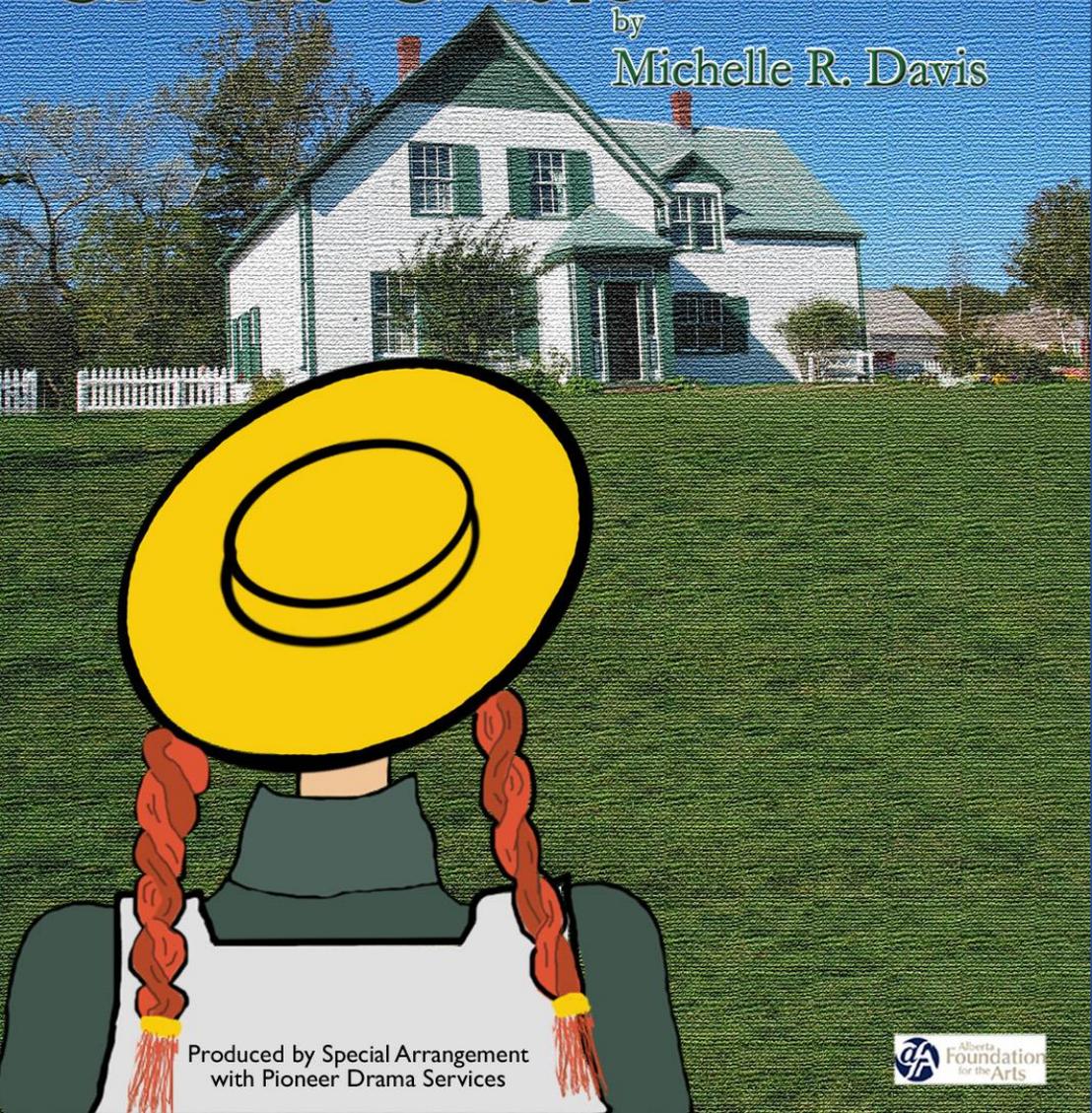
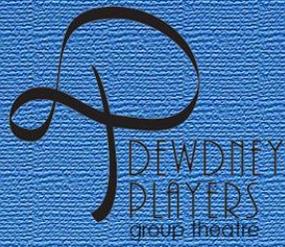


LM. Montgomery's  
**Anne of  
Green Gables**

by  
Michelle R. Davis



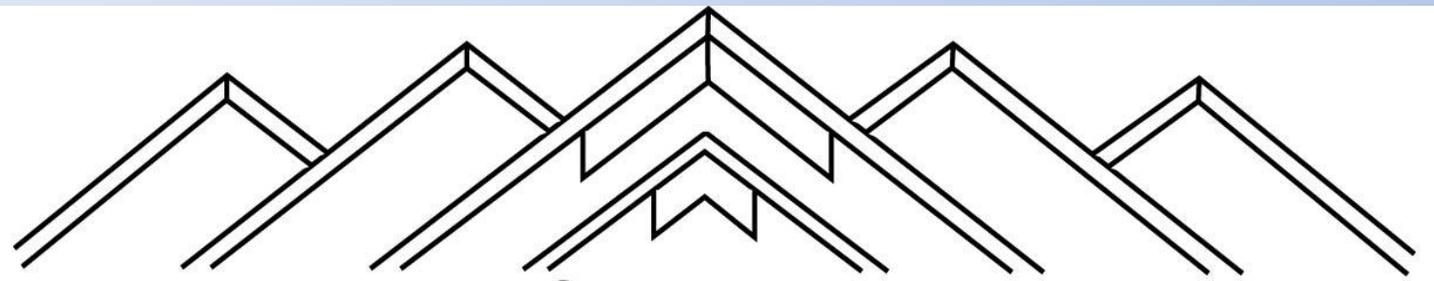
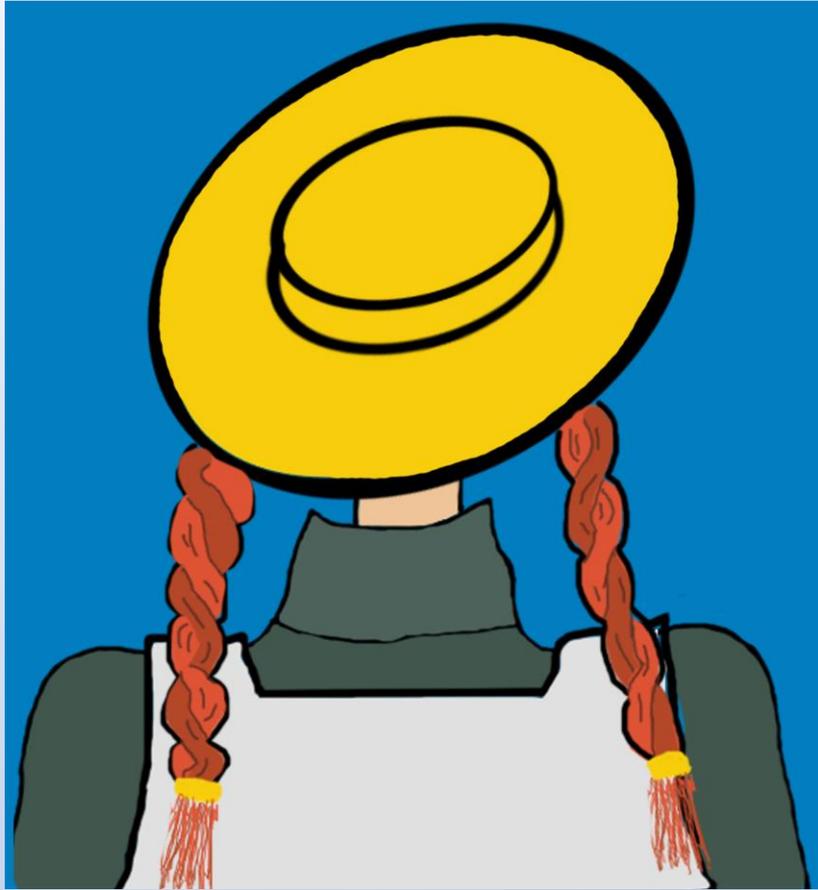
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# Cast

**Lucy Maude Montgomery**

**Anne Shirley**

**Marilla Cuthbert**

**Matthew Cuthbert**

**Rachel Lynde**

**Diana Barry**

**Stationmaster/Mr. Philips/Doctor**

**Mrs. Spencer/Mrs. Barry/Aunt Josephine**

**Gilbert Blythe**

**Josie Pye**

**Jane Andrews**

**Ruby Gillis**

**Charlie Sloan/Lucilla Harris**

**Mrs. Blewett**

**Ensemble**

**School Children**

Nicole Sauder

Lucie Killam

Brenda Merkley

Christopher Baker

Pamela Hayes

Taylor Schell

Austin Arnaldo

Chelsea Berrigan

Kaelan McKernan

Cadence Normandeau

Carissa Watts

Gracie Langlois-Cook

Maeve Killam

Nicola Payton

Amelia Enns, Paige Morton

Rylee Connors, Brinley Normandeau



# Artistic & Production Team



**Director**

Chloe Payton

**Director**

Dayna Coles

**Producer**

Nicola Payton

**Stage Manager**

Matthew Payton

**Tech**

Ben Seders

**Backstage Crew**

June Pyle, Daniel Rose, Corrine Swan

**Costumes**

Trish Babkirk

**Photography**

Nicola Payton

**Posters**

Reg Gothard

**Programme**

Ed Sands

**Set Design**

Nicola Payton

**Set Painting**

Sue Gothard, Nicola Payton

**Set Construction**

Matthew Payton, Nicola Payton

**Sound Design**

Reg Gothard, Matthew Payton,

**Props**

Nicola Payton

**Front of House Manager**

Joanne Lobb



**NICOLE SAUDER**

*Lucy Maude Montgomery*

Nicole was involved in one performing art of some sort during her childhood - practicing tap, and jazz, singing in the church and high school choirs, and acting in local theatre. She made her acting debut in the early 1980's in two of Dewdney Players first productions - *Tom Sawyer* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Fast forward many years, Nicole came back to Dewdney Players to be part of two on-screen plays (*Fairy Tales Go To Court* and *Tragedians Anonymous*). She was excited to audition for *Anne of Green Gables* as it has been one of her all-time favourite movies. She got to live out one childhood dream by working at Heritage Park for 3 years. She has often thought if she could live in any time period it would be that of the time period in which Anne lives.

**LUCIE KILLAM**

*Anne Shirley*

*Anne of Green Gables* is the second of two plays in which Lucie has been involved. The first play she was involved in was a grade 5 play, *Haphazardly Ever After*, directed by the amazing Dayna Coles!

When she is not acting Lucie enjoys riding horses , playing basketball and helping out around her ranch.



## **BRENDA MERKLEY**

## ***Marilla Cuthbert***

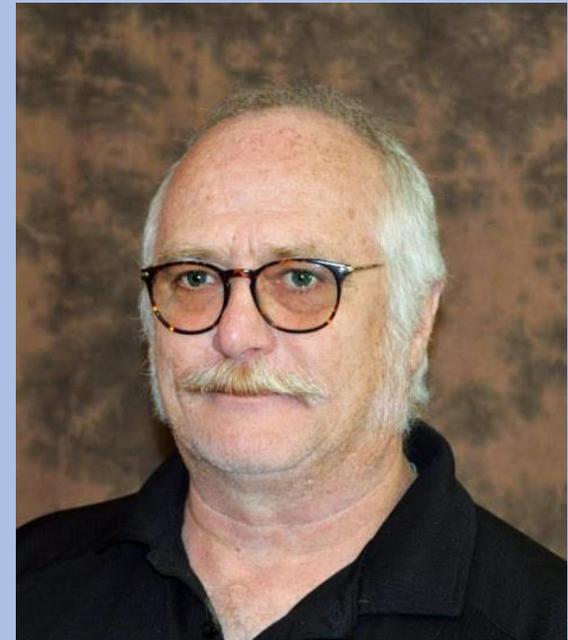
**Brenda Merkley is a newcomer to community theater, and she is loving it. She resides in Okotoks with her husband Jim and their two cats Willy and Waylon. She works for Foothills School Division as a school bus driver and has just published her first book titled: *The Wheels on the Bus*.**

## **CHRISTOPHER BAKER**

## ***Matthew Cuthbert***

**This is Chris' second appearance with the Dewdney Players and he is excited to be cast as Matthew Cuthbert.**

**A local business owner and fan of the performing arts, Chris is looking forward to taking part in this Canadian classic**





**PAMELA HAYES**

*Rachel Lynde*

Pamela is new to the Dewdney Players stage but not new to live theatre as she was involved with Odyssey Productions in Prince Albert, SK, during the ten years she lived there. She is thrilled to be part of this well-loved production and cast, and has enjoyed working under the direction of Nicola, Chloe, Dayna and Matthew.

In her recent retirement, Pam has written her first book – a collection of her wanderings and wonderings, titled *“It Is What It Is”* which includes an account of her theatre experiences. Enjoy the show!

**TAYLOR SCHELL**

*Diana Barry*

This is Taylor's second play with Dewdney Players, the first being *Fairy Tales Go To Court*. She is very excited to play the role of Diana Barry in *Anne of Green Gables* alongside the other amazing actors.

In her spare time, Taylor enjoys horse riding and volunteering, as well as the odd drawing. She is attending Grade 12 this September and hopes of becoming a future nurse.





**AUSTIN ARNALDO**

*Station Master/Mr Philips/Doctor*

Dewdney Players' production of *Anne of Green Gables* is Austin's second community theatre performance in 2021.

In June, he performed as the Usher in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* musical with Morpheus Theatre in Calgary.

His love for stage acting and singing began when he was casted to play Fagin in the musical *Oliver!* at his junior high school. He has also taken adult intro and scene classes at the Calgary Actors' Studio.

**CHELSEA BERRIGAN**

*Mrs Spencer/Mrs Barry/Aunt Josephine*

Chelsea Berrigan is making her Dewdney Players debut in *Anne of Green Gables*.

Chelsea, a school teacher and mother of two, was a performer throughout her high school years in the Lethbridge area and is very excited to return to the stage.





**KAELAN MCKERNAN**

*Gilbert Blythe*

Kaelan is a 12-year-old resident of Okotoks who is excited to perform in his first production with Dewdney Players.

Kaelan has been taking drama classes with Sam Duff at The Alberta Dance Academy since 2017, receiving the *Shining Star Award* in 2018. In the last two years he has found great joy in helping the younger students as an assistant in their drama classes. In 2019 Kaelan participated in the Foothills Youth Drama Festival in both a group presentation and performing a monologue.

During the last two years Kaelan has had three musicals transformed to Zoom and is very excited to be able to hit an actual stage this summer as Gilbert Blythe.

**CADENCE NORMANDEAU**

*Josie Pye*

Debuting as Josie Pye in *Anne of Green Gables*, Cadence is excited to be a part of Dewdney Players!

Cadence has been in 3 musicals with ADA, performed in the Foothills Youth Drama Festival with Goodger-Pink Family Theatre and has starred in a commercial with the Okotoks Film Festival - Matilda.





**CARISSA WATTS**

*Jane Andrews*

**Carissa loves to sing and enjoys participating in plays as well as musicals. An interesting fact about her is that she has her Royal Conservatory Grade 8 in voice and prerequisite theory!**

**Carissa is pleased to rejoin Dewdney Players, after having played Propriety Pig in the *2016 Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*.**

**GRACIE LANGLOIS-COOK**

*Ruby Gillis*

**Hi I'm Gracie, I'm cool as a cucumber. This is my first play with Dewdney Players and I'm super stoked about my role!**

**I'm a gifted napper, talker and ice cream eater. I also like to sing and dance.**

**If you see me smiling, it's because I'm thinking of doing something evil or naughty. If you see me laughing, it's because I've already done it!**





**MAEVE KILLAM**

*Charlie Sloan/Lucilla Harris*

**This is Maeve's very first play and she is delighted to be involved in it! Although she was cast in her Grade 5 play, *Annie*, due to COVID, was not able to finish it.**

**Maeve has many interests including horseback riding, gymnastics and the great outdoors.**

**She loves every animal on her farm like family!**

**NICOLA PAYTON**

*Mrs Blewett*

**Nicola has been involved with Dewdney Players since 2007 and has lost count of the number of shows she has been involved in.**

**Her last production was as the Director for *Clue the Musical* just before the theatres went dark!**

**Nicola is the current President of Dewdney Players. In real life she works as a job coach/support worker for adults with disabilities.**



## **ENSEMBLE:**



### **AMELIA ENNS**

This is Amelia's 3rd play with Dewdney Players, having made her debut in *Alice @ Wonderland* on the summer stage in 2018.

She was excited to get involved in this production, happy to be able to participate in front of a live audience.

Amelia will be heading into grade 5 in the fall.



### **PAIGE MORTON**

This is Paige's first show with Dewdney Theatre.

She has taken Drama with Miss Sam at the Alberta Dance Academy and was in her first musical last year, which unfortunately had to be done online.

Paige has written multiple short plays and performed them in her school with her friends. Paige loves the theatre . . . and her dog, Ed!

## **SCHOOL CHILDREN:**



### **RYLEE CONNORS**

**Rylee is very excited to be making her stage debut with the Dewdney Players.**

**Rylee has a passion for performing and can often be found dancing, singing and acting at home!**

**Rylee would like to thank her family and friends for coming to see the show!**



### **BRINLEY NORMANDEAU**

**This is Brinley's first performance with Dewdney Players and her first time on stage!!**

**Brinley is excited to be a part of *Anne of Green Gables* and can't wait to perform.**



## **CHLOE PAYTON**

*Director*

Chloe has acted and been backstage in a variety of Dewdney shows. From *Lafferty's Wake* as Maggie to the Old Crone in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, she has made various appearances over the years. Most recently she has appeared in the Zoom play of *Fairy Tales Go To Court* as Miss Muffet and Mary (of little lamb fame).

This is her first time directing a Dewdney show and is so excited to help bring live theatre back to Okotoks!

Chloe has experience as a stage manager and is currently studying for a BA in Drama at the University of Lethbridge. In her spare time, she enjoys video games, needle felting, and singing.

Chloe thanks her parents for being so supportive and taking on many roles in the show, Dayna, for being an amazing mentor, Brendon, for listening to her rants throughout the process, and Alex, her hamster, for supplying cuddles and comfort.

Starting with auditions on Zoom was a difficult experience, as gauging heights and how actors would look together was next to impossible. Adhering to COVID restrictions was a huge priority as being able to put on a live show was so important to Chloe. She is so excited to be bringing this classic tale to life and is so proud of the cast and crew that have fought through COVID restrictions, bad weather, and Zoom exhaustion to bring this to Okotoks!

## **DAYNA COLES**

*Director*

**Dayna is starting to lose track of how many productions she has been part of with the Dewdney Players. Dayna grew up watching Anne of Green Gables at the Confederation Centre in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and she is very excited to bring Anne to Okotoks! Dayna would like to thank Chloe for having her be part of the show!**

**When she is not at rehearsal, Dayna spends her days with the most amazing students at École Good Shepherd School where she also directs the annual grade 5 drama productions. The summer show holds a very special place in her heart as she got the chance to work with some of her drama students again.**

**Dayna would like to thank everyone involved in the production, as there are many volunteer hours put into the incredible show that these wonderful actors share with you each night. A special thank you to Nicola and Sue for the lupins!**

**Dayna will be back with our Fall production, I Take This Man and hopes to see you all there!**

**To all of our kindred spirits, thank you for supporting the arts in Okotoks! Enjoy the show!**





**NICOLA PAYTON**

*Producer*

Nicola has been an active member of the Dewdney Players Group Theatre since 2007 and has acted, directed, created props, painted sets and even helped with hair and makeup. This is her first try at producer and she is very excited to see all the fantastic new faces joining Dewdney Players on stage.

Since before Nicola was born, she has been involved in community theatre (her mother was acting on stage while pregnant with Nicola) and one of her greatest passions is bringing young people into theatre in the hopes that they develop a life long love of theatre as she has.

Nicola is incredibly proud of Chloe who has worked hard to bring this play to you and would like to thank her husband for 30 years of love and support.

Nicola hopes that you enjoy the show much as she does each and every time she has sees it.

**MATTHEW PAYTON**

*Stage Manager*

*Anne of Green Gables* is the eighth Dewdney production for which Matthew has been Stage Manager. Some of his previous shows include *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Lafferty's Wake* (2017), *Lion in Winter*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Clue the Musical*.

Being an outdoor show, many of the rehearsals have been held outside to prepare the cast and crew for the experience, and Matthew is sure that the work there will translate to the Plaza stage for a show that audiences of all ages will enjoy.





# I Take This Man!

by  
**Jack Sharkey**

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