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Cinderella or The Story of Bigfoot

by Elizabeth Ely Moreno



An Evening of One-Acts



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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 these productions. 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 these productions. 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.

Our Evening of One-Acts features two presentations, one somewhat serious in tone and the other—well, somewhat less so. Fighting for one's home and adopted family are familiar themes for both youth and adults, and *Funtown* explores these in a provocative manner. The more light-hearted production of *Cinderella or The Story of Bigfoot* asks what would happen if the dainty glass slipper most definitely does not fit? I'm sure everyone will greatly enjoy both shows!

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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Our Drama 10 students have worked tirelessly over the past weeks preparing for their debut in *Cinderella* or *The Story of Bigfoot*. It's exciting for our students to have the opportunity to perform this children's tale for our audiences, and remarkable to see the growth that this class has shown in just three months in our program. They are truly an outstanding group and we look forward to their growth in years ahead.

If the shoe fits ... but in this retelling of the classic *Cinderella* story, it doesn't—our heroine, with her size 23 feet, isn't really glass-slipper ready! But as in all fairy tales, there is a happy ending, and an uplifting message: beauty is inside, and it's always okay to be yourself. This show has been great fun for our cast, and we hope it will be equally enjoyable for our audience.

Larry Frank
Director







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Cast

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| Sir Laugh-A-Lot | Alex Bellisle |
| Lady le Grand | Jillian Bourdeau |
| Bubba the Mouse | Jeevan Brar |
| King Alfonse | Quinlyn X. Braun |
| Queen Isabelle | Sophia Bruno |
| Junior | Raine Cadieux |
| Chubby | Tori Campbell |
| Dweezil Twist-up | Cooper Frank |
| Beulah | Ruby Grauman |
| Ella | Camryn Healy |
| Prince Alfonse | Marcus Lamoureux |
| Royal Messenger | Brielle Melnychuk |
| Bertha | Brynn Whitrow |
| Lady-in-Waiting | Alex Bellisle |

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Technicians **Abby Ebbers**
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Alex Bellisle

Sir Laugh-A-Lot, Lady-in-Waiting

This is Alex's eighth show at Bev Facey and she is so excited to be apart of this hilarious show. You may recognize her as Anya Rosen from last semester's *To See the Stars*. You can catch her as Mother in the upcoming production of *The Lost Boy* and as Jan in *Grease!* Alex has also directed two one-acts in her time at Facey, *The Sadist* and *Funtown*. "Enjoy the show!"

Cast Bios



Jillian Bourdeau

Lady le Grand

This is Jillian's first show in the Bev Facey drama program. Jillian is a dancer and loves to perform on stage. When she is not performing she is doing art or reading. She's very excited to appear in *Cinderella* or *The Story of Bigfoot* with this group. Jillian hopes you enjoy the show!



Jeevan Brar

Bubba the Mouse

This is going to be Jeevan's first performance with the Facey Drama program, and she's excited to be working with the rest of the cast on this show. Jeevan plays both a quick-witted mouse and a guest at the Royal Ball in this play, but she enjoys all manner of the arts offstage, such as music, visual arts, and cooking.

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Quinlyn X. Braun

King Alfonse

Quinlyn is a grade ten student debuting on stage with Bev Facey. Quinlyn does have a past of being both a filmmaker and actor for a small indie studio called Meow-Ware Studios.

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Sophia Bruno

Queen Isabelle

This is Sophia's first show at Bev Facey. Her hobbies include playing soccer, badminton, volleyball and pickle ball. Sophia has played in two provincial soccer tournaments and has won a silver medal in one of them. She also volunteers at the Sherwood Park Soccer Association doing junior coaching. Sophia has worked with U9 boys and with U5 boys and girls; she intends to continue coaching until she receives her certificate to run summer camps in the future. She is excited to perform this play for you that the wonderful cast has worked so hard on. Sophia hopes to see you there and hopes you enjoy the show.



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Raine Cadieux

Junior

This is Raine's grade ten year and first time in a formal drama show. In her spare time she takes part in an assortment of art programs including dance, musical theatre and art. Outside of her assistance to the fairy god-dude extraordinaire she also enjoys assisting with kid's camps in the summer.



Tori Campbell

Chubby

This is Tori's first play at Bev Facey. While she enjoys other activities, such as photography and creative writing, she is excited to present in a drama production!

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Cooper Frank

Dweezil Twist-up

Cooper is a grade ten student attending Bev Facey. Cooper has been in many Festival Place shows such as *Music Man*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Peter Pan*. In Cooper's free time he enjoys playing hockey as a member of the Sherwood Park Kings Athletic Club. Cooper hopes you enjoy the show!

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Ruby Grauman

Beulah

This is Ruby's first show at Bev Facey High School. When Ruby isn't a boy-crazy stepsister, she's writing poetry and sleeping. She has had a great time putting this show on and she hopes you will love it!



Camryn Healy

Ella

This is Camryn's second show at Bev Facey; she will also be seen in Grease in a couple of weeks. When Camryn isn't on stage she's cheerleading or shopping. She has always loved performing and can't wait for you all to see the show.

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Marcus Lamoureux

Prince Alfonse

Marcus is a grade ten student at Bev Facey, and this is Marcus's first show ever. In Marcus's free time he loves to play hockey as a member of the Sherwood Park Kings Athletic Club. Marcus is also a part of the handball team here at Facey.

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Brielle Melnychuk

Royal Messenger

Brielle is a grade ten student at Bev Facey. This is Brielle's first show and she's excited to perform. She is also appearing in the ensemble for *Grease* later next month. When she isn't performing, she enjoys going to concerts and watching movies. "Enjoy the show!"



Brynn Whitrow

Bertha

This is Brynn's first show with Bev Facey High School. When she is not on stage she is in the wrestling room throwing herself around. She is a three-time national champion. Brynn is excited to perform this show with this group of people.



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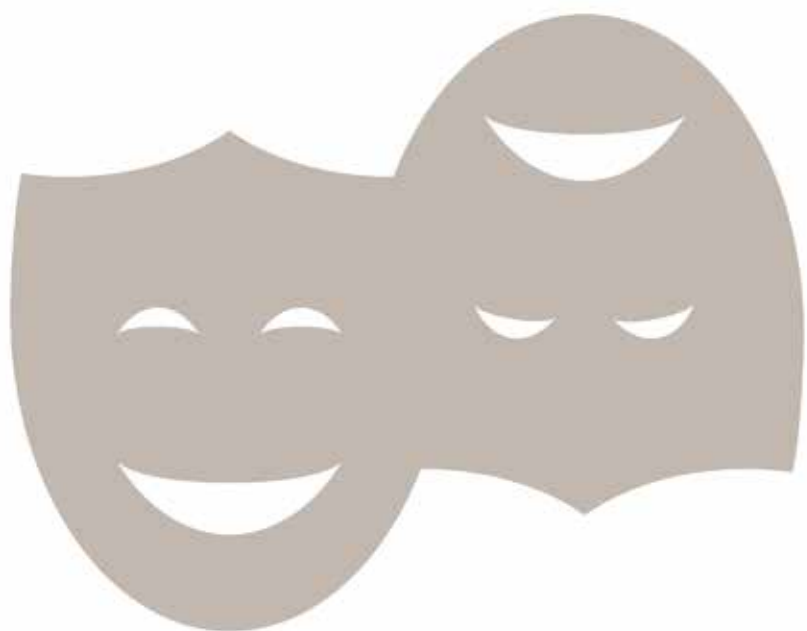
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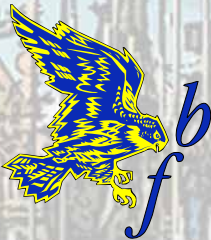
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I chose *Funtown* for the second show of An Evening of One-Acts mostly due to the characters. Each character has its own quirks and interests which make it enjoyable for both the actors and I to explore and create a unique world. The "found family" aspect is a perfect fit for this cast. I hope that the many emotions displayed by our young actors can touch the audience and remind them about the importance of friendship.

Alex Bellisle
Director

Director's Notes



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Cast

Funtown

by Laura Neill

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| Doc | Drake Seipert |
| Harry | Luke Parker |
| Valerie | Marley Schmidt |
| Nicky | Elena Anthony |
| Jo | Reagan Smith |
| Lori | Avery Woodland |
| Connor | Gideon Scheffelmiar |
| The Clown | Jeremiah Scheffelmiar |

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Elena Anthony

Nicky

This is Elena's second year at the one-acts festival with Facey and she couldn't be more excited to be playing Nicky in *Funtown*. To her, the best part of the process has been watching the cast connect as a family and work together both on and off the stage. She'd also like to give a special thanks to her director Alex for being so helpful and dedicated. With that, she hopes you enjoy the show! "Raccoons out!"

Artist Bios



Alex Bellisle

Director

Alex is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey. During her time in high school she has explored both acting and directing. This is her second time in the director's chair as she directed last year's one-act *The Sadist*. You may recognize her as Anya Rosen in *To See the Stars*. You can also catch Alex playing Jan in Facey's production of *Grease* in May!

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Luke Parker

Harry

Luke is currently a grade twelve student attending Bev Facey Community High School and this is his fourteenth show. 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 Martin Roth from *To See The Stars*, and many more. Luke wants to thank the whole cast and crew for bringing together this one act. He hopes you enjoy your quick trip to Funland!

Artist Bios



Gideon Scheffelmier

Connor

Gideon is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey and he's excited to perform as Connor in *Funtown* in front of all of you today. This will be Gideon's first time doing one-acts in the Bev Facey Fine Arts program. You may have seen him in *To See The Stars* as Joe Russo 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 teams (that let him down every year) and watch some of his favourite movies before bed. You can catch Gideon later this month as Sonny in *Grease* at Festival Place.

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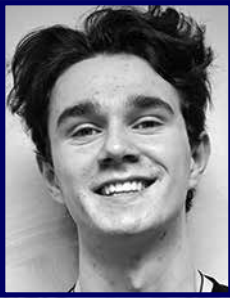


Marley Schmidt

Valerie

Marley is a grade eleven student and this is her seventh show since being with Bev Facey performing arts. You may recognize her as Clara in *To See the Stars* or as Candide Cameron in *Holder Posey, the Felonious Photographer*.

Artist Bios



Drake Seipert

Doc

Drake is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey Community High School. You may have seen him in countless roles throughout the past three years in Bev Facey productions. He's performed as Templeton in *Charlotte's Web*, as Wadsworth in *Clue: On Stage*, and last year as Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Drake would like to thank the amazingly talented cast who put together *Funtown* for making this show as fun as it can be! He hopes you enjoy!

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Avery Woodland

Lori

Avery is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey and she's excited to be a part of a one act production for a second time! You may have seen her as Narrator in Bev Facey's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, and you can look forward to see her bring Rizzo to life in Facey's upcoming production of *Grease*! She thanks all her friends who made this one act possible and especially Alex Bellisle for being awesome! "Enjoy! "

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Jeremiah Scheffelmier

The Clown

Jeremiah is a grade ten student at Bev Facey and he has been in the drama program for a year. He has performed in numerous productions such as *The Taming of LaRue*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Brothers Grimm: Out of Order*. Jeremiah is excited to play the Clown and feels as though it's second nature.

Artist Bios



Reagan Smith

Valerie

Reagan is in grade ten, and this is just her second show with Facey. She is so excited for you to see what her and her fellow castmates have all put together. You might recognize her as Ruth from *To See The Stars*. "Enjoy the show!"

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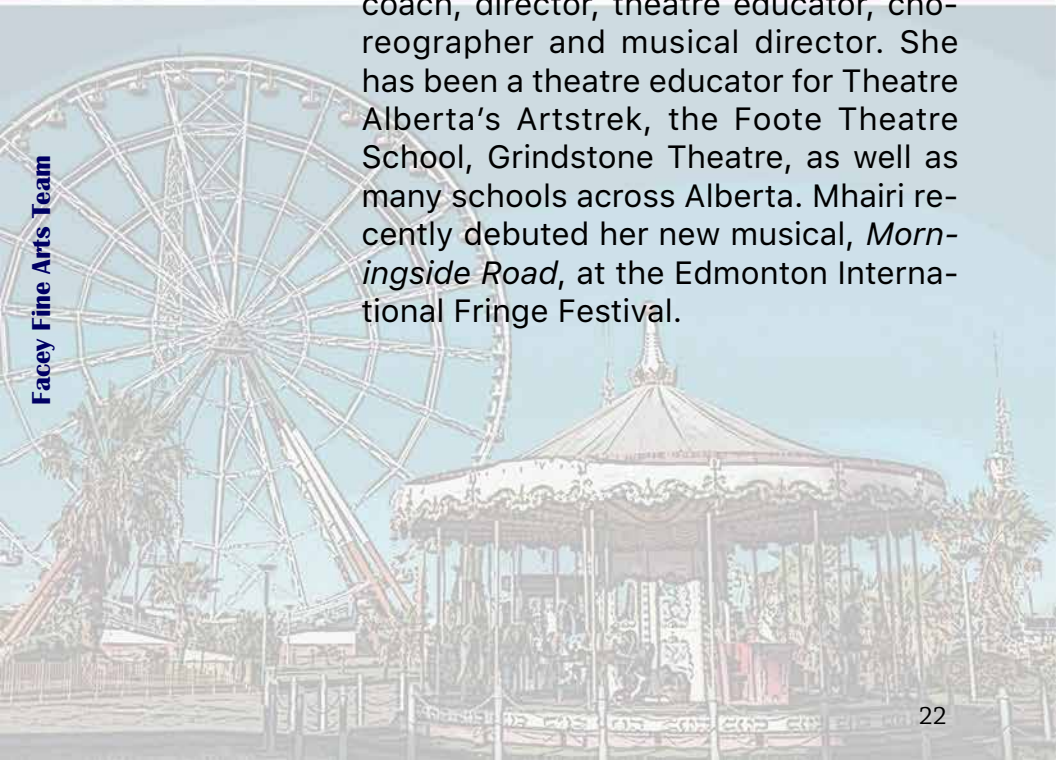


Mhairi Berg

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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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!

Special Thanks

Our Evening of One-Acts 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! We are also grateful to Alex Bellisle for her outstanding work selecting, casting and directing *Funtown*. Bravo, Alex!

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!

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 for our presentation of *The Lost Boy* at the end of April and for our over-the-top production of *Grease*, going up at Festival Place in late May.

Larry Frank

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