



# TRUE COLORS

## A CELEBRATION OF PRIDE





**THREE RIVERS MUSIC THEATRE**  
and  
**EMBASSY THEATRE**  
present



# TRUE COLORS

## HOSTED BY

Tida Whirl (She/Her in Drag • He/Him out of Drag)  
Vera Vanderwoude (She/Her in Drag • He/Him out of Drag)

## FEATURING

Kayley Alissa (She/Her), Caleb Curtis (He/Him), Amanda Gilbert (She/Her),  
Lo Harter (She/Her, They/Them), Nefy Hathaway (She/Her),  
Daniel Meredith (He/Him), Madeline Steck (She/Her), Jakob Tomlinson (He/Him)

## DIRECTOR

Andy Planck (He/Him)

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

David Snyder (He/Him)

## SOUND DESIGNER

Tera Woolley (She/Her)

## LIGHTING DESIGNER

Miriam Morgan (She/Her)

## STAGE MANAGER

Brittney Lynne Koza (She/Her)

## BAND

Elliott Mitchel (Guitar • He/Him), Madi Shilliday (Bass • She/Her),  
Tyler Hanford (Drums • He/Him)

*Thanks to a generous grant from the AWS Foundation, ASL interpreters from DeafLink are engaged at this performance. We are PROUD to make this a deaf and hearing impaired accessible production.*

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## MUSICAL NUMBERS

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- “Everyone Is Gay” by Great Big World.....FULL COMPANY
- “Take Me or Leave Me” from RENT.....Amanda Gilbert & Nefy Hathaway
- “Bosom Buddies” from MAME.....Vera Vanderwoude & Tilda Whirl
- “Don’t Rain on My Parade” from FUNNY GIRL.....Kayley Alissa
- “Diamonds” by Sam Smith.....Jakob Tomlinson
- “Truly Brave” by Cyndi Lauper & Sara Bareilles.....FULL COMPANY
- “Just Breathe” from THE PROM.....Madeline Steck
- LIP SYNC EXTRAVAGANZA.....Vera Vanderwoude
- “We are Family” by Sister Sledge.....Amanda, Kayley, Lo, Madeline, Nefy
- “The Games I Play” from FALSETTOS.....Caleb Curtis
- “More Than Just Sundays” by Scott Evan Davis.....Daniel Meredith
- “An Old Fashioned Love Story” from THE WILD PARTY.....Amanda Gilbert
- “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” .....Caleb, Daniel, Jakob, Kayley, Lo, Madeline
- “As We Stumble Along” from THE DROWSY CHAPERONE.....Tilda Whirl
- “Born This Way” by Lady Gaga.....Nefy Hathaway
- “This is Me” from The Greatest Showman.....FULL COMPANY  
Lo Harter, soloist
- “Raise You Up/Just Be” from KINKY BOOTS.....FULL COMPANY

# WHO'S WHO



## KAYLEY ALISSA (SHE/HER)

Kayley Alissa is thrilled to be back on the Embassy stage with Three Rivers Music Theatre! Favorite on stage credits include THE LITTLE MERMAID, URINETOWN, HAIR, LES MISERABLES, LEGALLY BLONDE, THE WILD PARTY, and RENT. Kayley is a Virgo, obsessed with the color blue, a cat mom, a body positivity advocate, and a lover of all things Parks and Rec. "Biggest thank you to my parents Lynn and Larry, Liz, Alayna, Later Nader, gammy, Chelle, and my boys Miggy, Lil' Sebastian and Hopper." Find Kayley Alissa on Instagram and Tiktok @kayleyalissa



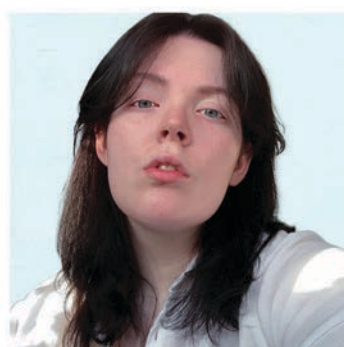
## CALEB CURTIS (HE/HIM)

Caleb Curtis is happy to be making his (official) debut with both with TRMT and on the Embassy Stage. He was preciously cast as Jon in TRMT's production of tick, tick... BOOM! before the Panic! At the Disco caused it to be canceled. Previous theatre credits include NEWSIES, CHARLOTTE'S WEB, THE TEMPEST, TITUS ANDRONICUS, PETER AND THE STARCATCHER, LEIPZIG, etc. While working on True Colors, he has also been working in a virtual apprenticeship with the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company in Boston. He thoroughly hopes you enjoy this fantastic company of artists!



## AMANDA GILBERT (SHE/HER)

Amanda is proud to sing with these talented and beautiful artists once again and is moved to be a part of this joyous celebration of our lives. Thank you to TRMT and The Embassy Theatre for creating safe spaces for all artists. Previous performances include the Big Gay Cabaret, Ladies Night, At The Movies, and THE WILD PARTY at TRMT. I wholeheartedly thank my tribe for always showing up. I love you, Nefy!



## LO HARTER (SHE/HER, THEY/THEM)

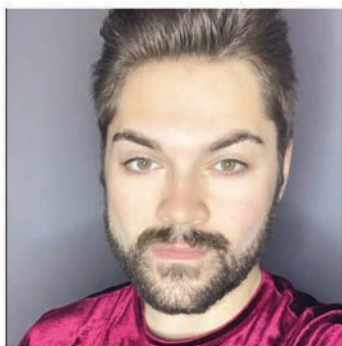
Lo is a sophomore at Ball State University, currently working on their BFA in Acting. Their recent credits include Carrie White in CARRIE: THE MUSICAL, the Judge in LEGALLY BLONDE, and numerous other cabarets. They are thrilled to welcome you all back to LIVE THEATRE and hope you enjoy the show!



## NEFY HATHAWAY (SHE/HER)

Nefy Hathaway is the lead vocalist of the band Adam & Nefy. Other credits include TRMT's Ladies Night Cabaret and the lead singer of the band Paradise. Nefy has been a Montessori educator at Oak Farm School for fifteen years. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continued love and support. Nefy would like to thank her fiancé Amanda Gilbert for always showing up and encouraging her talents. She would also like to thank David Snyder and Andy Planck for another opportunity to perform with TRMT.

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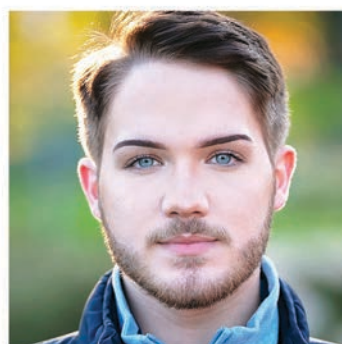
## DANIEL MEREDITH (HE/HIM)

Daniel Meredith is overjoyed to make his Three Rivers Music Theatre debut in their TRUE COLORS: A Celebration of Pride Cabaret. A Senior Communications Major at Purdue University Fort Wayne, Daniel is also no stranger to the stage. Previous Fort Wayne credits include Sky (MAMMA MIA), Albert (NEWSIES), Zebulun (JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT), and Angel (RENT). "Thank you to everyone in my life who allows me to be unapologetically my out and proud self at every turn"



## MADELINE STECK (SHE/HER)

Madeline Steck will be a senior at DeKalb High School this year. She is a part of the TDS competition dance team, Classic Connection show choir, and takes lessons at Triple Threat Performing Arts Academy. She recently played Donna Sheridan in her high school's production of MAMMA MIA! and won grand champion at Beech Grove's Show Choir Solo Competition. She hopes to pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre upon graduation.



## JAKOB TOMLINSON (HE/HIM)

Jakob is a recent high school graduate, and will be continuing his education at Western Michigan University where he will pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre. He has studied with various teachers and artists at Triple Threat Performing Arts Academy, FW Dance Collective, and FW Civic Theatre. Credits include Pippin in PIPPIN and Featured Dancer in NEWSIES. "I hope you continue to love and spread joy. Be yourself- love yourself to the fullest potential and don't change YOU!"- Jakob T.



## VERA VANDERWOUDE • HOST (SHE/HER IN DRAG)

Vera, or 'Zach' out of drag, is excited to be making her debut with TRMT! Recently crowned Pride Ambassador 2021 and current reigning Miss After Dark, Zach's love for performing will always be the reason why Vera exists. Though she's relatively new to the drag scene, she has existed ever since Zach was four years old, dancing to Shania Twain on coffee tables and doing cart wheels and splits all over the backyard. Vera has her BA in Theatre from PFW. Recent credits include PIPPIN, ONCE UPON A MATTRESS and FRANKENSTEIN: AN ACT OF CREATION.



## TILDA WHIRL • HOST (SHE/HER IN DRAG)

Though Tilda Whirl made her local debut less than two years ago, many are saying "yeesh, how many decades has that broad been around?" A frequent performer at local LGBTQ+ venues, she has been seen as a host and performer at After Dark Nightclub, the Wunderkammer Company, and PFW. She is thrilled to be performing on the Embassy stage with Three Rivers! She considers herself the cruel stepmother you never had the opportunity to have. For more information on Ms. Whirl, follow her on instagram at @tilda.whirl

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### DAVID SNYDER • MUSIC DIRECTOR (HE/HIM)

DAVID SNYDER has enjoyed a multi-faceted career that has taken him from the scoring stages of Hollywood to Carnegie Hall, where he performed frequently with the New York Pops as their arranger and pianist from 2009 to 2013. David became familiar to U.S. symphony audiences as orchestrator and host of *Here To Stay: The Gershwin Experience*, and has guest conducted the show, featuring Grammy-winning soprano Sylvia McNair, with a number of orchestras here in the US. His film scores include the WWII documentary "A Tradition of Honor," and his published works include the Christmas collection "O Holy Night" and "Song of the Universal." He also composed the score for the new musical *MR. CONFIDENTIAL*, with book and lyrics by Samuel Bernstein, which premiered at the New York Musical Theatre Festival in 2014.

David has worked with show business legends from Carol Channing, Debbie Reynolds and Christine Ebersole to more recent artists such as Clay Aiken, Billy Porter and Sarah Michelle Gellar, and has produced, arranged and conducted dozens of recordings, including "Another Place and Time" the debut solo CD from The Manhattan Transfer's Alan Paul. His musical theatre credits include *GREY GARDENS* on Broadway; *OKLAHOMA!*, *THE LITTLE MERMAID* and *PIRATES!* at the Paper Mill Playhouse; and the 25th Anniversary Tour of *LES MISERABLES*. David has also been associated with the Off-Broadway hit *FOREVER PLAID* since 1993, serving as musical director for the original cast during their Los Angeles run at the Canon Theatre, and for numerous subsequent productions from Traverse City to Tokyo. In 2009 he was tapped by creator Stuart Ross as music supervisor, orchestrator and pianist for *FOREVER PLAID, The Movie*.

David currently works here in Fort Wayne at Sweetwater Sound, as part of their Music Education Technology sales team.



### BRITTNEY LYNNE KOZA • STAGE MANAGER (SHE/HER)

Brittney Lynne Koza is very excited for the opportunity to take part in this production. Previously, she was the Stage Manager for *CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG* and *VANYA, SONYA, MASHA, AND SPIKE* and the Assistant Stage Manager for *NEWSIES* and *THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW* for the Ft. Wayne Civic Theatre

### ANDY PLANCK • DIRECTOR (HE/HIM)

### MIRIAM MORGAN • LIGHTING DESIGNER (SHE/HER)

### TERA WOOLLEY • SOUND DESIGNER (SHE/HER)



## BAND

GUITAR • ELLIOTT MITCHEL (HE/HIM)

BASS • MADI SHILLIDAY (SHE/HER)

DRUMS • TYLER HANFORD (HE/HIM)

UPCOMING

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MUSICAL THEATRE FACULTY

GUEST  
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NYC-BASED PERFORMER & CHOREOGRAPHER

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**THREE RIVERS MUSIC THEATRE, THE EMBASSY THEATRE & FORT WAYNE PRIDE ARE PARTNERING WITH CONNER'S KITCHEN + BAR FOR A POST-SHOW MIXER FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE OF TRUE COLORS AT THE HISTORIC EMBASSY THEATRE. CONNER'S KITCHEN + BAR IS SPONSORING THEIR PATIO WHERE THEY WILL OFFER A MENU OF APPETIZERS, SPECIALTY COCKTAILS, BEER, AND WINE. CASH ONLY. ATM ON-SITE.**

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