max fell in love with musical theatre when he had the opportunity to perform in the ensemble of *High School Musical* at St. Patrick's College (SPC). Since his first production, Max has played Billy in *School of Rock* (SPC), La Cienega in *Bring It On* (LC), and was in the ensemble of *Chess* (Encore).

Max is ecstatic to have the opportunity to perform as an Angel in *Kinky Boots*, and extends his gratitude to all who have nurtured his performance skills.

## **COOPER ORCHARD-SKEY**

Cooper has been dancing since he was six. To date, he has danced with Urban FX, Tasdance and Stompin, doing a wide variety of styles such as hip hop, breakdancing, jazz, tap, contemporary and ballet. In particular, his dance work with Stompin has also seen him perform for Ten Days on the Island and Mona Foma.

Cooper has performed in many productions, such as *Mirror Mirror* (2018), *No Where* (2019), *All Expenses Paid, Into View* (2021) and *Head Quarters* (2022).

With Encore he has appeared in *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and *The Boy from Oz* (2023) and *Chess The Musical* (2024).

## **CAMERON RAE**

Cameron's most recent stage appearance was in *Spring Awakening* (Black Box Theatre Co) and he is very excited to be returning to the Princess with *Kinky Boots*.

Fostering his love of theatre, Cameron first stepped onstage in primary school plays which continued in his more mature performances in Disney's *High School Musical* (SPC), *SpongeBob The Musical* (Stage Right Youth Theatre - SRYT), *The Lion King Jr.* (SRYT), *Chicago*, *Priscilla*, *The Boy from Oz* and *Chess* (Encore).

Cameron has recently taken on the challenge of expanding his theatrical skills by joining Tahnii Marquis' make up team for productions such as; *Jersey Boys* (Encore), *Elf* (LMS) and *Seussical* (SOC).

## The Angels-









## ETHAN VERNHAM

Ethan is 19 and a performer from the North-West Coast, in his first show with Encore.

Ethan's previous roles include Sonny in *Grease* with the Ulverstone Repertory Theatre Society, Dennis in *All Shook Up* with Ulverstone Secondary College, Freddy in *School of Rock* with Don College and Algernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, also with Don College.

Ethan hopes to grow this list as he grows as a performer to one day build a career from his passion for theatre.

## KALEB WATTS

Kaleb is thrilled to be performing in one of his dream shows and fourth Encore production, *Kinky Boots*.

He participated in Stage Right Youth Theatre whilst in high school and currently undertakes vocal lessons with Denise Sam. In 2025, he aspires to begin study of a Bachelor of Musical Theatre on the mainland.

With Encore, Kaleb has previously performed in *Mamma Mia!* and *Priscilla*, as well as a Civil Servant in their recent production of *Chess*. His other performance credits include *High School Musical* (Ryan), *The SpongeBob Musical* (SpongeBob) and *The Lion King Jr.* (Pumbaa).

Kaleb acknowledges Danny Gibson, Denise Sam, Mallory Schipper and Megan Martin for their guidance and support on his journey.

## **JACK WOODLAND**

As far back as he can remember, the stage has always intrigued him, inspiring him to participate in multiple on stage productions and dance competitions.

Jack began dancing at the age of seven at Launceston Dance Centre with his teacher, Maryann Peacock, where he studied ballet, jazz, song and dance and tap until 2023. Alongside this, Jack followed up by joining Stage Right Youth Theatre with Danny Gibson in 2012 until 2021.

Jack has participated in numerous productions, including his previous Encore shows *Chicago, Priscilla* and *Chess*, alongside LC's *Rent* and *Be More Chill*, all of which have increased his love for musical theatre.

Jack is excited pushing himself being an Angel and hopes everyone has as much fun as he has doing this show!





### ANNA CHAPMAN

Anna has been dancing with KRSD since age five, training in a wide variety of dance genres and has recently graduated from Scotch Oakburn College, where she studied Theatre Performance.

For as long as she can remember, Anna has loved performing. She has taken part in annual Christmas pantomimes, dance eisteddfods, Victorian State Ballet performances and charity events.

This is Anna's second appearance with Encore, after being part of the ensemble in *The Boy from Oz*, which was an excellent experience.

As a life-long lover of musical theatre, Anna is now excited to be part of this amazing production of *Kinky Boots*.



## **GREG CLARINGBOLD**

Greg grew up in Victoria and from an early age he displayed the need to perform and a flair for the dramatic. At the age of nine he saw his first musical, *The Pirates of Penzance* in Melbourne, igniting his passion for the theatre and training with the Australian Youth Choir and school choirs before going into private singing and drama lessons.

At 17, Greg commenced his journey in community theatre as a member of the ensemble for *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Since then, he has followed his passion for more than 15 years with various companies in many roles both on stage and back stage.

This is Greg's first show in Tasmania and he feels privileged to be in the cast of *Kinky Boots*.



## **EBONY CREELY**

Ebony love for the arts began at age of 4. When she began her dance training at Classique she fell in love with a variety of dance styles and expanded her training at Footsteps where she found her rhythm in tap.

Ebony found a passion for singing and musical theatre in the LMS production of *Oliver!* in 2011. Since then, she has continued to find magic in musical theatre with the PCYC Youth Theatre productions of *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oklahoma!*, *The Music Man* and *Cats* as Victoria the White Cat followed by Stage Right Youth Theatre's production of *Strawberry Freckleface* as Ballet Girl.

During her time at LC, she also featured as a dancer/singer in the production of *Rock of Ages* and the role of Carla in their production of *In the Heights*.

Most recently she performed with LMS in their 2022 production of *Elf* and is ecstatic to have her *Kinky Boots* on for her debut with Encore.



### KAT DENT

Kat, a dedicated lover of the performing arts, is one of the frontline singers for the Deloraine Big Band, and regularly sings at various events in the Meander Valley, where she has spent two decades as a teacher, serving as both director and musical director for school productions.

She's enjoyed performing in South Pacific, King and I, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Me and My Girl and more recently Chess.

Kat's journey reflects a genuine commitment to the transformative power of music and theatre... and learning to dance in high heel boots!



## **HOLLY DONNELLY**

Holly's love of performing became obvious when she began dancing, aged three. After relocating from Sydney in 2010, she joined Dance Pointe Academy (DPA), studying Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) ballet, jazz, national, contemporary, lyrical and character dance styles.

In 2011 she began drama with Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble (LYTE), performing in *Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, The Wizard of Oz* and *Wind in the Willows*. With LC she performed in *Flashdance* (2020) and *Grease* (2021), as well as Junction Arts Festival and the Australian Musical Theatre Festival.

In 2022, Holly hit the stage again for LMS' production of *Elf*, reigniting her love of musical theatre. She was thrilled to make her Encore debut in *The Boy from Oz* (2023) playing Liza Minnelli and is excited to be back with *Kinky Boots!* 







### **AVA GLEESON**

Ava's passion for the stage has been evident from a young age, initially through dancing with Teena O'Keefe and Megan Martin at Dance Fit. Throughout her school years, Ava's love of performing grew, sparked by her high school mentor Mandy Gibson.

At LC she was involved in many diverse performances, including in a featured role in *Rent* (2022) and most notably as Jenna Rolan in *Be More Chill* (2023). Most recently, she performed in Black Box's debut show, *Spring Awakening* (2024) as Thea.

Kinky Boots is Ava's second production with Encore, after featuring in Chess, earlier this year. Thrilled to be back in her happy place, Ava would like to extend her gratitude to those involved in her journey thus far.



## **COURTNEY HAYES**

Courtney is super stoked to be back on stage with Encore this year, soaking up the amazing community and wonderful theatre vibes in Launnie.

Passionate about musical theatre, she has previously studied at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. Most recently Courtney has been in *Chess* with Encore and others such as *Annie, Godspell, Anything Goes, Chicago, Footloose* and many more.

Currently working as an emergency nurse at the LGH, she can sometimes be heard singing in the corridors but Courtney's greatest achievement is her daughter, Malaika, who she hopes might follow in her theatrical footsteps.



### ANDREW TOPPERWIEN

Andrew cannot express his excitement to be performing again in Encore's *Kinky Roots*!

He has always enjoyed performing arts, studying Drama throughout his primary school and high school years but he was inspired to pursue musical theatre after seeing the LC productions of *Matilda* [2019] and *Grease* [2021].

His previous theatre experiences include performing in *RENT* (LC, 2022), The Scary Stock Boy in *Be More Chill* (LC, 2023), *Chess: The Musical* (Encore, 2024) and Otto in *Spring Awakening* (Black Box Theatre Co).

Andrew would like to thank Travis Hennessy for his support and assistance along his musical theatre journey.



JORDAN VANDERVELDE

Jordan has been avidly involved in the arts for many years now.

In 2017, and in his first musical experience, Jordan performed the lead role of Finch in LCS' *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Throughout his time at LC, Jordan was heavily involved in the performing arts, having featured roles in both *Matilda* (2019) and *Flashdance* (2020). He also featured in Terrapin's performance of *King Ubu* (MonaFoma 2020)

Most recently, Jordan has appeared in LMS' *Elf* (2022) and Encore's *The Boy from 0z* (2023) and *Chess* (2024).

Jordan thanks those involved with his musical theatre journey and is excited to hit the Princess Theatre stage once again.



## **LEANNE WICKHAM**

This is Leanne's third show with Encore, after performing as member of the choir in *Chess The Musical* earlier this year, and having a fabulous time as a singing nun back in 2018's *The Sound of Music*.

Leanne loves to sing and has been performing with the Deloraine Big Band for a number of years. Leanne has successfully instilled her love of musical theatre into the psyche of her two talented daughters and has spent many years driving them to singing and drama lessons.

She is now determined to spend time on her own performing arts endeavours and is thrilled to be part of bringing the uplifting story of *Kinky Boots* to life.







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## **BELINDA J KING**

DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Belinda's earliest musical theatre memory was her parents playing the vinyl soundtrack to *Camelot*. She was in equal measure entranced and transfixed by the sound of Richard Burton's voice, booming out on the stereogram "It's true! It's true! The Crown has made it clear... The climate must be perfect all year..." and her lifelong love of musical theatre was born.

Across her life her involvement in music and the arts has ranged from professional singer/actor to theatre publicist, music publishing, to show marketing and management, embracing all aspects of the industry.

She co-founded Encore in 2008 and is currently company President, regularly taking up the reins as Executive Producer. Shows she has directed include *The Boy from 0z* (2009 & 2023), *Jersey Boys, We Will Rock You, Les Misérables* (receiving a Tasmanian Theatre Award for Best Director), *Buddy* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Belinda still treads the boards on occasion, with favourite past stage turns including Madame Thénardier in *Les Misérables* and Mrs Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*.

Away from the theatre she enjoys a career in radio broadcasting, currently with ABC Northern Tasmania 91.7FM.

## **ANDY PRIDEAUX**

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

*Kinky Boots* is Andy's third outing with Encore following the success of *The Boy from Oz* (2023) where he picked up the Tasmanian Theatre Award for Best Musical Direction.

Hailing from the UK, Andy is currently the Acting Head of Performing Arts at Scotch Oakburn College and President of the Launceston Musical Society. He has been involved in both community and professional theatre for over 20 years and holds a Diploma in Theatre Performance from the London College of Music.

Andy's onstage credits include Rapunzel's Prince (Into The Woods), Jimmy Powers (City of Angels), Enjolras (Les Misérables) and Seymour (Little Shop of Horrors). As a professional vocalist he was commissioned by the BBC and was a vocalist in the animated film The King's Beard. His UK and Tasmanian MD credits include Chess, Oliver, Made in Dagenham and Spamalot (BOS), 13, Our House, Rent, Les Misérables, Aida and Hairspray (BOS Youth), Godspell, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and Elf - the Musical (LMS), Seussical and The Theory of Relativity (SOC), and Jersey Boys and The Boy from Oz (Encore).

Up next, he will musically direct *The Wizard of Oz* (LMS) at the Princess Theatre this December.

## **BIANCA KING**

CHOREOGRAPHER/PAT

From the young age to two, Bianca has had a strong passion for the arts. Training in Launceston with Tasmanian Academy of Dance, Tapestry Dance Studio and Palmer's Dance Studio, Bianca then moved to the mainland to continue her studies at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Sydney.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Dance, Bianca set her sights internationally, seeking opportunities to further develop her knowledge and abilities.

During this time Bianca spent six months working in India on Bollywood films, television shows, commercials and various live performances. Some highlights included performing alongside actor Will Smith and working with Beyonce's renowned choreographer, Chris Grant.

Upon returning to Australia, Bianca spent a few more years on the mainland performing professionally and working in the industry as Choreographer.

This is her fourth time choreographing a musical in Launceston, and she hopes the community of Launceston enjoy *Kinky Boots*.

## MATTHEW PURDON

STAGE MANAGER

Matthew's first memories of being involved in theatre were with with LC's productions of *Hair* (2006) and *High School Musical* (2007). It was there that Matthew discovered his passion for musical theatre.

In 2018 Matthew decided to join the ETC family for *Les Misérables* and apart from a brief hiatus in Melbourne, he has been involved ever since. With credits including *Jersey Boys* (2022) *Priscilla* (2023) and *The Boy from Oz* (2023).

Matthew was invited to stage manage for the first time for *Chess* and again for *The 39 Steps*. He is delighted to be once again invited to put his stage-managing hat on for *Kinky Boots*.

Outside of the theatre world, Matthew is heavily involved in local sport through his 20+ year involvement with the Northern Tasmanian Football Umpires' Association, where he has been a long-time umpire and committee member, and most recently as part of the coaching staff.

Matthew can't wait to see this wonderful show bought to life on the Princess Theatre stage and has no doubt the people of Launceston and Tasmania will remember this one for years to come!





## RYAN PARKINSON

DEP STAGE MANAGER/ASSOCIATE PRODUCE

The Parkinson household has never been a quiet one! With a house full of singing, dancing and instrument playing kids it was inevitable that this passion would spill out into Ryan's schooling, work and hobby life.

With the better part of the last 10+ years performing on stage in countless musical productions and roles, Ryan has more recently found himself behind the action, working with amazing teams as a crew member and assistant/deputy stage manager.

Ryan is thankful for all the friendships and memories he has made throughout the years and could not be more grateful to the companies and mentors he has had the pleasure of working alongside.

Outside of the world of theatre his life isn't much slower, playing bass guitar for his band Eleventh Hour, teaching karate and cramming every other spare minute in with his family. Life is never dull, that's for sure.

Ryan is honoured to be combining his Deputy Stage Manager duties with learning the Associate Producer ropes and bringing another show to life.



## **JASON BOVAIRD**

LIGHTING DESIGNED

Jason is an award-winning lighting designer, graduating from Melbourne University in 1995 and from New York University's Broadway Masterclass in Lighting Design and Projection (2012). Since then, he has been in constant demand for plays, musicals and corporate events throughout Australia and overseas.

Jason has lit the highly acclaimed production of *Titanic The Musical* In Concert, starring Anthony Warlow at the Melbourne Town Hall, designed the Australian Premieres of *In The Heights, Dreamgirls, The Color Purple, Memphis* and *Barassi - The Stage Show.* National touring productions of *The 39 Steps, They're Playing Our Song, Motherhood - The Musical, Australia Day, The Club* and *One Day Of The Year, Peter Pan Goes Wrong* (Australia/NZ, Broadway) and Soweto Gospel Choir (New York).

Jason most recently lit the Green Room Award winning production of *Kinky Boots* (James Terry Collective) which earned him a 2023 Green Room Award nomination, and collectively Production of the Year.

In June, he attended the 2023 Tony Awards as a guest for the nominated production of *New York, New York* alongside Broadway lighting designer Ken Billington, for his nomination for Best Lighting Design.



## MARCELLO LO RICCO

SOUND DESIGNE

Marcello has worked extensively on sound for musical theatre, concerts, events and tours over the past 25 years.

Marcello's most recent theatre sound designs include *Chess* (Encore), *Come From Away* & *Billy Elliot* (CLOC), *Grease* and *Strictly Ballroom* (Footlight), *Kinky Boots* (James Terry), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (OSMaD), *Catch Me If You Can* (PLOS). Annual concerts and events include the Young Australian Broadway Chorus, Starbound, Music Theatre Guild of Victoria Awards, Green Room Awards and the Australian Musical Theatre Festival.

Recent Australian tours, *The Woman In Black* (Gooding & Woodward Theatrical) and *Sooshi Mango: Home Made* (TEG Dainty)

Marcello has received Tasmanian Theatre Awards for best sound design for Chicago, Mamma Mia!, We Will Rock You, The Sound of Music, The Phantom of the Opera, Mary Poppins and The Boy From Oz all produced by Encore.

Marcello studied Performing Arts at Monash University and Sound Engineering at SAE Institute, before establishing the sound company LSS Productions.

This is Marcello's 21st production with Encore.



**ANTHONY PHILLIPS** 

Sydney-born Anthony worked in professional theatre for over 40 years. In 2014, his achievements were recognised by the Australian Production Designers' Guild when he was presented with the Artisan Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He's held the position of Wardrobe Supervisor with The Old Tote Theatre Company, Sydney Theatre Company and The Australian Opera. He was head cutter for *Star Wars* Episodes 2 and 3.

In 1990 he established Anthony Phillips Costumes which provided costumes for many memorable Australian productions including *The Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, Miss Saigon, Chicago, The Lion King, Mary Poppins, King Kong, Priscilla* and over twenty productions for Bell Shakespeare. He has tutored in period corsetry at NIDA and TAFE.

Since moving to Launceston in 2015 he has designed principal costumes for Encore productions of *Les Misérables*, *The Sound of Music, Strictly Ballroom, We Will Rock You, MAMMA MIA!, Chicago*, Jersey Boys, *Priscilla, The Boy from Oz* and *Chess*. He was awarded Outstanding Costume Design (Musical Theatre) in the 2020, 2022, 2023 and 2024 at the Tasmanian Theatre Awards.

Anthony has also contributed to productions for Three River, Stage Right Youth Theatre and he executed the corsetry for the John X Presents' production of *The Rocky Horror Show*.





## **MAREE TOMLIN**

COSTUME MANAGER

Maree is a Mum of two grown theatre kids and a self-confessed musical theatre tragic!

As a 'has been' dancer and 'wanna be' actor and singer, Maree has reluctantly become resigned to the fact that she was destined for back stage, but thankfully also has a major passion for costuming and costume design. Maree started making her own dance costumes in her mid-teens, and developed a skill for turning all sorts of craft and unwanted treasures into unique costume pieces.

Maree credits her daughter as her inspiration, due to her wonderful ability (at a very early age) to imagine the most amazing costumes for her dance competitions, and having to somehow bring them to life.

As *Kinky Boots* is one of Maree's absolute favourite musicals, she was thrilled to be invited onto the Encore team for this production, and help this wonderful cast tell such a beautiful story.

Maree is supported in this role by a fabulously dedicated and hard-working costume team, who have all contributed greatly to the final product that you see on stage.



## **SHARON PARKER**

HAIR DESIGNE

Sharon has a lifetime passion for hair and wig design. She completed her studies in hairdressing at TasTAFE and currently operates a mobile hairdressing business which involves servicing her clients at several aged care facilities within Launceston.

Commencing with school productions over the last decade, Sharon's designs have taken centre stage and have allowed for the challenge and creative process involved in assisting performers to help create and complete their unique character's look.

Designing with Encore since 2013 has been very rewarding, with her artistic work evident in Annie, The Phantom of the Opera, The Vicar of Dibley, Evita, Mary Poppins, Buddy, Blackadder, Wicked, Blood Brothers, Les Misérables, The Sound of Music, Strictly Ballroom, We Will Rock You, MAMMA MIA!, Chicago, Jersey Boys, Priscilla and The Boy from Oz.

Sharon's designs and creations have also been integral to productions for Stage Right Youth Theatre, Launceston Musical Society, Happy Habits and Darryl Rogers' films.

Most recent professional work from this passionate designer was seen in John X Presents' *The Rocky Horror Show* at Theatre Royal.

See some of Sharon's creations online www.atwigsend.com



## **TAHNII MARQUIS**

MAKEUP DESIGNE

Tahnii is a massive lover of pink, glitter and all things fabulous!

As a multi-award winning makeup artist and educator; her broad spectrum of skills not only cover theatre and stage but also television, runway, fashion, bridal, client work and sfx.

Freelance jobs have often included music videos, commercials, photo shoots, and fashions shows including Melbourne Fashion Weeks and VAMFF. She is a passionate about all art forms and feels ecstatic when she can create.

Constantly learning from other global artists to improve her craft and with over fourteen years of experience, Tahnii feels she is still just getting started. Off season she can be found managing a local beauty and aesthetics salon, and running her own business.

Tahnii has previously been a makeup designer for several local musicals and productions (Encore, LMS, Stage Right and Scotch Oakburn) and can't wait to add *Kinky Boots* to her credits!



## **TERESSA CARR**

PROPERTIES MANAGER

Teressa is thrilled to be back on deck for another Encore masterpiece.

She began her involvement with Encore in 2014 and they've been stuck with her ever since! Starting as a dresser, and thoroughly enjoyed this role for multiple shows.

Stepping up her involvement for *Buddy*, *The Buddy Holly Story*, she helped coordinate and source various costumes and as well as doing her usual dresser role.

She fell into the role of Costume Manager for *Black Adder* when the original Costume Manager got stuck in Europe [thankyou Win & Allan Gray].

Post-COVID, Teressa was asked if she would like to make a change from throwing clothes at people to throwing props at people for a show. That was in late 2020. Three and a half years, seven shows, countless headaches and a few minor miracles later, she is again leading Encore's Properties team for *Kinky Boots*.

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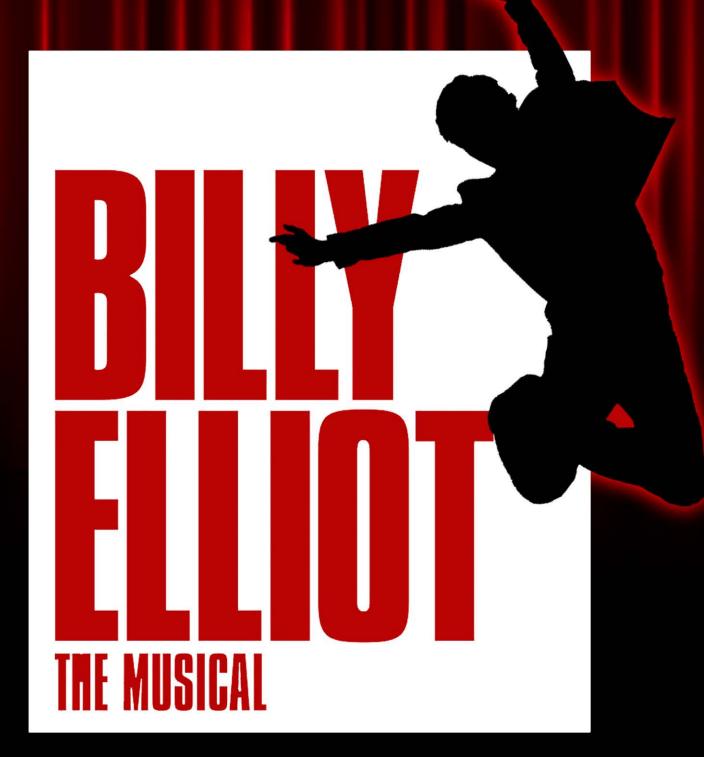
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