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FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Among the brilliant things that make my life worth living:

- 1. the intimacy of this beautiful theatre
- 2. the openness of this glorious audience
- 3. the staff that outshines any in the country
- 4. the volunteers who contribute so much behind the concession counter and around the Board room table
- the opportunity to put stories onstage that keep us connected to the world around us.
- 6. the artists who help us to create these stories and this production boasts a small but mighty team of exceptional artists director Estelle Shook — Artistic Director of the unique and magical Caravan Farm Theatre in Armstrong, BC — Dawn Petten —one of Vancouver's most beloved actors —
 - Dawn Petten —one of Vancouver's most beloved actors bringing her enormous heart and uncommon intelligence to this oh-so-human story —
 - Brian Linds LP aficionado and sound designer extraordinaire the stage management team of Chris Sibbald and Becca Jorgensen part of the Belfry family —
 - lighting designer Kerem Çetinel—back after so many years and Lancelot Knight a remarkable songwriter from Saskatoon who is learning the ins-and-outs of sound design.

So many brilliant people!

I would also like to mention the late John Ferguson — my life partner and creative partner — the design for the front of this stage is an homage to his design for our production of *The Music Man* at the Vancouver Playhouse — who suffered from depression throughout his life. He would have been a mess at the end of this show — a happy, blubbering, celebratory mess.

Nicopa



Dawn Petten



Becca Jorgensen



Becca Jorgensen and Dawn Petten

FROM THE REHEARSAL HALL

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THE BELFRY THEATRE PRESENTS

Every Brilliant Thing

by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe

Starring

Dawn Petten

Director Estelle Shook Sound Designer Brian Linds Lighting Designer Kerem Çetinel Stage Manager Christopher Sibbald Apprentice Stage Manager Becca Jorgensen Assistant Sound Designer Lancelot Knight*

Every Brilliant Thing is approximately one hour and five minutes in length with no intermission.

*Lancelot Knight's participation is made possible through the Belfry's Indigenous Learning Exchange Program.

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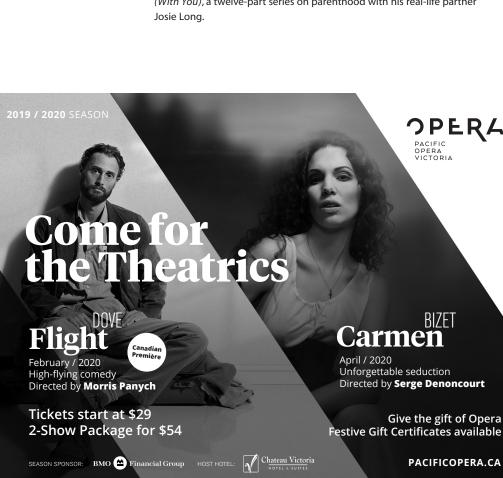
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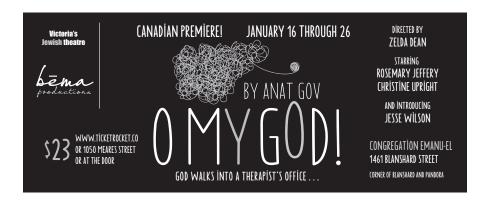
Duncan is an English playwright and director. Most of his work focuses on modern socio-political issues. He won two awards in the inaugural year of the Brentwood Playwriting Competition at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre for his play, *Monster. Lungs,* an exploration of parenthood, won the 2013 Off West End Award for Best New Play. *People, Places and Things* centres around one woman's experience with addiction and attempts at recovery. *Every Brilliant Thing* has toured worldwide and was filmed by HBO during its run at the Barrow Street Theatre in New York City.



Jonny Donahoe Playwright

Jonny is an actor, comedian, playwright, screenwriter, broadcaster and musician. He performed in the premiere of *Every Brilliant Thing* and was nominated for a Drama Desk Award, Lucille Lortel Award and an Off-Broadway Alliance Award for his performance. He is the frontman of musical-comedy-satirists Jonny and The Baptists. Other credits include the play *30 Christmases* and *Josie and Jonny Are Having a Baby (With You)*, a twelve-part series on parenthood with his real-life partner Josie Long.





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Dawn Petten Her

A resident of Vancouver, Dawn is delighted to be back at the Belfry (having last trod these boards in *Half Life* and *Knock, Knock*) and relishes being directed by Estelle again, having worked together at beloved Caravan Farm Theatre (*King Lear, The Nightingale*). Dawn just finished a run of *Birds and the Bees* at the Arts Club. Other favourite theatre companies include Electric Company Theatre, Bard on the Beach, and Theatre Replacement (four renditions of East Van Panto). Dawn's list would include: her toddler daughter pretending to play the tuba and bass, her mother's perfect love, family card games, somersaulting in the ocean, her brother's wit, a best friend since Grade 3, and sharing in the "wholly communion" of theatre with all of you.



Estelle Shook Director

Artistic and Managing Director of Caravan Farm Theatre in Armstrong BC, Estelle has produced, developed, and directed over forty outdoor productions for the company. Off the farm career highlights: Associate Director of the Canadian Opera Company production of *Louis Riel* with Peter Hinton, and Director of the Canadian Stage premiere of Jordan Tannahill's *Sunday in Sodom*, which garnered six Dora nominations and won the Dora award for Outstanding Production. Also for Canadian Stage, she has directed *Julius Caesar* and *The Winter's Tale*, and toured Stan Douglas's *Helen Lawrence* to Brooklyn and Antwerp. She is thrilled to join the Belfry team with *Every Brilliant Thing*.



Brian Linds Sound Designer

For the Belfry: Bang Bang, Mustard, The Valley, The Best Brothers, Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet, God of Carnage, The Trespassers, The Turn of the Screw, The Girl in the Goldfish Bowl. His sound design/performance piece Reverberations was presented as part of the Belfry's 2017 SPARK Festival and at Presentation House in March 2019. Selected sound design: The Full Light of Day, No Exit (Electric Company), Carried Away On The Crest Of A Wave (National Arts Centre), Sweeney Todd (Vancouver Opera), Romeo and Juliet (Bard on the Beach), The Skin of our Teeth, (Phoenix), Of Mice and Men, (Blue Bridge), August: Osage County, The History Boys (Arts Club).



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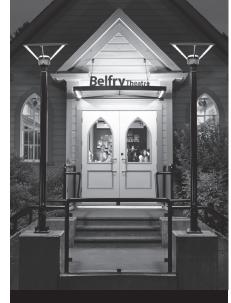
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CREATIVE TEAM

Kerem Cetinel Lighting Designer

Kerem has designed set, costumes and lighting for several companies in Western Canada including: Monster (Kill Your Television Theatre), Faithless (OYR & Azimuth Theatre), Death and the Maiden (Globe Theatre), Bash'D! (Theatre Passe Muraille), Pretty Little Instincts (SNAFU Dance Theatre), A Streetcar Named Desire (Bluebridge Repertory Theatre), The Trespassers (Belfry Theatre & Vancouver Playhouse), The Kite Runner (Theatre Calgary and Citadel Theatre), The Last Voyage of Donald Crowhurst (Ghost River Theatre & ATP) and Fortune Falls (Catalyst Theatre). His work abroad includes Anna Karenina (National Theatre of Turkey), Ezel Bahar (National Ballet of Turkey) and Biz (Voicing the Resistance Festival – Maxim Gorki Theatre, Berlin). Kerem is a member of the ADC and has an MFA Theatre Design degree from the University of Alberta.



Christopher Sibbald Stage Manager

Christopher is thrilled to be back at the Belfry again this season. A graduate of the University of Victoria, he has worked for theatres across the country, but is very pleased to call Victoria home. Selected credits include: 4000 Miles, Griffin and Sabine, A Christmas Carol, I Think I'm Fallin' – The Songs of Joni Mitchell, And Slowly Beauty (Belfry Theatre); Il Trittico, La Traviata, Fidelio (Pacific Opera Victoria); Rock Legends (Chemainus Theatre); A Midsummer Night's Dream, Christina the Girl King (Stratford Festival); and Anne of Green Gables the Musical (Charlottetown Festival). Love and thanks to Ang for all of her support.



Becca Jorgensen Apprentice Stage Manager

Becca is a Victoria born and raised stage manager and avid runner. Every Brilliant Thing marks her final stage management apprenticeship. A big and warm thank you to the Belfry staff and artists for nurturing and leading her through the path to becoming a professional stage manager. For the Belfry: Bears, Griffin & Sabine, Bed & Breakfast, A Christmas Carol. Other favourites elsewhere: The Piano Teacher (Arts Club), La Bohème, Il Trittico (Pacific Opera Victoria), Mamma Mia!, Kim's Convenience, 2 Pianos, 4 Hands (Chemainus Theatre Festival), Sweeney Todd (Blue Bridge Repertory), Rocky Horror: Live (Atomic Vaudeville). She is a graduate of the University of Victoria.



Lancelot Knight Assistant Sound Designer

Lancelot is an actor/musician from Muskoday, SK. Lancelot is a Juno award nominee and currently his artistic resume consists of playing guitar for his father Chester Knight and Joey Stylez, front man for the band Nightswitch. He is the musician in residence for Saskatoon's, Sum Theatre. Currently Lancelot is involved with renowned playwright Tomson Highway and his new project *Lynx Lamour Goes to Nashville*.



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For inspiring gratitude this holiday season with your staging of *Every Brilliant Thing*.

Hon. Carole James, MLA

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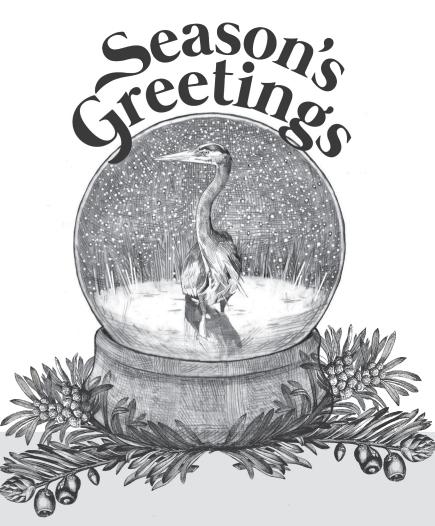
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