

Murder Me Always

A Comic Murder Mystery

By Lee Mueller

Presented by

Moxy B
STUDIO



Director
Marion Brenner

Executive Producer
Robert Gardner

Stage Manager
Sara Hamad

Graphic Designer
Karanveer Sedha



Starring

Jim Mullins
Naseem Naderi

Pat Sirant

Joan James

Albert Wong

Afsaneh Naderi

Karanveer Sedha

Shirley Perry

Sara Hamad

Judith Boyle

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Ave NW
Foote Hall



Show Dates

November 7 and 8, 7:00 pm
Show Only Tickets \$20

November 9, 7:00 pm
Show & Treats Tickets \$25



Murder Me Always Synopsis

During an awful amateur performance of the play “Murder Me Always”, an actual murder takes place off stage. The fake murder mystery play comes to a screeching halt and a real murder mystery begins.

It seems that the Murder Mystery Murderer is on the loose and has struck again.

Fortunately, Detective Joe Mamet, a Raymond Chandler Pulp type gumshoe has the production on a stakeout and he rises to the occasion to begin an investigation into this real mystery. Could it be that one of these very bad actors is really a very bad person?

Will The real murder mystery be any better than the fake one? Is art imitating life? Is the play really the thing? Is this the original play that went wrong?

We acknowledge that we walk, wander, shop, sing, pray, love, worship, and present theatre on land that is Region 4 of the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Métis Homeland. We acknowledge that we are part of Treaty 6 and we name with respect our neighbours who are Nêhiyaw (Cree), Dené, Anishinaabe, Saulteaux, Nakota Isga, Nakota Sioux, and Niitsitapi / (Blackfoot Peoples). We also call to mind the observation that Edmonton is home to one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel.



Cast of Characters in Order of Appearance

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| Jim Mullins | Director and Cab Driver |
| Naseem Naderi | Sally Sinlace |
| Pat Sirant | Fritz Fontaine |
| Joan James | Skippy Storm |
| Albert Wong | Mr. Druthers |
| Afsaneh Naderi | Melody Melotone |
| Karanveer Sedha | Scooter Hanson |
| Shirley Perry | Lady Vanderventer |
| Sara Hamad | Joe Mamet |
| Judith Boyle | Trixie |



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Executive Producer

Robert Gardner

Stage Manager and Sound Design

Sara Hamad

Set Design

Robert Gardner, Marion Brenner,
Albert Wong

Graphic Design

Karanveer Sedha

Costume Design

Cast of *Murder Me Always*

Understudy and Assistant to Director

Yara Elbisat

Cast Biographies

Jimmy Mullins (Director/Cab Driver) is a much sought after coffee partner and conversationalist. Recently, he starred as Otis in *It Happened On Route 66* as well as Father in *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. He hopes you enjoy the show and give him the \$5.42 he is owed!



Naseem Naderi (Wanda Sinlace) is excited to play Wanda in this hilarious murder mystery. Especially, since she gets to be on stage with her mamma and say really sarcastic things. Recently, Naseem created and filmed a documentary.

Pat Sirant (Fritz Fontaine) has been involved in theatre both backstage and onstage for the last several years. Some shows they've been involved with include *She Loves Me* (Moxy B Theatre) and *Stranger Sings* (Darkstage Productions). They hope you enjoy the show!



Joan James (Skippy Storm). Joan has had the pleasure of working with Moxy B Studio in several productions. This is the second time she is cast as a man and she is starting to see a pattern. Joan would like to thank the talented and supportive cast crew for making it such an entertaining experience. She hopes you have as much fun watching as we have producing this show.

Albert Wong (Mr. Druthers). Albert creates mirth with his antics on stage. We appreciate his thoughtful ideas for set design. Recently, he starred in *She Loves Me* (Steven Kodaly), *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* (Benjamin), as well as *It Happened on Route 66* (Kid and Sales Person). Albert hopes you enjoy the show and have a lot of laughs!



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Afsaneh Naderi (Melody Melotone). Afsi plays the sassy role of Melody in this comedic murder mystery, satisfying her passion and love for theatre.

We love her gorgeous costume and lipstick!



Karanveer Sedha (Scooter Hanson). Karanveer has created various programs and posters for Moxy B Theatre productions. He has worked as a Graphic Designer and actor with Marion for 3 years. He is a Computing Science Major at the U of A where he is also part of the Bhangra Dance Team.

Shirley Perry (Lady Vanderventer). Shirley is delighted to be part of the talented cast and crew of Murder Me Always. She plays the role of Dolores—a quintessential plain Jane, quiet, librarian type with no social life. This is a challenge for Shirley who is known for her vibrant personality and lively stage presence. Shirley's favourite most recent role is playing “Mimi” to her new grandbaby Juniper.



Sara Hamad (Joe Mamet). Sara has starred in a number of musicals and plays, notably Newsies (Davey), Footloose (Ariel), In The Heights (Nina), She Loves Me (Amalia Balash) and It Happened On Route 66 (Lovey Lamour). She hopes to wow the audience with a change of character and her preposterous take on Gumshoe Detective Joe Mamet. Recent credits include choreography for Matilda, The Little Mermaid, and the upcoming Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Judith Boyle (Trixie). This is the eighth show Judith has appeared in with Moxy B Studio. She is living her best life as a retired principal and loves volunteering with an elementary school reading program as well as with Marion and Sara in Moxy B Studio's Musical Theatre courses. Judith loves reading, baking, and spending time with her husband and friends. She enjoys travelling and working on puzzles and seeing as much theatre as possible!



Cast Biographies

Lee Anians-Mueller, a St. Louis native, has actively participated in the performing arts for over three decades. His diverse portfolio includes acting, directing, improv/sketch comedy, and, most notably, playwriting. His writing talent was evident when his debut one-act play, "In Between Days," was produced during a national writers' conference, and his second one-act, "The Favor," was a finalist in a short play competition in St. Louis.



In addition to his theatrical accomplishments, Lee hosts a popular Podcast on creativity called "And So The Mind Reels."

He is also a published author, with two collections of short stories under his belt, "Idle Essence: Tales Of Marvin" and the sequel "Street Ends No Outlet."



Robert Gardner (Executive Producer) is a former high school teacher, now retired with time to enjoy travel, music, the arts, and various sporting events. He is a voracious reader of all sorts of topics and genres, and is a big fan of most types of pop culture. He likes cookies. A lot of cookies.

Marion Brenner (Director). When not racing in the Indy 500, sipping Frappuccinos, or singing Christmas songs in September, Marion directs musicals and plays. Sometimes at the same time. Select credits include Matilda, Annie, Newsies, Footloose, In The Heights, and She Loves Me. She hopes you laugh hysterically and enjoy the treats!



Special Thanks

Joan James Props for Mansion
Judith Boyle Small Props
Albert Wong Mansion Chairs
Shirley Perry Small Props
Phil Wong Equipment Mover
Cianna Hunt Rental Coordinator

Coming Soon

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer A Classic Family Musical



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