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About Dashwood

Dashwood is a Toronto-based creative agency committed to amplifying creative work and showcasing emerging artists and storytelling. @Thedashwoodhouse



Siarra Burke-Smith as Eselynn

Siarra Burke-Smith first discovered her passion for performing at the age of five after stepping into the role of Princess Clara in *The Nutcracker*. She found joy in the way stories can transport us to new realities, and since then, she has been drawn to storytelling that sparks imagination, human connection, and self-discovery. A graduate of Concordia University with a BFA in Acting for the Theatre, Siarra is passionate about using her craft to unite audiences through movement, sound, and resonating conversations. Siarra is proud to bring *Eselynn* to life in this compelling story of resilience and the search for belonging across generations and borders.



Zaniq King as Rose

Zaniq King is an emerging artist based in Toronto and the GTA area. She attends the University of Waterloo for Theatre and Performance. Zaniq is a passionate collaborator and is thrilled to bring new contemporary work to life through her performance. Past productions include *Legally Blonde* with Scarborough Music Theatre, *Pride & Prejudice* with Wren Theatre, *DNA* with Icarus Theatre. Zaniq is incredibly honoured and ecstatic to help bring the world of *Sincerely E* to Toronto Fringe with Dashwood.



Jonathan Tucker as Thomas

Jonathan Tucker is a Toronto-based actor trained at the Toronto Film School. His work includes projects such as Moongazer, Fear Thy Neighbour, and the stage production Aladdin. He has experience across film, television, and theatre, and enjoys working in collaborative environments on set.



Ophilia Davis as Mama/ Anita

Ophilia Davis is an emerging actress and writer living in downtown Toronto. Her impressive credentials in theatre has decorated her with two awards as Mrs Muller in the play Doubt: A Parable by John Patrick Shanley. She has also performed in Machinal, Portia's: Julia Caesar, and The French Waitress.

As a film actress, Ophilia was given an opportunity to act in the award-winning documentary The Underground Railroad: Freedom Rail. An empowering historical story which was showcased on CBC Television. Other film credits include Two Come Calling, BRIA, Killjoys, Scars, 12 Monkeys, Web of Lies, and Fear Thy Neighbour.



Neisha Pierre – Writer, Director, Producer

Neisha Pierre is a storyteller, events and public relations professional, and a lover of curated experiences (and matcha lattes). With a strong creative spirit, she is dedicated to building community and championing new and emerging work. You can find her on Instagram at [@CuratedbyNeisha](#) and [@Thedashwoodhouse](#).