

VAGABOND PLAYERS PRESENTS

The Marvelous
Wonderettes

Written & Created
by Roger Bean

Directed by Wayne Nolan

Musical Direction by Allan Thorpe

Choreography by Julia Chayko

Musical Arrangements by Brian William Baker

Orchestrations by Michael Borth

Vocal Arrangements by Roger Bean & Brian William Baker



Originally Produced for the New York Stage by
David Elzer, Roger Bean & Peter Schneider.

The Marvelous Wonderettes premiered at Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

Joseph Hanreddy, Artistic Director and
Timothy J. Shields, Managing Director.

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Cast

Missy Miller.....	Kelsey Tierney
Cindy Lou Huffington.....	Julia Halabourda
Suzy Simpson.....	Saige Woolley
Betty Jean Reynolds.....	Amanda Russell

Production Team

Stage Director	Wayne Nolan
Musical Director	Allan Thorpe
Choreographer.....	Julia Chayko
Production Manager.....	Bev Pride
Stage Manager	Al Zylstra
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Sandra Walton
Lighting Design	Miles Lavkulich
Costume Design.....	Susan Wilson-Murray
Costume Assistant.....	Josh Hoyles
Hair Stylist	Kym Barrett
Sound Design.....	Scott MacDonald
Properties	Denise Brookson
Properties Assistants	Cindy Dean, Hannah Thompson
Set Design.....	Warren Johnson
Set Construction.....	George Edwards, Warren Johnson, Terry Loos, Doug Joel
Set Decoration.....	Pam Bennett, Denise Brookson, Cindy Dean, George Edwards, Kirsten Graham, Warren Johnson, Terry Loos, Wayne Nolan, Lindsey Munson, Bev Pride, Anne Rhodes, Sandra Walton, Alice Woodbury
Poster Design	Ray Boulay
Program Design and Layout	Suzanne Biehl
Photographer.....	Scottie Kryski
Publicity	Bev Pride, Doug Joel, Valerie Lawlor

The Band

Reeds.....	Ashley Trimble
Alternate Reeds.....	Robin Black
Guitar	Christian Richardson
Keyboard 1	Allan Thorpe
Keyboard 2.....	Barb Choi
Drums.....	Mackenzie White

The show takes place in the gymnasium of Springfield High School, Springfield, USA

Act I: 1958 Senior Prom

Act II: 1968 10-Year Reunion

There will be one 20 minute intermission

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The Cast



Julia Halabourda as Cindy Lou Huffington

Julia is thrilled to be making her Vagabond Players debut with *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. Born and raised in Burnaby, Julia loves acting and singing, and has a mild musical theatre obsession. Credits include *Diamond Girls* (Deep Cove Stage Society), *A Christmas Carol Staged Reading* (Moving Mirror Productions), *Band Practice*, *Two Drunk Girls in a Bathroom*, *Bus Stop*, and *Last Will and Testament by Jen* (Brave New Play Rites), *The Emperor's New Threads* (North Vancouver Community Players), and many more! When she isn't on a stage, Julia teaches improv and musical theatre, works in recreation leadership, and is also a freelance writer.



Amanda Russell as Betty Jean Reynolds

Amanda has been performing for over 20 years with theatre companies throughout the Lower Mainland and Victoria, including Victoria Operatic Society, Theatre Under the Stars, and most recently, Applause Musicals Society. Select credits include *The Cat in Seussical the Musical* (Align Entertainment), *Miss Shields in A Christmas Story* (Align Entertainment), and *Mrs. Meers in Thoroughly Modern Millie* (VOS). When not performing, Amanda is fortunate enough to continue her passions of dance and drama by teaching performing arts to elementary school students for the Maple Ridge school district.



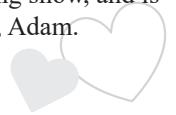
Kelsey Tierney as Missy Miller

Kelsey is so excited to be making her community theatre and Vagabond Players debut as Missy in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. After spending her childhood singing and taking musical theatre classes, Kelsey continues to share her love of theatre, working with children at both Showstoppers Academy in Maple Ridge and Lindbjerg Academy in Coquitlam. Outside of theatre, she also recently obtained a Bachelor's degree in Archaeology from Simon Fraser University. Kelsey would like to thank the creative team and crew for this opportunity. She would also like to thank her mom, theatre family, and friends for their ongoing love, support, and guidance.



Saige Woolley as Suzy Simpson

Saige is excited to be joining Vagabond Player's cast of *The Marvelous Wonderettes* as Suzy Simpson. Saige, a graduate of Capilano University's musical theatre program in 2013, now works professionally as a teacher in the Coquitlam School District. She has a passion for performing in her spare time - you may have seen her on stage in Align Entertainment's *Seussical* earlier this year. She is thrilled to be on the stage again in such a heartwarming show, and is thankful for the support of her family and friends, especially her husband, Adam.



The Production Crew



Wayne Nolan | Director

Wayne is honoured to be a part of this holiday show for Vagabond Players, having previously directed the club's productions of *The O'Conner Girls*, *Forever Plaid* and *Other Desert Cities*. Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland, he has directed for Stage 43 Theatrical Society (*The 39 Steps*, *The Lion in Winter*) and Footlight Theatre Co. (*The Marvelous Wonderettes*; Nominee, OVATION! Award, Outstanding Chamber Production, 2015). Before retiring and moving to B.C. from Ottawa in 2013, he directed a dozen shows ranging from musicals such as *Nunsense*, *La Cage aux Folles* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Winner, Capital Critics Circle Award, Best Director – Community) to comedies and dramas including *Charley's Aunt*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Wait Until Dark* and *On Golden Pond*.



Allan Thorpe – Musical Director

Allan Thorpe is excited to be serving as music director for the first time at Vagabond Players. He has just recently retired from an academic career of teaching music theory and leading instrumental ensembles. However, he continues to enjoy an active involvement as a bassoonist in the professional music freelance scene in Vancouver and beyond. He is a core member of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra, and has also played with the Vancouver Symphony and Pacific Baroque orchestras. His music director credits include work with SAMC Theatre and Theatre in the Country. When not engaged in collaborative artistic work, Allan enjoys spending time with his extended family including his three grandchildren. He sends out a huge thank you to all who helped to make this show possible; the cast, crew and musicians as well as all of their supportive friends and family.



Julia Chayko - Choreographer

Julia is thrilled to return to Vagabond Players in the role of choreographer for *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. She has danced since she was a child, learning ballet, tap, jazz, East Coast Swing and a myriad of Latin and ballroom dance. She has walked the stage for over 30 years playing a variety of roles. A few of her previous shows include *Rabbit Hole*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Other Desert Cities*, *Pack of Lies*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Here on The Flight Path*, *The Vagina Monologues* and *Let's Murder Marsha*. In 2016 she sailed on the Titanic all the way to Theatre B.C. Mainstage with the multiple award-winning *The Last Lifeboat*. In 2017 she played behind the scenes to choreograph the *Dr. Of Oz: A Self-Help Panto* with North Vancouver Community Players. When not on stage, Julia is a writer and an international arthritis advocate, determined to show that anything is possible in the face of chronic illness. She would like to thank her family for supporting her crazy artistic life, and her husband for always being her number one cheerleader.



Bev Pride – Production Manager

Welcome to this wonderful musical production, which has been waiting in the Bernie Legge theatre wings for a number of years and is finally on stage for your enjoyment. I have never been involved in a musical production, but this is the perfect one in which to hone my theatrical skills. *The Marvelous Wonderettes* is exactly as is the title. The actors are all triple talents - they can sing, dance and act! The crew is the best community theatre has to offer and we are all part of a great theatre company. Vagabond Players proudly presents this production for your pleasure.



The Marvelous Wonderettes extend a big Chipmunk Cheer to Michael Gall at the Arts Club Theatre Company, and to all the Front of House volunteers.

And thank you to everyone for supporting local theatre. Now, let's rock out to the music from the 50s and 60s! Enjoy the show!

Director's Message

Director's Message from Wayne Nolan

Born Too Late. If there's one song title in *The Marvelous Wonderettes* that reflects my feelings about the music in this show, that would be it. As a baby boomer, (circa '55), I'd be forgiven if the songs in Roger Bean's delightful homage to the sounds of the 50s and 60s were not "my kinda music". But as I listened while my only sibling, 8 years my senior, spun her vinyl 45s on the family hi-fi (the youngest among you may need an explanation for some of those words), I grew to love that music. Even as a teenager, I couldn't get no satisfaction from the Rolling Stones, but hearing anything from Martha and the Vandellas, The Everly Brothers or The Shangri-La's hit me where I lived. I guess that explains why an evening spent with Missy, Cindy Lou, Betty Jean and Suzy is like a little bit of heaven for me. I know that I speak for all of the incredibly talented members of our cast and crew in wishing you a marvelous evening with our Wonderettes.



Welcome to
Springfield High School's
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Cindy Lou Huffington



Missy Miller



Betty Jean "B.J." Reynolds



Suzy Simpson

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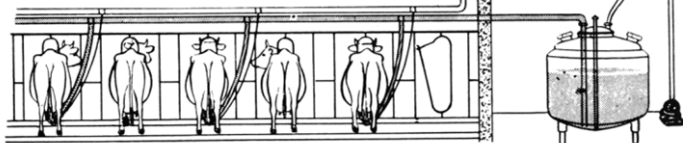


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Robin Black (Alternate Reeds)
Christian Richardson (Guitar)
Allan Thorpe (Keyboard 1)
Barb Choi (Keyboard 2)
Mackenzie White (Drum Set)



About the Playwright



Roger Bean - Playwright

Roger Bean created the long-running Off-Broadway smash hit *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Westside Theatre), along with the sequels *Wonderettes: Caps & Gowns*, *Winter Wonderettes*, and *Wonderettes: Dream On*. Original cast albums for all Wonderettes shows are available from iTunes and Amazon. *The Marvelous Wonderettes* received the 2007 LA Ovation Award for Best Musical for its record-breaking Los Angeles run and continues to be an audience favorite in

regional and amateur theatre companies throughout the country. Mr. Bean's doo-wop hit *Life Could Be A Dream* had a record-breaking 12-month run in Los Angeles, receiving the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, the LA Weekly Theatre Award, and the Backstage Garland Award for Outstanding Musical.

Mr. Bean wrote and created the popular jukebox musicals *Summer of Love*, *The Andrews Brothers*, *Route 66*, *Honky Tonk Laundry*, and *Why Do Fools Fall In Love?*, all currently available through Broadway Licensing. Additional musicals created by Mr. Bean include *Don't Touch That Dial!*, *That's Amoré*, and *Beach Blanket Bash*.

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