



# Thank You

We would like to thank Susan Bertolia for being an incredible director, all around amazing person, and the most willing to commit to the bit. Seriously folks, throw this woman an imaginary ball and you bet she'll throw it right back at you ten times harder. Thanks to Gina Bastone and Melody Anderson for creating the beautiful masks you'll be seeing in the show. Special shout out to the amazing theatre faculty and coaches, Inga McLaughlin, Erika Champion, Robert Gardiner, Patrick Pennefather, Lorraine West, Borja Brown, Lynn Burton, Jodi Jacyk, Ryan Murcar, Linda Pitt, Cam Cronin, Tony Koelwyn, Stephen Heatley, Production students of UBC Theatre 99 and the faculty and staff of UBC Theatre & Film department. And last but not least, thanks to the band Wild Cherry, for writing the classic hit "Play That Funky Music", our class has thoroughly enjoyed it.



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COMMEDIA COLLECTIVE COMPANY ETC.  
BFA CLASS OF 2024.**

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TO YOUR BACKDOOR...**

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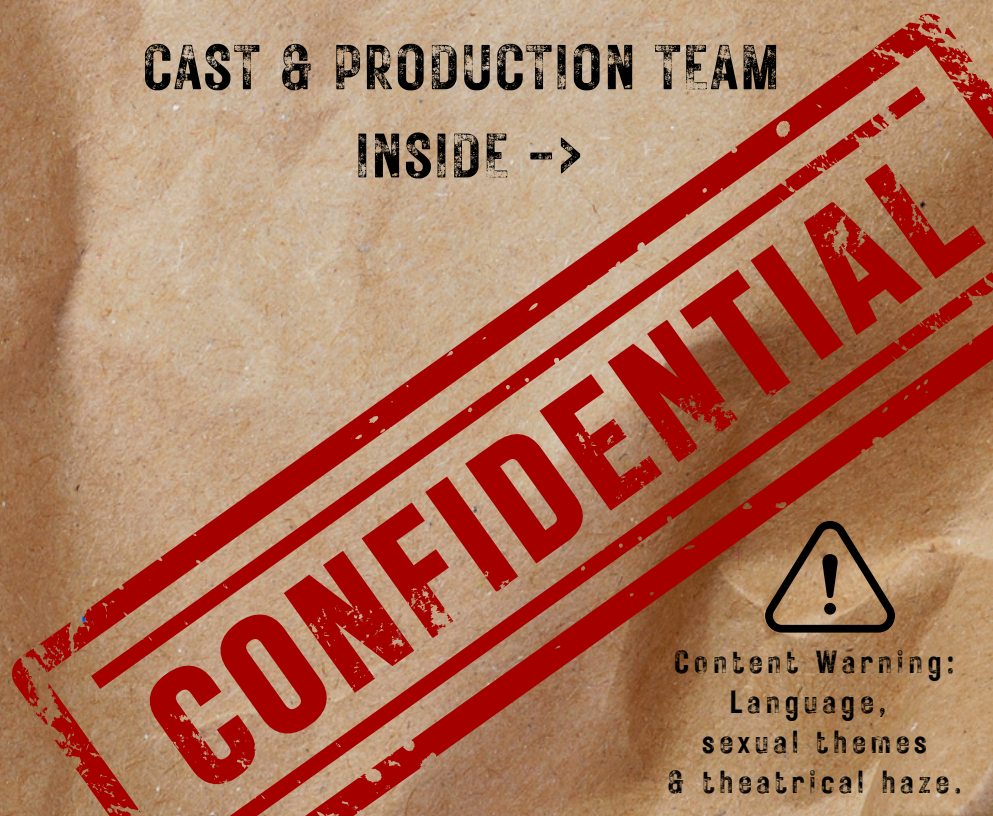
# (UN)USUAL SUSPECTS

**OCT. 26TH-29TH**

**DIRECTED BY: DAME DR. SUSAN BERTOIA**

**CAST & PRODUCTION TEAM**

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**Content Warning:  
Language,  
sexual themes  
& theatrical haze.**



## Director's Note

Do you FEAR the unknown? OR do you FEAR the known and what IT might know about you? How it can use the secrets you fear are known, that you fear they know you know...or maybe you fear the mask of social constructs, the fear of death, of being caught out, of cheating, of lying, or loving, or not being lovable, or being just too damn sexy for this crowd...

So, what choice do you have but to run! Chased by your fear, never facing it because it's so real, or is it? Look, look, and look again. The fear you are chased by, well at least in this zany comedy, is merely a masked character... ha!

Maybe you came here tonight to be entertained, to chase that fear away because you've heard that commedia is "funny". Maybe you saw the overly large poster outside the DSS theatre and wondered, "what the hell is that? that looks??" Good choice. Be curious. The show tonight is performed and inspired by commedia; a players' theatre-based entertainment that engaged crowds through its absurd plots and its stock characters, that revealed aspects of the human condition. Think sitcoms of today. This show tonight was collectively devised under my ever wacky watchful eye, and I couldn't be any more proud to direct this ensemble and collaborate with a great production team. Enjoy.

I acknowledge the Musqueam for the land we play on.

I am grateful to be given this opportunity to share my passion for playfully telling stories.

I am truly thankful for my family and friends both new and old.

-Ms. Susan Christina Bertoia, Prima Donna of the Commedia  
[www.susanbertoia.ca](http://www.susanbertoia.ca) (if you have any questions about commedia, shoot me a note)

## Cast

Pantalone - Talia Peck  
Pulcinella - Evie Hamilton  
Other Pulcinella - Simon Auclair-Troughton  
Arlecchino - Rachel Angco

Ms. Scarlett - Abigail Millson  
Mr. Green - Ripley Twardzik Ching  
Colonel Mustard - Yi Ming Liu  
Dr. Mr. Prof. Plum - Nico Pante  
Ms. White - Belle Nightingale  
Ms. Peacock - Julia Eckert

Jan Janiston - Abigail Millson  
Singers - Simon Auclair-Troughton & Rachel Angco  
Policeman - Evie Hamilton  
Pizza Man - Nico Pante  
Cook - Tiana Khandelwal  
Money Holder - Random Audience Member

## Creative Team

Lauren Semple - Stage Management  
Haoyue Zhou - Asst. Stage Management  
Isabella Woolston - Asst. Stage Management  
Jack Mosher - Lighting Design  
Jasmine Liu - Asst. Lighting Design  
Shaliya Ma - Sound Designer  
Fiorella Hayashida Kuniyoshi - Light Board Operator  
David Siu - Sound Board Operator  
Tiana Khandelwal - Stage Crew

Head Painter - Tariro Motsi  
Asst. Head Painter - Isabelle Barlow  
Painters - Aaron Au, David Siu, Nina Yu,  
Luella De Geer, Michelle Lee,  
Kaileigh Funnell, Victoria Moo

## Additional Production

Song Writing - Simon Auclair-Troughton, Rachel Angco  
Mask Handler - Julia Eckert  
Writing/Dramaturge - Ripley Twardzik Ching, Belle Nightingale, Nico Pante  
Publicity - Talia Peck, Abigail Millson, Yi Ming Liu  
Video Creator - Talia Peck  
Props & Costumes - Evie Hamilton, Nico Pante  
Costume Visionary - Julia Chase