

## President's Message.

Welcome to the world of young Millie Dillmount, just arrived in New York with high hopes. Millie has to get used to the changing world of 1922, fashions, hairdos, cars, quite like our ever changing world of 2009. This is one of my personal favourites and I am delighted we can present it to you here in Meadowvale Theatre. The world of theatre has changed over the years but we will always strive to present to you, our valuable audience, the best possible entertainment. So much hard work goes into every show, from our energetic cast and crew, to our amazing orchestra, to our directors Rob and Jenny and choreographer Bob, and all who work for the show. Thank you so much for all your time and talent. We really appreciate everything you do. Many thanks also to Christine and Nick, my co-producers, who have worked so hard to make it all possible. We at Clarkson Music Theatre suffered a great loss recently with the passing of our dear Ab Forth. Ab was a wonderful member of CMT, always willing to help and support whenever he could. He was also a very warm and caring human being and we will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and our love go to Joyce and the family.

So now dear audience sit back, relax and follow the adventures of our young Millie and all the weird and wonderful characters she meets along the way. We wish you a "thoroughly modern evening of theatre"! Enjoy the show.

*Rita Ferguson*, President CMT



A poster for the musical 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'. The background is dark. At the top left is the Clarkson Music Theatre logo, which includes a microphone icon. The title 'Thoroughly Modern millie' is written in a large, stylized font, with 'Thoroughly Modern' in white and 'millie' in red. Below the title, it says 'Directed by Rob Gerican'. Further down, it lists 'Book by RICHARD MORRIS &amp; DICK SCANLON', 'New Music by JEANINE TESORI', and 'New Lyrics by DICK SCANLAN'. At the bottom, it says 'Produced by Christine McMahon, Rita Ferguson &amp; Nick Farrow' and 'Music Director Jennifer Peace, Choreographer Bob Riddell'. The poster features two illustrations of a woman in a red, fringed dress and red high-heeled shoes. One illustration shows her from the waist up, and another shows her from the waist down, in a dynamic, dancing pose.

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Is lovingly dedicated to

**Ab Forth**

1927-Sept. 2009

A man who loved life and made  
those around him happy.

### *Robin Dalgleish* Rehearsal Pianist

Robin loves Music Theatre! She has done way too many shows to list them all but here's a few favorites: *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Blood Brothers*, *Miss Saigon*, *Chorus Line*, *Nunsense*, *Ragtime*, *Chess* in concert. Her favorite place is in the pit with all the other musicians, with music all around and the roar of applause, the most bestest thing!! Thanks family and friends for putting up with me and here's to the next one!

### *Arielle Di Iulio* Actor

Arielle Di Iulio-Currently in grade 12 at St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Mississauga. Trained in jazz, tap, ballet, acro and musical theatre, she comes from a large performing arts family. Arielle's excited to be in her first Clarkson production. Thanks to family and friends for their love and support.

### *Adam Dolson* \*\*\* Actor

Eight years ago, Adam all but gave up on his thespian dreams to instead pursue a career in high finance. But, as fate would have it, Excel spreadsheets and exotic derivatives just couldn't fill that void, so he's back! Today, Adam is thrilled to be singing and dancing with such an awesome group of performers.

### *Amanda Dwyer-Scarlett* Actor

Amanda Dwyer-Scarlett is thrilled to be taking part in her first show with CMT! A graduate of Randolph School of the Arts, Amanda is involved in many projects, including theatre, film and voice-over work. As Artistic Director of Ensemble Kids and Scarlett Road Productions, music theatre is a part of her everyday life.

### *Michelle Ferguson* Actor

Michelle is excited to be a part of another wonderful CMT show. Credits include *Blood Brothers*, *At the Black Pig's Dyke* and *Waiting for the Parade*. Thank you to her family for all their unending support. Lots of love to Kevin, who is beyond words. Love you. Citius. Altius. Fortius.

### *Rita Ferguson* Producer, Actor

Rita as CMT President would like to extend a big CMT welcome to all our newcomers. Congratulations to a very energetic cast and crew, and Rob, Bob and Jenny for all their hard work. Fun as always to produce with Christine and welcome Nick on board. She has fond memories of roles with CMT, Oakville Players and most recently of "Mother" in *Crucial Week* with Toronto Irish Players. Love and thanks to T for a fun year and to her family for all their love and support.

### *Nick Farrow* Producer

A member since 1992, Nick has also served as CMT's President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and, currently VP of Finance. Millie is his first major producer role. He congratulates this talented cast. Nick hopes to be involved on stage in the years to come. Big thanks to co-producers, Christine and Rita- a pair of hardworking gals devoted and dedicated to CMT. "THANK YOU" to you both from the entire cast and crew.

### *Tammy Frederick* Actor

Tammy is thrilled to be back with Clarkson in the role of Millie Dillmount! Last seen as Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*, she wants to thank the amazing artistic staff for this incredible opportunity and the extremely talented cast and crew for making this the best show ever! XO to Chris and all my girls. [www.singing.ca](http://www.singing.ca)

### *Rob Borican* Director

Rob is "thoroughly" happy to once again be on board with CMT and with friends old and new. He would like to congratulate the cast and crew of *Millie* for bringing such a fun piece of musical theatre to life. He would also like to thank Bob for all his support and for putting up with him day in and day out. He dedicates this production to the memory of his mother Margit.

### *Jennifer Higgins* Actor

Jennifer Higgins is not at all gender-confused but rather delighted to be dancing again in a Clarkson production. Past CMT shows include: *42nd Street*, *On the Twentieth Century*, *Mo and My Girl*, *Hello Dolly*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*. Recently, Jennifer joined her new CMT friends in *South Pacific*.

### *Mark Jones* Actor

Mark is delighted to be performing with his Clarkson friends again. He lives for the opportunity to sing, dance and act (not always on stage!). Previous performances include *Sweeney Todd*, *Sound of Music*, *Zombie Prom* and singing at Hugh's Room. Thanks to Rita, Christine, Rob and Bob for their support.

### *Megan Jones* Actor

Megan Jones is in her last year of Canthra Park's vocal program. She gigs with school choirs and her band every few months. This is Megan's second show in an Encore Series, and she is very excited to be with CMT in her return to the Meadowvale stage!

### *Katherine Karmos* Actor

After growing up in Pittsburgh, Katherine returned to her home town to study Drama and English at the University of Toronto. She has spent the past seven seasons with the Oakville Drama Series, participating in over 15 shows. Much thanks to everyone



### *Abril Liberatori* Actor

Abril is ecstatic to be back 'home' with her CMT gang; you are all so loved! Past credits include 2003's Cabaret and 2008's Sweeney Todd. She is currently pursuing a graduate degree at McMaster University. Besotes a mis abuelos y mis primitos! Los amo! kis!



### *Jasmine Librado* Actor

Since her last show *Miss Saigon* (OCMP) in 2008, Jasmine graduated university and decided to audition for another big show with the talented CMT cast. Love to family and friends for coming out to support...and love & thanks to Jeff for driving me to and from my rehearsals. XO



### *Katherine Mackenzie* Props Mistress

Katherine has performed in high school productions, MYT and vocal competitions for the past 10 years. She joined Clarkson Theatre's 2008 production of *Sweeney Todd* and has been hooked by all these amazing people! "You truly realize that it's hard work all around when you work in other aspects of a show! I want to thank the props team, producers and directors for all their help."



### *Christine McMahon* Producer, Actor

Christine has enjoyed playing Letitia, Ruth and the Beggar Woman but she is THRILLED to be Mrs. Meers! Not "sad to be all alone in the world", she enjoys wonderful family and friends who support her on stage and off. Bravo to a great cast and crew, especially Rob, Bob, Jenny and Nick. Thanks to bff Reet for friendship, laughs, and producing miraculous BIZ. Love always to Jaime and David!



### *Maria Moore* Actor

Maria is excited and pleased to work with Clarkson Music Theatre, and be in her first "Bob and Rob" production. Over the years, she has enjoyed playing numerous roles on the Meadowvale stage, and will be back this season with *Titanic*. As always, love to Rob, Jaz and Shawn.



### *Laura K. Parker* Actor

Laura is thrilled to be part of the Clarkson experience! She graduated from York University with a B.A. in Theatre and English, now teaching both at the secondary level. Last winter she performed in the farce *The Three Million Dollar Lunch*. Love and thanks to family and friends for their support!



### *Jennifer Peace* Music Director

Retirement has given Jenny more time to rehearse, conduct, and play trumpet for musicals. She has won both ACTO and MMT awards for musical direction. She plays with the Oakville Symphony, Falgarwood Brass, and is currently learning to play jazz. What a pleasure it's been to work with this talented and enthusiastic Millie cast and crew. Special thanks to the pit band musicians who continue to teach and inspire her.



### *Glenn Pringle* Stage Manager

Glenn has been involved in over 50 productions over the last 10 years, including Stage Manager for musical productions in Mississauga, Toronto and Braxton. Glenn is thrilled to be part of CMT. This completes Glenn's Encore Series pentathlon! Glenn thanks the many, many people behind the scenes for their months of hard work. Special thanks to family and friends for your patience and supporting thespian endeavours throughout the season. Forever 3.



### *Bob Riddell* \*\*\* Choreographer

Bob is pleased to be back with C.M.T. and this "Thoroughly" delightful show and cast. Over the past 18 years he has directed/choreographed numerous shows for Clarkson. Some of his favourites have been *Blood Brothers*, *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *Hello Dolly*, *Joseph and Me and My Girl*. Congratulations to our hard working cast and crew for bringing Millie to life. Thanks to Rob and Jenny for your vision and creative input and a special thanks to Pat and Rob for their continued love and support. Enjoy!!!!!!



### *Jennifer Roe-Dixon* Actor

Jennifer is thrilled to be in her first production with Clarkson Music Theatre! With TCDSB's Staff Arts, she has been Dora in *Fiorello*, Doris in *Damn Yankees*, and a dancer in many shows. Jennifer would like to thank the cast and production team for being so friendly and welcoming.



### *Neil Salinas* \*\*\* Actor

Last seen as Mangoerrie in *CATS* (Stirling Festival Theatre). Made his professional debut in *Miss Saigon* (Drayton Entertainment). An MTM Encore Series Award winner (Thuy, OCMP's *Miss Saigon*), and 2-time THEA Award Nominee: Cosmo (*Singin' in the Rain*) & Che (Evite). For my brand new niece Lauren Grace Moldawa.



### *Greg Salisbury* Sound Design

Greg is an award winning sound designer who has worked with both CMT and many other of the Encore groups. He is happiest in shorts, masterfully fixing sound glitches that would rattle anyone else. He thanks Heather for all her support. Love to family and friends.



### *Barb Slater* Actor

Barb is happy to be playing with old and new friends with Clarkson. Past highlights include Andy in *42nd Street*, Mamey Yokum in *Li'l Abner*, Sister Mary Leo in *Mammae* and Connie in -. Thanks to Paul, Michael, Christopher, Jenny, Moa and Dad for all their love and support.

# The Company

## Alex Amiri Costume Designer



Alex is drowning in tassel fringe! Thoroughly Modern Millie marks her 7th show with Clarkson. Alex designs over 80 shows each year, costuming many theatre groups across the GTA, as well as at the Rose Theatre Brampton, The Capitol Theatre Port Hope, Port Stanley Festival Theatre, Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg, and The Red Barn. Currently, you can see Alex's creations on stage in Christmas Express at Upper Canada Playhouse. As always, thanks to Carmen, for saving my life.

## Den Bart Actor



Den has loved working with the wonderful cast and crew of Millie. Prior to Millie, Den fought for the privilege to pee in Urinetown (Scarborough Music Theatre) and was a tenor soloist for the TSB Cabaret. Thanks to a brilliant artistic team and to Tony and my family for their support.

## Holly Bateman Actor



Holly is excited to be working with Clarkson for the first time, and to be working with many old friends. This is Holly's 5th production in the Encore Series and hopes to be part of many more. Enjoy the show.

## Paul Berdusco Actor



Paul is excited to be back with CMT for a second time in this year's production of Thoroughly Modern Millie. He would like to thank the incredible production team for their patience, the talented cast and his wonderful family (Jules & the 4 D's) for the on-going support. Enjoy the Show!

## Mary-Kate Boss Actor



Mary-Kate is thrilled to be performing in her first show with Clarkson Music Theatre, and feels blessed to be working with such a dynamic cast and upbeat show. She wants to give a special thanks to Mom, Dad, Andrew, David and Jacque for their endless drives to and from Clarkson.

## Bruce Brown Stage design/master carpenter



Bruce started community theatre years ago with Bramalea Live Theatre building the set for The Lion in Winter and many of their shows after. He has since built sets for Brampton Music Theatre (Peter Pan, Fiddler on the Roof and Grease) and for Peel Players (Tom, Dick and Harry). He thanks his understanding wife Rose for allowing him to devote so much of his free time to these theatrical endeavours.



## Steve Bruines Actor

Fresh off a run of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf this past summer in which he played the role of Nick, Steve is glad to be switching gears into some lighter fare. Although not a trained dancer, Steve is always up for a new challenge. Enjoy the show! Hi Mom and Dad!

## Darryl Burton Actor



Darryl is an avid director, performer, coach and consultant for various theatre groups across the GTA. Performing credits include 42nd Street (Billy), Forum (Hysterium) and Forever Plaid (Sparky). As MD, Darryl received numerous awards for his work at Meadowvale, including Anne of Green Gables, Cabaret and Into the Woods. Love to Patric for all his support

## Laura Carney Actor



Laura is thrilled to be back in her 3rd show with CMT. Past shows include The Mikado and Wonderful Town in which she enjoyed the role of a dancer. She dedicates this show to her amazing family and friends and is excited to be dancing along side her mom! Break a leg everyone!

## Leslie Carney Actor



Leslie has been a member of CMT since 1990. Favourite roles include Sarah in Guys and Dolls, Mrs. Potiphar in Joseph and Irene Molloy in Hello Dolly. Happily, Leslie gets to share the stage once again with her daughter Laura. Love to Denis and Drew. For you Mom, Happy Birthday!

## Melissa Christian Actor



Melissa is currently in Grade 11 at Erindale Secondary School. She has been singing for eleven years. Her first show was with CMT - Sweeney, then South Pacific with City Centre and now Millie. Enjoy!

## Katherine Cordi Actor



Katherine is thrilled to be dancing with such a wonderful Millie cast. An Alumnus of York University's Fine Arts program, Katherine enjoys all aspects of dance and theatre. Past credits include 42nd Street and Blood Brothers. Special thanks to her family, friends and Paulo for their love and support.



*Cathy Smith Actor*

Usually behind the scenes as a choreographer, Cathy is excited to be back on stage kicking up her heels in another Clarkson show! Cathy has had a ton of fun working with the cast and crew of Millie and would like to dedicate this show to husband Craig and Mom.



*Vicki Stevens Actor*

Victoria is pleased as punch to be back walking the boards with CMT. She was last spotted on this stage as the gum-chewing Lorraine in CMT's production of 42nd Street. Thanks to the production team for allowing her to be a part of another fantastic show. xo



*Dennis Surga Actor*

Dennis is thrilled to be in his 4th CMT show. Even happier the directorial team used the term "dancer" loosely when they cast him as one. Thanks to Dion, Sarah, family and friends for their support, and his theatre friends, new and old, for making this theatre hobby lots o' fun.



*Heather Jaws Actor*

Heather is so excited and proud to be a member of this incredible cast! She has 'thoroughly' enjoyed every minute of it. Heather would like to thank Bob, Rob and Tassy for all the rides! A special shout-out to the fam and 'my' Rob for keepin' it real.



*Kristina Jesta Actor*

Kristina is tickled pink to be returning to CMT for this production of Thoroughly Modern Millie! She was previously seen in Swaney Todd, Wonderful Town and 42nd Street. Many thanks to my amazing family for their love and support. Happy Birthday Babbo!!!



*Philip Jetro Actor*

Philip is a third year Drama student at York University and a graduate of the Regional Arts Program at Cawthra Park Secondary School for Music. This is his first Clarkson Music Theatre production, but his second musical with the Encore Series (Evita, February 2009). He's had such an amazing time!



*Derek Thorpe Actor*

Another year, another show with CMT. Always thrilled to be associated with so much know-how and sheer talent, but this year's show promises to be especially awesome.



*Tristan Jidswell Lighting Design*

A graduate of Ryerson Theatre School, Tristan's design credits include West Side Story (St. Michael's College), The Frog Prince (Solar Stage Children's Theatre), Cinderella (Brampton Lyric Opera), Choreographic Works 2009, The Three Birds, Choreographic Works 2008 (Ryerson Theatre School), and In Transit (Only Human Dance Collective). Tristan also received the 2009 Wally Russell Lighting Internship and Scholarship with the Canadian Opera Company. Outside theatre, Tristan is an avid marathon runner and snowboard enthusiast.



*Kelly Tipler Actor*

This is Kelly's first show with CMT, and she's very excited to be working with such a talented production team and cast. Past performances include Pitti-Sing in the Mikado, Evita, Trial by Jury, and various musical reviews. Kelly wants to thank her friends and family for all their support.



*Erika Tucker Actor*

Erika is thrilled that Thoroughly Modern Millie is her second attempt at musical theatre. After such a great experience in EMP's Hello Dolly, she has looked forward to returning to the stage. Special thanks to Jocelyn for calling and demanding that she try out for this show!



*Martin van Helden Actor*

When he noticed that his career as a Freelance contortionist/monkey trainer wasn't bringing him success - Martin decided that it was time he did his first show with CMT. He is excited to be working with such a wonderful cast and talented team - and ecstatic not to be working with a bunch of chimpanzees.



*Doug Wilson Actor*

Doug has performed since 1991 with many different groups. Some of his favourite shows have been Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Joseph ..Dreamcoat. This is Doug's fourth time performing with Clarkson Music Theatre. He 'loves' this group for their warmth and support. Thanks Mom for being my Number One Fan.



*Emily Young Actor*

Emily is a recent Cawthra grad from the vocal program, who has been singing and dancing all her life. Recent credits include dancer in MMT's Joseph, and Peron's Mistress in MMT's Evita. A classically trained singer, Emily hopes to pursue music with a teaching career. Love to family and friends.

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