

# **UNSUNG: The Accidental Villains of History**

## **Company Bio**

**Aster Roe Productions** is behind projects like The Defendants podcast and An Artist's Journey streaming on CBC gem. The company believes in the power of storytelling as a vehicle for societal change, and a tool for radical empathy. Our projects place people and curiosity at the forefront. Whether we're producing a factual or scripted project, or working across podcast, tv, or film, we start with finding the core of the story, the message and the questions behind it, and then build out from there to create media that makes impact. We approach every project with a commitment to authenticity and creativity.

**Mackenzie Langdon (Writer, Director, Cast)**, a graduate of the Canadian College of Performing Arts, is a Toronto based singer, actor and composer. Her original musical UNSUNG: The Accidental Villains of History toured across Canada in 2024 to rave reviews. Mackenzie is also a performer, frequently acting as Full Cast Swing for Education Arts Canada. Outside of performing Mackenzie teaches musical theatre for kids, teaching privately and with Annex Children in Theatre Education (ACTE).

**Jordan Robertson-Reid (Director & Choreographer)** founder of EJ3Arts, is a Toronto-based theatre artist, director, choreographer, and producer. She holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from The Boston Conservatory at Berklee. Select credits include A Girl Like You in Concert (Director/Choreographer), Harmony Crew (Director), Fahrenheit 451 (Assistant Director), Sleeping Beauty Panto (Choreographer), The Spongebob Musical (Choreographer), & Evil Dead (Choreographer). She is thrilled to be a part of UNSUNG as her first Toronto Fringe Production! @jordan.robertsonreid

**Jane Aster Roe (Producer & Stage Manager)**, an award-winning multimedia writer, producer, and storyteller based in Toronto, Canada. She is driven by her own experiences and innate curiosity about human nature. As the founder and CEO of Aster Roe Productions, Jane has helped to facilitate the production of several award winning theatrical productions, short films, and has multiple long form series in development and production. Through her work she strives to tell unknown stories and tell familiar stories through new lenses. Jane has experience working across all platforms and budgets from small indie houses to bigger companies like CBC.

**Rachel Arundel (Producer)** is a New Zealand-Canadian Creative Director and Producer with over 15+ years experience working in film/television and advertising. Her directorial debut 'An Artist's Journey - Legacy of Japanese Canadian Internment' will premier on the CBC in May, 2026. Rachel is known for her boundless enthusiasm, and

gets a kick out of connecting dots that others often overlook. She has worked in New Zealand, Europe and Canada, and has created interactive experiences and social campaigns for brands such as YouTube, Netflix, Samsung and Education New Zealand. Her production credits include *Come Dine with Me Canada* (Food Network), *Investigation Shark Attack* (National Geographic), *Gangland Chronicles* (History) and *Gold Rush* (Discovery).

**Katrina Cherys (KC) Martinez (Cast)** is a performer and music director passionate about storytelling through music. She has spent over a decade working across the GTA as a vocalist, educator, and creative, and is excited to be making her Toronto Fringe debut. Selected credits: *Rent* (Joanne Jefferson), *The Prince of Egypt* (Nefertari), *Kinky Boots* (Nicola). Beyond the stage, she can often be found performing musical magic for a well-known set of mouse ears. Endless thanks to her parents for their unwavering support and to you for supporting live theatre. Colossians 3:17. IG @katrinacherys

**Tess Barão (Cast)** is thrilled to be participating in Toronto Fringe again! Her last Toronto Fringe show was the 2017 production of *Maddie's Karaoke Birthday Party*, for which she was nominated for a MyEntWorld Critic's Pick Award. Recent credits include: *Holly In Predictable Holiday Rom Com the Musical* at The Second City, *Burn in "Effectors: Crash n' Burn"* (Royal Caribbean: Wonder of the Seas Opening Cast), Lead Vocalist in *"Voices"* (Royal Caribbean: Wonder of the Seas Opening Cast), *Josie Pye* in *"Anne and Gilbert"* (PEI), *Ash* in *"Sing! On Tour"* (Opening Cast of Universal Studios Beijing), and has recently been touring Canada/US as *Ginger Spice* in *"Wannabe: Spice Girls Tribute"* band.

**Jillian Peters (Cast)** is a Musical Theatre artist originally from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia who moved to Toronto to pursue her love of performing at Randolph College. She has been in various shows both in Halifax and Toronto including; *Pennywise* in *Urinetown* (RCPA), *Dogberry* in *Much Ado About Nothing* (Thaumatrope Theatre) and *Netti* in *Curious George and the Golden Meatball* (T.Y.T). Jillian is very excited to be a part of the Toronto Fringe Festival again this year and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Nolan Rush (Cast)** is in his second year at Sheridan College studying musical theatre. He is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful new musical and the team behind it. Previous credits include *Anthony* in *Sweeny Todd* at Alumnae Theatre with Horrowshow Productions, *Pedro* in *Tales of the Grotesque* with White Mills Theatre Co., and *Stanley* in *A Streetcar Named Desire* at UofT. Special thanks to Mariajosé and Cillian for their unwavering support, and much love to the rest of his family and friends. He hopes you, the audience, enjoys the craic that is this wonderful musical. Éirinn go Brách!"

**Tyler Winder (Cast)** is a graduate of Sheridan's performing preparation program. He is very ecstatic to be making his Toronto Fringe debut. He previously played Ramses in The Prince of Egypt (Brampton Music Theatre). Other credits include Jack Kelly in Newsies (BMT) Simon the Zealot in A Light in the Dark (Queensway Arts), Jesus in Jesus Christ Superstar (Sheridan) and Apostle John in The Toronto Passion (Queensway Arts). Drake, U/S Roosevelt in Annie (Lower Ossington Theatre) Mr. Phillips, U/S Gilbert in Anne Of Green Gables (Lower Ossington Theatre) He thanks God for his many gifts and blessings and all the amazing support from family and friends.