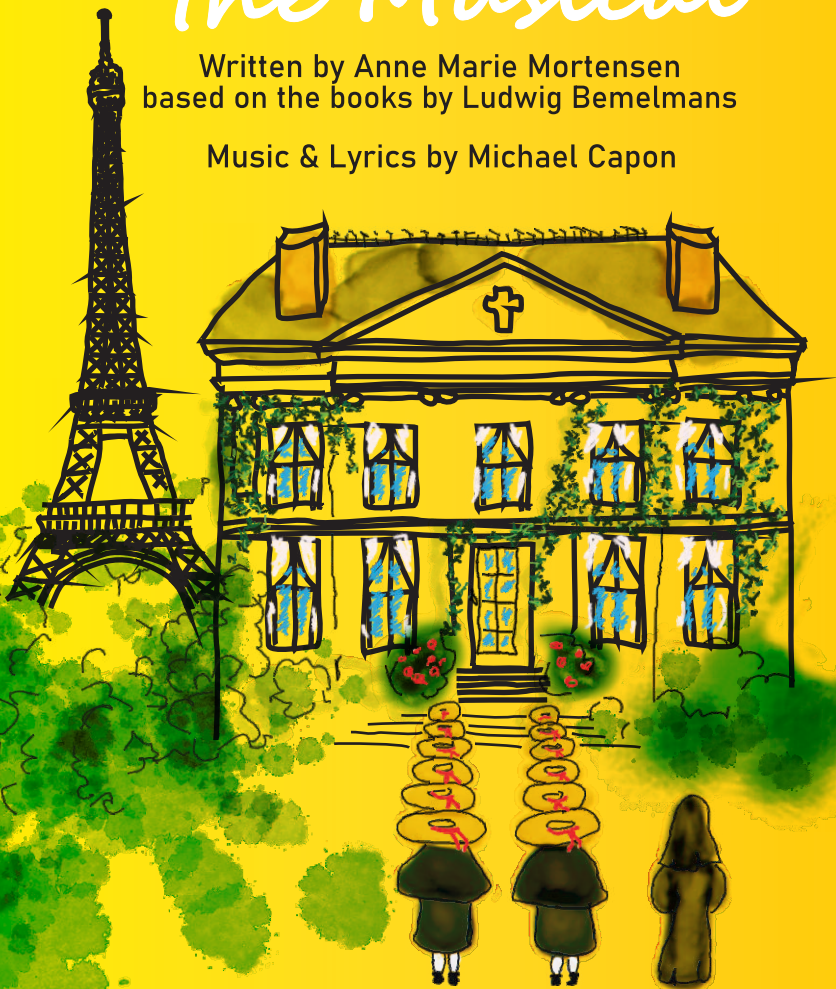


# Madeline the Musical

Written by Anne Marie Mortensen  
based on the books by Ludwig Bemelmans

Music & Lyrics by Michael Capon



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Written & Directed by Anne Marie Mortensen  
Music, Lyrics, & Music Direction by Michael Capon  
Stage Manager Ian Malcolm  
Movement Coach Barbara Raimondi  
Assistant Stage Manager Chip Wright

## THE BAND:

Piano, M.D. Michael Capon  
Bass Guitar Winston Vinh  
Drums Oscar Hand  
Accordion Anne Marie Mortensen

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# THE CAST:

(roughly by order of appearance)



Narrator	Andrea Ruttan
Miss Clavel	Jennifer Guild
Madeline	Frances Ritsma
Girl #1 (Mia)	Ruby Roy
Girl #2 (Autumn)	Violet Young
Girl #3 (Chloe)	Harli Polonsky
Girl #4 (Sabrina)	Olivia Hendy
Girl #5 (Mayzie)	Violet Roy
Girl #6 (Molly)	Kai Kerr
Girl #7 (Emma)	Essie Latimer-Scahill
Girl #8 (Ruby)	Mia Lockhart
Girl #9 (Mallory)	Ruby Twigg
Girl #10 (Aria)	Amara Nanji
Girl #11 (Elizabeth)	Emily-Rain Smith
Charcuterie, Dr. Cohn, Cucuface, Hugo, Vet	Danny Young
Boulangerie, Trustee, Mrs. Ambassador	Deleen Overvelde
Confiserie, Trustee, Ringmaster	Kyla Todd
Fleuriste, Trustee, Penny, Gardener	Emery Liebeck
Tiger	Chip Wright
Street Kid, Clown	Piper McKinlay
Street Kid, Jenny	Annabel Vignacourt
Pedestrian, Mrs. Murphy, Fortune Teller	Patricia Beneteau
Pedestrian Boy, Puppy, Perry, Garden	Elliot Whitehorn-Gillam
Pickpocket, Trustee, Spanish Ambassador	Douglas Connors
Gendarme, Cyril Cyr	Kevin Offord
Bird Watcher, Wolf Boy, Oliver	Joseph Strachura
Girl Watcher, Knife Thrower, Bill	Kian Watters
Girl, Terese, Garden	Elzie Gadbois
Girl, Maid, Horse Trainer	Iris Jenkins
Accordioniste, Tilly, Garden	Hudson Asselstine
Mime, Terese, Lion Tamer, Horse	Isla Oatway
Genevieve	Bria Dubey
Cat	Ari Dubey
Pepito	Owen Benson

# MEET THE CAST



Hudson  
Asselstine



Patricia  
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Douglas  
Connors



Ari Dubey



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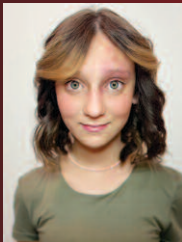
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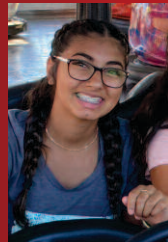
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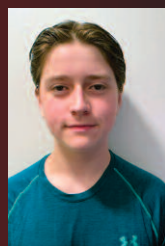
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Mortensen

*Music Director, Piano*



Michael  
Capon

*Stage Manager*



Ian Malcolm

*Assistant S.M.*



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# Hudson Asselstine

## Tilly & Others



Hudson is 12 years old and has been drawn to the arts in many forms from a young age. He discovered his love for acting and musicals while performing in a school Christmas concert. This then led him to his debut performance as the “Cat in the Hat” with Bottle Tree’s production of Seussical Jr. Hudson is excited to be a part of Madeline and looks forward to being on the Big Stage with all of his cast! He would like to thank Anne Marie for her patience, direction and for seeing him for who he is! Hudson would like to thank his family, friends, teachers and schoolmates for all of their support! A special thank you to Dan Bart (his retired French teacher) for introducing him to Theatre Arts and for pointing him in the right direction.

# Patricia Beneteau

## Mrs. Murphy, Fortune Teller



Patricia has been part of the Bottle Tree family since 2008. Her love of performing outshines her natural shyness and she truly feels at home in theatre. Patricia has worked on many productions with Bottle Tree, favourites including 'A Christmas Carol', 'The Little Prince', and 'Seussical the Musical'. Patricia is excited to be a part of the creative team for 'The Little Mermaid JR.' with Bottle Tree Productions in the spring. Beyond theatre, Patricia has experience working in the field of Child and Youth Care, which stems from her love of theatre and her knack for creativity. You can find Patricia curled up with her cats, a fire going, singing and playing a musical instrument. Patricia wants to thank her family and Anne Marie for the opportunities she has had to grow in her passion for the arts.



# Owen Benson

## Pepito



Owen is 11 years old and has been working with Bottle Tree Productions since the fall of 2022. This past Spring Owen performed in the musical *Seussical Jr.* on the Baby Grand stage as Jojo and Wickersham Brother 1. He is looking forward to his role as Pepito on the big stage. When Owen is not performing on stage, he can be found singing, playing the piano, writing, or drawing. Owen has really enjoyed spending time and working with the Madeline cast and crew. He would like to thank his friends and family for all their support. He would also like to thank his vocal coach, Ariel, and Bottle Tree Productions for all their help and guidance. Owen would like to especially thank Anne Marie and Michael for giving him this fun and rewarding opportunity. Owen hopes that you all enjoy the show!



# Douglas Connors

## Spanish Ambassador, Trustee



Douglas is beyond elated to, once again, be cast in a Bottle Tree Productions show. Locally, you may have seen him as Nick in *Over the River and Through the Woods* (Domino), Greta in *Bent* (Studio 013), and Rudolpho in *Matilda* (Bottle Tree Productions). His training as a contemporary dancer (Concordia University) has been helpful for children's theatre and physical comedy – he's really good at falling – and, of course, musicals. His baritone is part of the blend at concerts performed by Melos Choir and Period Instruments, in audio productions with CFRC radio's Shortwave Theatre Company, as well as in his capacity as the co-host of *The True North Eager Beaver* and *the Blackballed: Casual Fridays* shows on The Crier Media Network. Among his other passions are: cooking, travel, curling, and tennis. Much gratitude to His Sweetie, Alexandru, who graciously gives up time with him for theatre projects and, to you, the audience, who support us with the gift of your attention.





# Ari Dubey

## Cat



Ari is looking forward to playing the part of the cat in this production. His interest in acting was sparked through theatre camps and watching live performances in Kingston and in Gananoque. Ari also likes playing soccer and playing the ukulele. Ari is enjoying the opportunity to be part of “Madeline” and working with the Bottle Tree cast and crew.

# Bria Dubey

## Genevieve



Bria is excited to play the part of Genevieve, the dog, in this production, and is taking inspiration from her own dog who just joined the family a few months ago. This is Bria's first show with Bottle Tree Productions, and she is enjoying the experience of working with Anne Marie Mortensen, Michael Capon and all of the cast. Other hobbies that Bria enjoys, aside from acting, include gymnastics, reading, and art. She is looking forward to continuing her acting pursuits for many years to come.

# Elzie Gadbois

## Terese & Others



Elzie is 10 years old. She loves performing and singing. Her first production was *The Lion King* musical playing the role of Young Nala in her school production last year. She enjoys taking Performance Theatre and acting classes with Dance Force. This is her first time working with Bottle Tree Productions and is over the moon to be part of the *Madeline* production. She is excited to be part of this fantastic team and theatre family.

# Jennifer Guild

## Miss Clavel



Jennifer has been singing and involved in musical theatre from an early age. In recent years, she has been cast as Scrooge's Mother in *A Christmas Carol* and Mrs. Scratched in *Jane Eyre* (both Bottle Tree Productions). In her spare time, she enjoys reading a good book, loves camping and spending time on the lake, as well as being with friends and family. Jennifer would like to thank her husband, Clint, and her family and friends for their continuous support and encouragement, and Anne Marie and Michael for giving her the opportunity to be included with this amazing cast and crew. Enjoy the show!



# Olivia Hendy

## Girl #4 (Sabrina)



Liv Hendy is a High School student who has been performing in theatre for many years. She has been in many Bottle Tree plays, including camps, classes, and the summer 2023 Kingston Fringe Festival Bottle Tree Production of "Once Upon Another Time". Liv unwinds by enjoying long walks, listening to music, editing videos, and reading. She is excited to perform on the main stage of the Grand Theatre and is very thankful to Anne Marie and Michael for the opportunity, and to the wonderful cast for the fun times! Liv thanks her friends and family who have been cheering her on. Hope you all enjoy the show!

# Iris Jenkins

## Horse Trainer & Others



Iris is currently studying early childhood education at St. Lawrence College. Iris has always loved going to theatre productions, especially improv shows, and she is very excited to be in her first musical! She enjoys playing the ukulele and singing, sometimes even writing her own songs.

# Kai Kerr

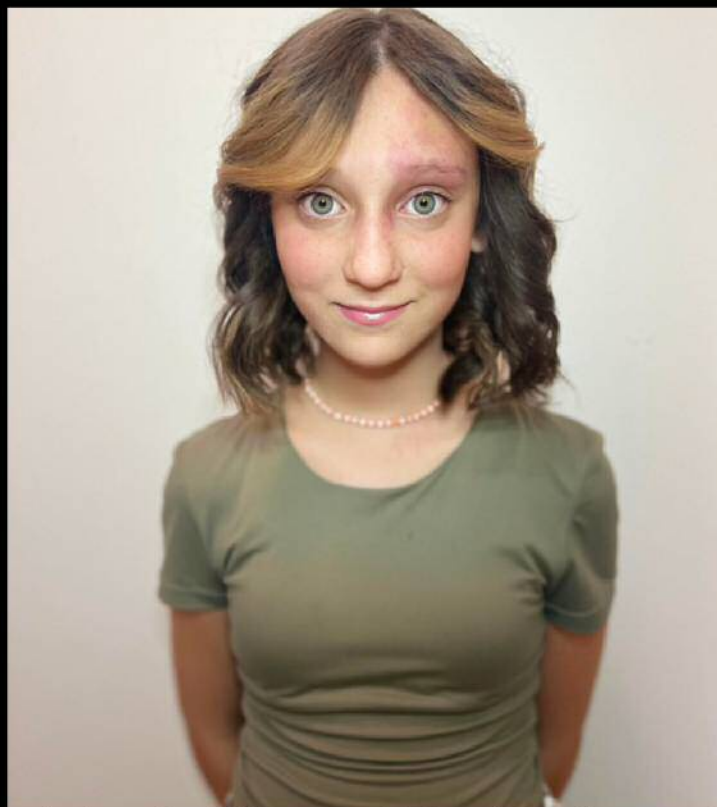
## Girl #6 (Molly)



Kai is a young actor with many talents. He has been in many past performances and now is in the LEAP program at Calvin Park. Kai is thankful for many opportunities to train as an actor including Bottle Tree classes.

# Essie Latimer-Scahill

Girl #7 (Emma)



Essie Latimer-Scahill is an avid thespian with more than 9 plays to her credit. Thus far, Madeline and Seussical are her favourites. She's been involved with Bottle Tree Productions for the last three years. When not on stage she can be found in the LEAP program, playing hockey or her flute. Her favourite things are Melanie Martinez, her dog and her cat, peeps, her friends and in case you didn't catch it the first time, Melanie Martinez.





# Emery Liebeck

## Gardener, Trustee, Penny



Emery has been working with Bottle Tree Productions for over a year. She has participated in many shows including, “Seussical The Musical”, “Double Double Hospital Trouble”, and “The Return Of Sticky Pete”. Emery has also participated in the Fringe Festival that took place during the summer last year and this year. She loves acting and is so excited to be part of the newest production, Madeline. We hope you enjoy the show!

# Mia Lockhart

## Girl #8 (Ruby)



Mia Lockhart has been a part of Bottle Tree Productions since 2018. Mia has been in many shows with Bottle Tree Productions, some of these projects include “Seussical JR”, and “Matilda”. She was also the lead in her school musical last winter and was the role of Mahar in “The Makers and Shakers Society” radio production. Outside of rehearsals Mia likes reading, basketball, and hanging out with her friends. Mia is very excited to be part of this show and would like to thank Anne Marie and Michael for giving her this wonderful opportunity. She also would like to thank all of her castmates, who make the show so much more fun and enjoyable.

# Piper McKinlay

## Clown



Piper started acting with Bottle Tree Productions when she was eight years old. Her first musical was Bottle Tree's 'Suessical' where she played 'Young Kangaroo', a 'Wickersham Brother' and a 'Who'. Some other hobbies she enjoys are taking baton lessons, doing gymnastics, reading and writing. Piper has had a lot of fun being a part of this play and she would like to thank Anne Marie Mortensen and Michael Capon for providing the opportunity and her castmates for all the fun. Piper is excited to play 'Flick' in 'A Christmas Story' at The Domino Theatre this December.

# Amara Nanji

## Girl #10 (Aria)



Amara has been drawn to the arts since she was a very young girl and has spent the past several years singing, dancing, acting and playing instruments. Recently, Amara has begun to grow her skills in the performing arts through acting, dancing and writing her own music. Amara has had the privilege of performing at the Kiwanis Provincial Music Festival, Thousand Island Playhouse, and the Baby Grand theatre in Kingston. If you happen upon Amara busking in downtown Kingston, please stop and say hello! She is looking for a fan base





# Isla Oatway

## Horse, Lion Tamer, Others



Isla is 11 years old and is very excited to be making her Bottle Tree Productions debut in 'Madeline'. Elsewhere, Isla has performed in The Sound Of Music, The Music Man and Anne of Green Gables (Thousand Islands Playhouse) as well as Miracle on 34th Street and A Christmas Carol (Domino Theatre). Isla enjoys taking dance lessons (Leisa's School of Dance), singing lessons (Sara Doyle) and of course acting! She is very thankful for the opportunity to perform with Bottle Tree and hopes that you enjoy the show!  
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# Kevin Offord

## Cyril Cyr & Gendarme



Kevin is a Kingston Ontario singer who can be found entertaining in various pubs around town, and abroad. When not with his band, "Kevin and the Kitchen Sink", from time to time, he performs with the Celtic Kitchen Party, and other Celtic or 80's pop/rock bands. Kevin has two CDs, and when he is not making his own music, you might catch him leading the PWOR as Drum Major.

# Deleen Overvelde

## Trustee, Pepito's Mother



Deleen enjoys watching her family and friends perform on stage and has performed in a few ensemble roles over the years, including Bottle Tree Productions' Matilda the Musical. This summer she had the wonderful opportunity to take the stage as Agatha Maple in Surely, Sherlock. If you find Deleen with time on her hands, she will either be in the garden or cross stitching. She wants to thank her family, of course, and Anne Marie and Ariel, for their coaching and encouragement.



# Harli Polonsky

## Girl #3 (Chloe)



Harli got bitten by the acting bug in grade 5 when she appeared as Rafiki in her school production of Lion King Jr. Since then, she has been training with Bottle Tree, being cast as Young Anna in the company's Covid-cancelled production of Frozen Jr. She did appear as an extra in Bottle Tree's Jack & The Beanstalk, and was thrilled to play Plankton in Blue Canoe's production of SpongeBob The Musical. Harli has trained vocally with Ariel Zaichik, and sings in the Cantabile Youth Choir. Harli is thrilled to be part of this original show, and to perform on the Grand's main stage! Harli would like to thank Anne Marie for being an inspiring mentor and teacher, and to her family and friends for schlepping her to and from rehearsals and auditions.



# Frances Ritsma



## Madeline



Frances is 8 years old and is thrilled to be making her musical theatre debut in 'Madeline'. She has been attending Bottle Tree Productions camps and classes for the past 2 years. She enjoys taking voice and ukulele lessons from the wonderful Ariel Zaichick, and has sung/played at several local events. She also loves to dance and spend time with friends and family - especially her little sister. Frances would like to thank Anne Marie and Michael for giving her the opportunity to play this fun character alongside a talented and welcoming cast.

# Ruby Roy

## Girl #1 (Mia)



I'm Ruby Roy. I am thirteen years old and I've been in two musical productions with Bottle Tree Productions. I'm so excited to be in this production of Madeline. Me and my family would always read this book when I was younger and I'm looking forward to seeing how the musical turns out. I'd like to thank my family for all of the support and Bottle Tree productions for this amazing opportunity.

# Violet Roy

## Girl #5 (Mayzie)



Hello my name is Violet Roy I am 14 years old. This is my second production with bottle tree, but in the past I've performed in numerous performances before in Markham. I've read the book Madeline as a kid and I'm so happy to be apart of the real live production .



# Andrea Ruttan



## Narrator



Andrea is thrilled to be back on stage performing in her second musical with Bottle Tree Productions. Some of her previous roles include Miss Honey in *Matilda* (Bottle Tree) and Grace in *Annie* (Meistersingers). Andrea is grateful to Anne Marie and Michael for the opportunity to be in this show. She also thanks her voice teacher, Julie Mylks, as well as her husband, Brian and her lovely children, George and Everly for their support.



# Emily Smith

## Girl #11 (Elizabeth)



Emily has loved acting from an early age, and is always looking for new creative opportunities. Past roles include Romeo (The NSAA's production of Romeo and Juliet: Like You've Never Seen it Before), and the Beast (Beauty and the Beast JR). She takes vocal training and piano lessons at Molly Luhta's Studio. When not acting, they can be found reading, writing, singing, baking, or finding new ways to procrastinate. She would like to thank her friends and family, as well as the fabulous cast and crew of Madeline. Enjoy the show!

# Joseph Stachura

## Oliver, Wolfboy, & Others



Joseph is a twelve year old boy that loves the theatre. His previous show was Seussical the musical playing the role of JoJo. This year he is very excited to play Oliver in Madeline the musical. Joseph loves to read, play video games and hang out with friends. He wishes to continue to perform more plays and musicals. Joseph would like to thank his parents for getting him into acting, Anne Marie and Michael for being so funny, Patricia for being awesome and the comic relief. Joseph is very excited to be working with new people and old friends.



# Kyla Todd

Ringmaster, Trustee



Kyla is excited to be performing on the grand theatre stage once again, and is proud of her young, very talented co-stars! She is grateful to Anne Marie Mortensen and Michael Capon for writing stellar new musicals! She was in a play earlier this year, Surely Sherlock, which was also written by them and a big success! Kyla has performed in a variety of shows over the past few years, such as: "An evening with Ives" (Bottle Tree), "Same Time Next Year" and "The Mollycoddlers" (Domino Theatre), "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"(Meistersingers), and "MacDeath" (Kingstown Players).

# Ruby Twigg

## Girl #9 (Mallory)

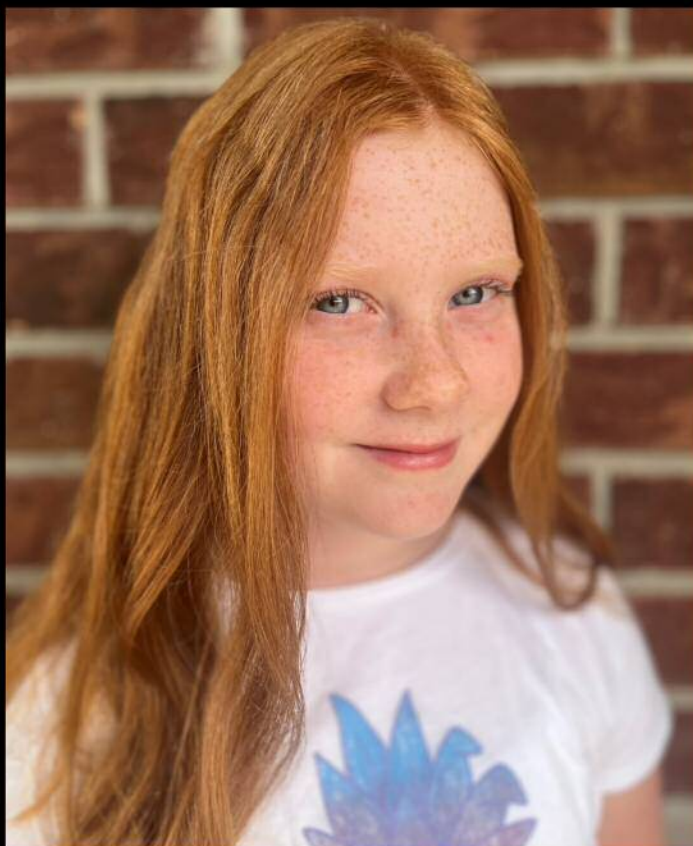


Ruby Twigg is 13 years old and has been in a number of school musicals and played Mayzie La Bird in Bottle Tree's Spring 2023 production of Seussical Jr. In her spare time she takes voice lessons and received Distinguished Honourable Mention when competing in the 2023 Ontario Provincial Music Festival for classic voice, level 3. Ruby would like to thank Larissa Koniuk, her voice instructor, for helping her to develop her vocal skills.



# Annabel Vignacourt

## Jenny & Others



Annabel is 10 years old and started acting classes when she was 7. Her debut musical was Bottle Tree's Suessical where she played Horton the Elephant, and a Bird Girl. Annabel is excited to bring Madeline to the stage. She enjoys playing basketball, cooking, and being with friends. Annabel would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her love of theatre.



# Kian Watters

## Bill, Knife Thrower, & Others



Kian is a local high school student in Kingston who enjoys acting and playing the trombone in his school band. He most recently had the opportunity to travel to NYC and play at the Manhattan School of Music. Kian's previous performances were in the production of Once Upon a Time and Once Upon Another Time. Kian thanks Michael Capon and Anne Marie Mortensen from Bottle Tree Productions for the opportunity to take part in Madeline and he hopes you enjoy the show!

# Elliot Whitehorn-Gillam

Perry & Others



Elliot is thrilled to be making his Kingston stage debut with Bottle Tree Productions. His love of theatre has grown since his first performance with the Children's Theatre of Charlotte three years ago. Elliot would like to thank Anne Marie, Michael and the Madeline cast for welcoming him into the Kingston theatre community. He will next be seen as Randy in Domino Theatre's A Christmas Story.

# Chip Wright

## Tiger, Assistant Stage Mgr.



Always looking for ways to be involved with theatre, Chip is excited to be in their second production with Bottle Tree and 11th production in their acting career! When not at rehearsal, Chip scratches their creative itch by writing poetry, working as a graphic designer, singing along to their favourite records, and baking far too many pastries. They love being able to share the hard work they and their cast mates have put into this show and have enjoyed every minute working with all of them, on and off stage.





# Danny Young

## Cohn, Cucuface, Hugo, Vet



Danny has been active in theatre from the mid 90' but made a return to the stage in 2010'. Select roles include Val Jean "Les Mis 2013" (Bottle Tree Productions), Christmas Carol 2014/2015 as Cratchit (Bottle Tree Productions), and Luntha in "The King and I", 2010 with the Meistersingers. In his spare time, Danny enjoys gardening and beekeeping. Danny is very excited to be included in this wonderful cast and thanks their family, friends, and you, the audience for the support.

# Violet Young

## Girl #2 (Autumn)



Violet Young is 10 years old and was born and raised in Kingston. She possesses a strong passion for theatre and the arts. Her love for storytelling shines through every role she embraces. Some of her recent performances have been with Bottle Tree Productions, where she excelled as Ms. Mayor in 'Seussical' and as Betty in 'Once Upon Another Time' during the Kingston Fringe Festival. She is thrilled to have been cast in 'Madeline the Musical' and wishes to take this opportunity to express her gratitude to her directors, Anne Marie and Michael, as well as her fellow cast members, for providing such an amazing theatre experience.

# Ian Malcolm

## Stage Manager



Ian Malcolm taught Dramatic Arts and English in Winnipeg and Kingston. He has performed in and directed productions for Cubiculo Theatre Lab, Domino Theatre, bEST Theatre, Theatre 5, Kingston Summer Theatre, Lamplight Theatre, Bottle Tree Productions, and the Thousand Islands Playhouse. He's pleased to have the opportunity to work again with Bottle Tree, this time as a crew member for Madeline The Musical. Thanks, Anne Marie and Michael!



# Michael Capon

Lyrics & Score, M.Dir., Piano



Michael Capon has been involved in theatrical productions all their life as an actor, music director, and composer. They previously collaborated with playwright Anne Marie Mortensen on the 2023 Fringe Festival smash hit SURELY, SHERLOCK, for which they wrote the music and lyrics and music directed. Their musical comedy THE WITCH AND THE GLITCH, written with playwright/lyricist Gord Love, will be staged February 15-March 3 in the Bottle Tree Studio Series. Michael also enjoys acting, and recently appeared on stage as Poseidon in the Grapevine Theatre Project's production of HARMONIA by Ned Dickens. They very much appreciate the opportunity to share this show with you, and have enjoyed working with Anne Marie and the wonderful MADELINE team. Now, be sure to keep your line straight, and enjoy the show!



# Barbara Raimondi

## Acting and Movement Coach



Barbara completed her studies and worked as a drama teacher in Argentina, and Spain before moving to Kingston. She directed several productions while also coaching her own children's theater company, "Eternos Pibes." Barbara, is also a writer. She recently released her second book, "Clara," which tells the story of a little girl growing up in the 1970s in Buenos Aires. Barbara really likes to cook, read, and spend time with her family and four cats. She wants to express her gratitude to Anne Marie for including her on this wonderful team.



# Oscar Hand Drums



Oscar Hand is a drummer from Kingston, Ontario. He has played in a variety of groups in pop, folk, and jazz settings, as well as in several musicals. He is currently a member of 5th Avenue, a pop-funk band based in Kingston. He studies at McMaster University in Hamilton.

# Winston Vinh

## Bass



Winston studied under two of Kingston's finest bass players, Zak Colbert and Alec Barkin. Additionally, he studied at Humber College in the Jazz Performance Program. Over the years Winston has played with several of Kingston's finest bands, including Spencer Evans, Rocket Surgery, Kris and Dee, Jenica Rayne and the Kim Pollard Band. Most recently, he has been playing in musicals such as Jersey Boys, Bittergirl the musical and Matilda the musical.

# Anne Marie Mortensen

## Playwright, Director, Accordion



Anne Marie is a theatre practitioner in Kingston. She is the Artistic Producer/Artist-Educator for her theatre company, Bottle Tree Productions. In addition to producing plays and musicals, Anne Marie also writes plays, like this one! She is especially fortunate and thankful to be able to collaborate with Michael Capon in writing musicals. The cast, crew, and band for this production are exceptional, and she is grateful to them for their work. Anne Marie thanks the staff, management, and crew at the Grand theatre, her cast and creatives, and the cast's families and her own family for their support for this new work. Enjoy the show!

