

# A Dinner Party

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University of  
Lethbridge



Faculty of Fine Arts



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Director: Kelly Reay  
Assistant Director: Hannah Stobbe  
Scenic & Lighting Designer: Dave Smith  
Costume Designer: Kiera Gemsa  
Sound Designer: Danielle Bernardin  
Intimacy Director: Brent Clark  
Faculty Initiator: Dave Smith  
Projection Content: Drama Projection Design  
& Construction Class  
Special Effects Consultation: Carla Simon  
Fight Director: Carter Debusschere

## Cast

Boo: Kacie Hall  
Darling: Danielle Baker  
Baby: Carter Debusschere  
Sweetie: Claire Smith

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# Playwright's Biography

Christopher Duthie is a Calgary-based actor, playwright, theatre creator. His plays and collaborative creations include *SensoryBox* and *SensoryBox TYA* with Eric Rose (Ghost River Theatre/Young People's Theatre); *A Dinner Party* (Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama Shortlist, 2020 Calgary Critics Award Best Original Play); *Of Fighting Age* with Col Cseke and David van Belle (High Performance Rodeo/Verb Theatre/Glenbow Museum) and *n00b* (Y-Stage Vertigo Theatre). He is the co-founder of Bad Knaps Theatre Collective who premiered *A Dinner Party* in 2019.

Christopher has been acting professionally in theatre for more than a decade in productions with One Yellow Rabbit, Ghost River Theatre, Theatre Calgary, Vertigo Theatre, Lunchbox Theatre, Quest Theatre, Alberta Theatre Projects and others. He is represented by Details Talent for voice over and film/tv.

He holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Guelph and a BFA in Drama from the University of Calgary. He lives in Calgary with his wife, Alexandra, and their cat, Isabelle. He is thrilled to have *A Dinner Party* brought to life by this talented bunch of students, and grateful to the University of Lethbridge for inviting him to play. Special thanks to, Dave Smith!

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# Production Crew

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| Production Manager                      | Charlie Wilson-Borella   |
| Stage Manager                           | Nicole Oscar   |
| Assistant Stage Manager                 | Brooklyn Ross  |
| Stage Coordinator                       | D.A. Smurlick  |
| Head Scenic/Props Carpenter             | Arlene Curran  |
| Scenic/Props Shop Assistants            | Richard Bates<br>Wayne Morris &<br>Caiden Cline                |
| Student Paint Lead (set and properties) | Ranelle Huwald   |
| Student Properties Corordinator         | Madalyn Zerbin   |
| Student Set & Properties Technicians    | Quinn Larder &<br>Mataya Mikuliak                              |
| Stage Carpenter                         | Colton Vanhooren   |
| Scenery Assistant                       | Payton Hanna   |
| Costume Shop Head                       | Teresa Heyburn   |
| Costume Shop Assistants                 | Lynn Hopkins &<br>Amanda Epp                                   |
| Student Costume Technicians             | Thommy Kelly &<br>Daylin Chase                                 |
| Head Electrician                        | Mike Takats  |
| Lighting Assistant                      | Xaiver Michaud   |
| Student Lighting Console Operator       | Shelby Van Den<br>Biggelaar                                    |
| Student Lighting Technicians            | Carson Rafuse<br>Maddie McKee<br>Cass Gayowski &<br>Toby Brook |
| Head of Sound                           | Kelly Roberts  |
| Student Sound Console Operator          | Oakley Baikie  |
| Projection Technicians                  | Drama Projection Design<br>& Construction Class                |
| Head of Wardrobe                        | Madison Fernell  |
| Dresser, Hair & Make Up                 | Autumn Adrian &<br>Lilianna Gaggero                            |

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## Special thanks to....

New West Theatre

Calgary Opera (for the lending of equipment)

Nicole Oscar (for her loan of her prized nap  
couch)

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## Territorial Acknowledgement...

Oki, and welcome to the University of Lethbridge. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Aboriginal peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.

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Wayne Morris

### Costume:

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