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Welcome parents, family, friends, and our excited audience! On behalf of Bev Facey Community school, I want to thank each of you for attending what will be an amazing performance and for supporting our hard-working ultra-talented cast of students. They have shown passion, commitment, and loyalty to one another all through the journey of preparing for this production. In doing so they truly have represented the very best of what it means to be a Bev Facey Falcon. It has been

my pleasure over the last few months to see firsthand the intense work and awesome results that our students have been able to achieve, and now tonight they will get to share that with all of you on the stage!

It has been truly inspiring to see our cast rally around each other and along with the excellent guidance of our drama staff they have created an optimal environment for each of them to take risks and excel in their individual and group performances. Each of our students have worked long hours and have all taken turns at leading one another to continually raise the bar in this production. The entire cast's commitment and passion is a testament to the fantastic artistic learning environment that we support and benefit from within the Bev Facey community.

To *See the Stars* is a true story of the fight for women's labour rights in America in the early nineteen-hundreds. More than a century later, the struggle to ensure equal pay for equal work and guarantee humane working conditions is far from over around the world. This powerful story remains relevant to our times, and continues to inform and inspire.

Your ongoing support of the Bev Facey Performing and Creative Arts program is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your patronage and on being the positive catalyst in the audience for all our students—now, please sit back, clear your thoughts, and let our cast transport you to someplace special!

Ken Wlos
Principal

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Director's Notes

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In 1909, the union movement in America was already a century and a half old. In theory, unions defended the rights of all; in practice, the pay and working conditions for women were far inferior to those of men. Thousands of young immigrant women, underpaid compared to their male counterparts, worked long hours under harsh conditions in the shirtwaist factories of New York City. In a determined bid to make union strength work for them, these women sought support from the National Women's Trade Union League of America and declared an industry-wide strike.

Led by a brave young Jewish immigrant who spoke little English, the Uprising of the 20 000 took Clara Lemlich and her fellow workers into the streets in November of 1909. Violent conflicts with the factory owners, the police and all-male union bosses did not deter the group. In February of 1910, the strike was finally settled, with the garment workers receiving better pay and improved working conditions, changes which benefited non-union members as well. That this occurred a decade before women were able to vote in America underscores the strength and determination of the garment workers to gain a measure of fairness in their lives.



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To *See the Stars* chronicles this milestone for American workers' rights, and for the broader rights of women in society. The time, the setting and the intensity of this true story have provided my Drama 20/30 students with a singular challenge, which they have met and indeed exceeded. We have all learned a great deal, and I am very proud of the results that you see here this evening.

Enjoy the show!

Larry Frank
Director



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Cast

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Anya Rosen	Aly Gariepy and Alex Bellisle
Bridget Feeney	Elena Anthony and Kennedy Komadina
Ruth	Paige Hafner and Reagan Smith
Clara	Marley Schmidt and Sloan McLure
Teresa	Jenna Alibhai and Maya Skubleny
Lenore Van Meer	Elizabeth Kyle and Cate Foster
Violet Vandercort	Ava McTavish and Olivia Borrowman
Martin Roth	Drake Seipert and Luke Parker
Joe Russo	Karter Klassen and Gideon Scheffelmiar
David Rosen	Nathan Segin and Evan Smith
Agnes	Aly Gariepy and Alex Bellisle
Sonia	Elena Anthony and Kennedy Komadina
Bailiff	Mya Brown-Hughes and Mackenzie Redfearn
Johannsen's son	Nathan Segin and Evan Smith
Factory owner	Drake Seipert and Luke Parker
Rich man	Karter Klassen and Gideon Scheffelmiar
Rich woman	Elizabeth Parker
Pregnant girl	Marley Schmidt and Sloan McLure
Boyfriend	Nathan Segin and Evan Smith
Old woman	Ava McTavish and Olivia Borrowman
Scrubwoman	Elizabeth Kyle and Cate Foster
Union men	Ensemble
Thugs	Ensemble
Society girls	Female ensemble
Wellesley student	Jenna Alibhai and Maya Skubleny
Miner	Karter Klassen and Gideon Scheffelmiar
Matron	Ava McTavish and Olivia Borrowman
Newsboys	Marley Schmidt and Sloan McLure
McAlister Coleman	Drake Seipert and Luke Parker
Margaret	Mya Brown Hughes and Mackenzie Redfearn
Patrick Lannon	Dominic Semple and Ceyon McLeod
Jonathon Stolle	Drake Seipert and Luke Parker
Benjamin Cohen	Nathan Segin and Evan Smith
Judge Fisher	Dominic Semple and Ceyon McLeod

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Man #1	Drake Seipert and Luke Parker
Man #2	Nathan Segin and Evan Smith
Man #3	Karter Klassen and Gideon Scheffelmiar
Man #4	Dominic Semple and Ceyon McLeod
Woman #1	Jenna Alibhai and Maya Skubleny
Woman #2	Elizabeth Parker
Woman #3	Paige Hafner and Reagan Smith
Mother	Jenna Alibhai and Maya Skubleny
Girl	Mya Brown-Hughes and Mackenzie Redfearn
Director	Larry Frank



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Jenna Alibhai

Teresa/Woman #1/Mother/Wellesley student

Jenna is a grade twelve student and this is her third year in the Facey Performing Arts program. You may have seen her in last year's productions of *Clue: On Stage* as Mrs. White and *You Can't Take It With You* as Mrs. De Pinna. When she is not in the theatre, she enjoys reading, baking, playing soccer, and hiking. Jenna would like to thank her wonderful double cast Maya. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Elena Anthony

Bridget Feeney/Sonia

This is Elena's fifth show at Facey and she's loved seeing how hard the cast has worked to make this show come together. You may have seen her as Essie in last year's *You Can't Take It With You*, or as Gad in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Alex Bellisle

Anya Rosen/Agnes

Alex is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey, this is her sixth show in the Facey drama program. You may recognize her as Essie in *You Can't Take it With You* or as Mrs. White in *Clue: On Stage*. Along with acting, she also directed one of last year's one acts: *The Sadist*. Alex has had the time of her life working on this show! "Enjoy!"

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Olivia Borrowman

Violet Vandercort/old woman/Matron

Olivia is a grade eleven student and this is her second production in the Bev Facey Fine Arts program. You might have seen her as Aunt Kirby in last years production of *You Can't Take it With You*. When she is not in theatre she enjoys playing basketball, baking and being with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Mya Brown-Hughes

Margaret/bailiff/girl

Mya is very excited to do her first play at Bev Facey Community High School. She does have previous theatre experience, as Gabby in *The taming of Kate LaRue*, and as the theatre teacher in *The Devil in Sherman*. And you can catch her next semester in the musical *Grease*. Outside of theatre you'll find Mya participating in dance and being a member of the swim team at Bev Facey. She wants to thank her mom for supporting all her decisions in pursuing theatre!

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Cate Foster

Lenore Van Meer/scrubwoman

This is Cate's second year at Facey. You may have seen her in last year's production of *Clue: On Stage* or in *You Can't Take it With You*. Last year she also worked behind the scenes in tech theatre. In her free time she enjoys playing hockey, reading, and hanging out with her friends.

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Aly Gariepy

Anya Rosen/Agnes

Aly is a grade twelve student at Facey. *To See the Stars* is her eighth show with Facey Performing Arts. You may have seen her last year as Mrs. Green in *Clue: On Stage*, as well as a Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Aly is super excited to be a part of this show and hopes you enjoy it!

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Paige Hafner

Ruth/Woman #3

Paige is very excited to be a part of Bev Facey's production of *To See the Stars*. This is Paige's favourite way to spend her free time, along with sketching, reading, and playing her bass guitar. You may recognize her from her first Facey production of *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer* as Echo Chambers and Ms. Depinna in *You Can't Take it With You*. This is a wonderful community and she is very glad to be a part of it and share it with everyone else.

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Karter Klassen

Joe Russo/Man #3/union man/thug/rich man/miner

Karter is excited to be a part of the Bev Facey Drama production program. This is Karter's biggest role! He is very thrilled to be in this production of *To See The Stars*. In his spare time, he uses his creative skills to create art with his camera, plays his guitar and learns the amazing world of acting and film making. "Enjoy the show!"

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Kennedy Komadina

Bridget Feeny/Sonia

Kennedy is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey. You may have seen her as Mrs. Peacock in *Clue: On Stage*. She is very excited to be performing her fourth show at Facey. Kennedy has loved rehearsing this show and hopes everyone enjoys!



Elizabeth Kyle

Lenore Van Meer/scrubwoman

Elizabeth is a grade eleven student and this is her second year performing with Bev Facey. You may have seen her in last year's performances of *You Can't Take It With You* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Elizabeth would like to thank her family and friends for their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Ceyon McLeod

Judge Fischer/Patrick Lannon/Man #4

This is Ceyon's third show at Facey. You may recognize him as Professor Plum from *Clue: On Stage*. He would like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work in making sure the performance is great. There are many sections in the play he is proud of, and he hopes you enjoy it as much as he does.

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Ava McTavish

Violet Vandercort/old woman/Matron

Ava is a keen student who is thrilled to be in her second Bev Facey Fine Arts production. She was in last year's production *You Can't Take it With You*, playing as Olga Katrina, a Russian duchess. Her interest in theatre first sparked when she started acting at F.R. Haythorne and she continues to appreciate the fine arts program in her grade twelve year. She is looking forward to working with an amazing and driven cast and can't wait for everyone to see the show.

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Luke Parker

Martin Roth/Jonathon Stolle/Man #1/factory owner/McAlister Coleman

Luke is currently a grade twelve student attending Bev Facey Community High School. This is the eleventh show Luke has been part of. You may have seen Luke as Tony Kirby in *You Can't Take It With You*, as Potiphar in *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, or as Drew Deline in *Holder Posey, the Felonious Photographer*, and many more. Luke wants to thank his double cast and life-long friend Drake Seipert for his incredible support and talent. He also wants to thank the whole cast and crew for making this amazing show come to life.

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Sloan McLure

Clara/pregnant girl/newsboy

Sloan is very excited to be a part of this semester's production of *To See the Stars!* Sloan is a grade eleven student and has performed in a previous Facey musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. She has had so much fun working on and developing the show and her characters, and she hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has working on it.

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Elizabeth Parker

Woman #2/rich woman

This is Elizabeth's third and final production at Bev Facey. Elizabeth has loved the drama program and wishes that everyone enjoys *To See the Stars* and all future productions!

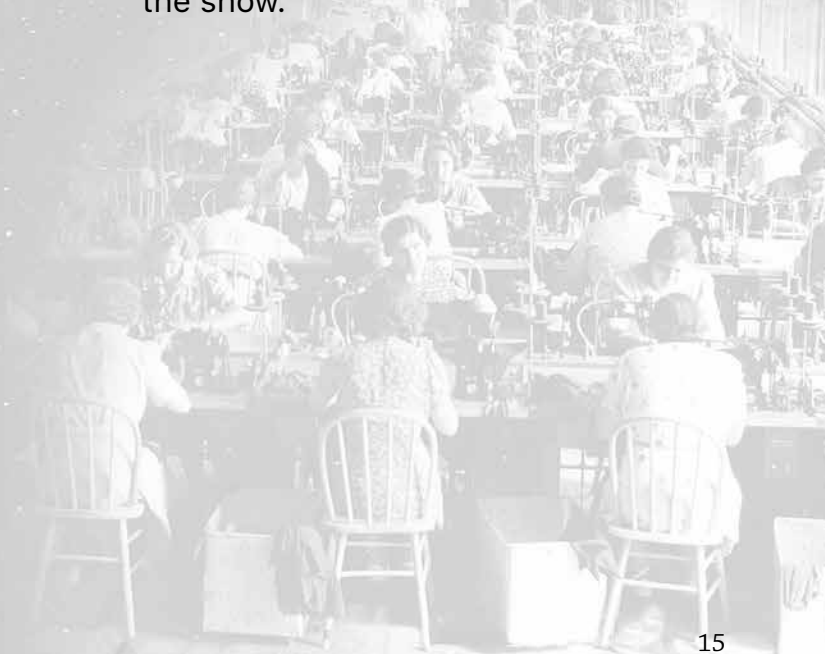


Mackenzie Redfearn

Margaret/society girl/bailiff/girl

Mackenzie is excited to be back on stage! She's ecstatic to bring Margaret, a bailiff and a society girl to life on the stage. She would like to thank her family and friends, and she hopes you enjoy the show.

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Gideon Scheffelmier

Joe Russo/Man #3/union man/thug/rich man/miner

Gideon is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey and he's excited to perform *To See The Stars* in front of all of you tonight. This will be Gideon's fourth show in the Bev Facey Fine Arts program. You may have seen him in last year's shows as Mayor Gullible in *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer* and as Edward Carmichael in *You Can't Take It With You*. When Gideon is not performing and rehearsing he likes to listen to music , root for his favourite sports team (that lets him down every year) and watch some of his favourite movies before bed. "Now, please sit back, relax and enjoy the show."

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Marley Schmidt

Clara/pregnant girl/newsboy

This is Marley's fifth show with Bev Facey Performing Arts. You may recognize her as Candide Cameron in *Holder Posey*, *the Felonious Photographer*, or as Mrs. Potiphar in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. She hopes you love the show!

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Nathan Segin

David Rosen/Johannsen's son/boyfriend/Benjamin Cohen/Man #2/thug

Nathan is a grade twelve student attending Bev Facey Community High School, and this is his sixth show for Bev Facey Performing Arts. You may have seen him previously as Mr. Body in *Clue: On Stage*, as Morris Delancy in *Newsies* or as the baker in *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Nathan would like to thank his amazing double cast Evan, and he hopes you enjoy the show.

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Drake Seipert

Martin Roth/Jonathon Stolle/Man #1/factory owner/McAlister Coleman

Drake is a grade twelve student currently attending Bev Facey Community High School. This is Drake's sixth show at Facey; you may have seen him last year as Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* as well as Wadsworth in Facey's rendition of *Clue: On Stage*. Drake would like to thank his long-time friend and current double cast, Luke Parker for his commitment and unbelievable talent. He would also like to acknowledge the immense talents possessed by each cast member that have made this difficult show such a success. Each individual has put in so much work into this show and has had such a blast doing so. Drake hopes you enjoy!

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Dominic Semple

Judge Fisher/Patrick Lannon/Man #4

This will be Dominic's sixth show with Facey. You may recognize him as Professor Plum from *Clue: On Stage* or as Zebulin from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. He would like to thank his fellow cast and crew members for helping bring the show together, especially his double-cast Ceyon. Dominic hopes you enjoy the show!

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Maya Skubleny

Teresa/Woman #1/Mother/Wellesley student

Maya is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey. You may have seen her recently in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* as a wife, or in previous shows such as *Clue: On Stage* portraying Yvette and before that in *Charlotte's Web*, portraying Lurvy and Avery. When she is not in theatre she is usually playing baritone saxophone, studying, working, or sleeping. Maya would like to thank her double cast Jenna and all the cast and crew for all their hard work. "Enjoy the show!"

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Reagan Smith

Ruth/Woman #3

Reagan is in grade ten and is so excited to be performing in her first show at Facey. She hopes you love the show!

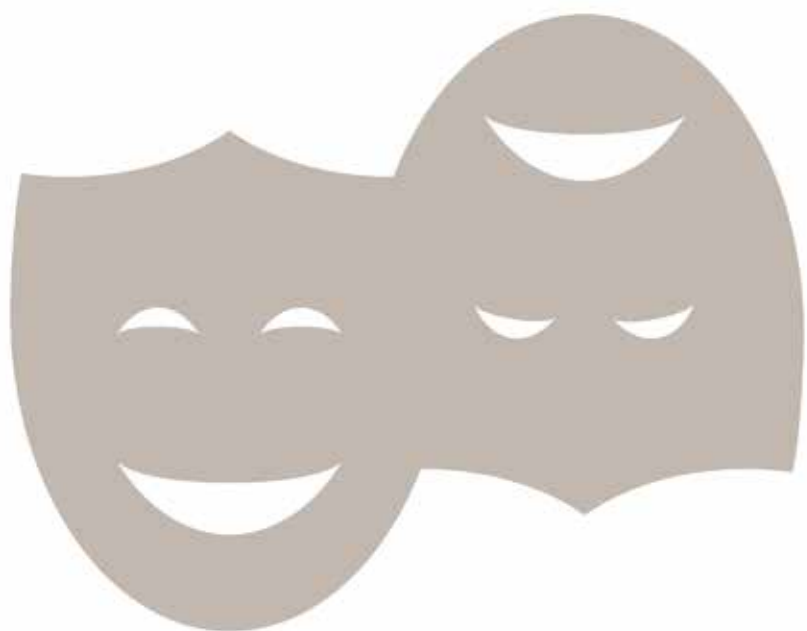


Evan Smith

David Rosen/Benjamin Cohen/Johansen's son/
Man #2/thug/union Man/boyfriend

Evan has been in drama/musical productions before, yet having seven different parts in a single play is a first for him, and has never performed in an exclusively dramatic play either. His most recent performances include playing the role of Albert in Stage Eaters Theatre's production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, and Simeon in Bev Facey's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* this past year. Prior performances include *Big Fish*, *Newsies*, *Elf: The Musical*, *The Candy Bomber*, *The Music Man*, *Catch Me If You Can*, and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. In addition to acting, Evan enjoys filling his life with music by playing piano, cello and trumpet, and singing in a community choir. Evan would like to thank Mr. Frank, the cast and crew, and the entire theatre community for shaping this magical production, and making him the person he is today! He hopes you enjoy the show!

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Larry Frank

Director/Fine Arts Coordinator

Larry Frank is a dynamic and multi-talented teacher and director. His eclectic tastes range from the arts to sports, and he equally loves both. Larry has enjoyed acting since the age of eight, and fell in love with the director's craft while studying at the University of Alberta. He takes great pride in the over two hundred shows he has directed, including *West Side Story*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Annie*, *Les Misérables*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Dead Man Walking* and *A Tale of Two Cities*. In his spare time, Larry enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife, Lianne, and his two energetic boys, Carter, who is eighteen years old and Cooper, who is fifteen. Larry would like to thank his wife and sons for making him laugh every day, and for making every day extra special!

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Mhairi Berg

Music and Musical Theatre Director

Mhairi is a multi-faceted artist who has enjoyed a successful career as both a performer and educator within music and theatre. Mhairi holds an MA in Music Theatre Performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She is a Sterling Award Winner for her original score composition for *Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play*. She is also an award-winning improviser, having toured internationally. Mhairi works professionally as a vocal coach, director, theatre educator, choreographer and musical director. She has been a theatre educator for Theatre Alberta's Artstrek, the Foote Theatre School, Grindstone Theatre, as well as many schools across Alberta. Mhairi recently debuted her new musical, *Morningside Road*, at the Edmonton International Fringe Festival.

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To *See the Stars* was made successful through the effort and dedication of many people. We are particularly grateful to the cast, crew and their families for making a commitment to our program and sticking with it. We are also grateful to the Bev Facey Administration for their continuing support of the performing arts.

Our shows couldn't run without technical assistance and we have some of the best help around! Special thanks to the best technical theatre class ever and the tech guru himself, Mr. Gerry Enns for his ongoing support and expertise!

Special Thanks

Leaning on people with organizational and computer skills makes part of our job quite easy. Thanks go to Art Packer at Newton Graphics for his work in designing and publishing our programs and posters for the entire season and to Kim Seibt for her tech wizardry with programs and basically everything! Also thanks to Kirk and Trudy Harrold at Focalpoint Photography for the outstanding work they do photographing our students and videotaping our shows. For this show, we are grateful to Sophie Wright for her excellent results with our student headshots. And a massive thank you to Salisbury Drama department for all their help with costumes, props and set pieces!

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Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting the Arts and to all our wonderful volunteers who support us every day!

Finally, to our audience – your support and appreciation keep all of us going and we are grateful for both. We hope to see everyone back later in the season for more great productions.

Larry Frank

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Facey's Fall 2023 Season

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By Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus
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