

## MEET THE CAST OF CIRCLE'S SEASON KICKOFF: DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT



**LAINÉ ALLEN** is super excited to have the opportunity to perform on the Circle stage again. Past Circle credits include *Leather and Lace: The Women of Rock*, *Natural Women: The Music of Carole King*, *Catch Me If You Can*, and *Classic to Cosmopolitan: Nashville Past & Present*. Laine graduated from Western Michigan University and currently works from home as an insurance underwriter, which she loves because it gives her the opportunity to be with her husband and her daughter, but also gives her a chance to do what she loves most: Travel!



**DREW ANGELL** is a 2011 graduate from Northview High School and also studied at Western Michigan University. He currently works as the Beauty Studio Coordinator of Sephora Grand Rapids. Drew's previously performed in Circle's *Made in the Mitten: Michigan Music Greats Concert* in 2016, and his show credits include *The Addams Family*, *Greg in It Shoulda Been You* (Circle), and *Will in American Idiot* (Actors' Theatre). "Special thanks to my family, friends, my directors for choosing to put up with me again, and of course, my beloved dog, Ludo."



**AMY CAIN** was last seen on Circle's stage in the 2017 Season Kickoff, *Anything Goes*. She has also performed in Circle's productions of *Company*, *Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Honk!*, and *Rumors*. Other community theatre credits include *If/Then*, *Chess*, and *Ampersand* (Actors' Theatre), *Next to Normal* (63rd Street Productions), *Into the Woods* (Theater 616), *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Medea* (Heritage Theatre), and *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Civic Theatre). Regional credits include Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*, Gloria in *Boeing Boeing*, Little Edie in *Grey Gardens*, and Annabel Glick in *Lucky Stiff* (Thunder Bay Theatre). "Special thanks to Kyle for providing endless love, support, and laughter."



**JUSTIN DAWES** graduated from the University of Michigan in 2015 with a B.A. in American Culture and now works for the Grand Rapids Business Journal as a reporter. This is Justin's Grand Rapids theatre debut; some of his previous credits include, Wally Winston in *Animal Cracker* (6th Street Playhouse), Harry Witherspoon in *Lucky Stiff*, Humpty Dumpty in *Shrek* (Ann Arbor Civic Theatre), Wilbur in *Hairspray* (Caledonia Community Players), and Brad in *Rocky Horror* (Dexter Community Players). Justin is also a former member of Shades of Blue (2010-2011). "Special thanks to the directors for casting me in my first Grand Rapids production."



**DREW FABER** is a 2015 Grand Rapids Christian High School graduate who attended MSU for two years, but is now taking a short hiatus from his studies to work full-time. Some of his local theatre credits include Willard in *Footloose*, Baker in *Into The Woods Jr.*, Peter in *The Lion... Wardrobe* (Civic Theatre), and *Evita* (Circle Theatre). While at MSU he joined an a capella group and along with furthering his musicianship also grew a long of ensemble singing and group music. When asked "What makes Circle special?" Drew said, "The atmosphere of family. Everyone involved has always been ridiculously warm and welcoming to me since day one, and I have never once felt out of place at Circle."



**DAVID HATTER** is beyond excited and humbled to return to Circle Theatre's stage with this team to perform the music of *Dirty Dancing!* Last seen here in the 2016 Summer Concert *Classic to Cosmopolitan: Nashville Past & Present*, his other theatre credits include, Cliff in *Cabaret* (Circle Theatre), Paul Bratter in *Barefoot in the Park* (Civic Theatre and Lionheart Productions), Stephen in *If/Then* (Actors' Theatre), and ensemble roles in *Les Miserables*, *Company*, *Ragtime*, and many others at various theatres. The performing arts provide a real change-of-pace compared to his day job as an accountant for a local medical manufacturing company. "Thanks to the production team for their faith in me, my incredible friends and family for the continuous love and support that you bless me with, the crew and volunteers of this community for making this and every other production happen, and God for the passion and talent that He's allowed me to share."



**MICHELLE MATSON** is the Box Office Manager at Circle Theatre and also works as a freelance makeup artist here in the West Michigan area. Some of her concert credits include Circle's *Ladies' Night: The Music of Legendary Divas*, *Made In The Mitten: Michigan Music Greats*, and *Natural Women: The Music Of Carole King*. Her other theatre credits include, Grizabella in *Cats*, Marta in *Company* (Circle Theatre), Franca in *The Light In the Piazza* and *Chess* (Actors' Theatre), *Les Miserables* (Civic Theatre), and Hedy LaRue in *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* (Holland Civic Theatre). "Special thanks to my beautiful sisters, who constantly send me love and support, and to the love of my life - I am so lucky I found you - schmoopie!"



**MARY KATE MURNEN** graduated from GVSU with a major in Communications and a minor in Theatre. She is currently rehearsing as the Dragon in *Shrek* over at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Some of her other credits include, *If/Then* (Actors'), *Legally Blonde* (Civic Theatre), Frieda in *Carrie*, *Evita* (Circle Theatre), *Sweeney Todd*, *Godspell* (GVSU Opera), and Minnie in GRCC's Grand Award-winning production of *The Haptin*. "Special thanks to everyone involved in putting this fun-filled night together!!"



**LUCAS STORY**, a 2016 Northview graduate, is returning to the Circle stage and making his concert debut! Lucas was seen last year here at Circle last year as Marty Kauffman in *It Shoulda Been You* and Lucas Beineke in *The Addams Family*. Other credits include Johnny in *American Idiot*, and *If/Then* (Actors' Theatre). Lucas says he has found a home away from home here at Circle theatre and has grown a love for the people and work that goes on here. "Special thanks to my very supportive friends and family."



**KATIE TAMAYO** graduated from GVSU in 2015 and currently works as a bartender and server in downtown Grand Rapids. Some of Katie's local theatre credits include: Annie in *It Shoulda Been You*, Casey in *First Date* (Circle Theatre), and Extraordinary Girl in *American Idiot* (Actors' Theatre). She has also performed in a variety of Circle Concerts, including, *California Dreamin': Cool Cali Vibes Past and Present*, *Any Way You Want It: Arena Rock Anthems*, *Ladies Night: The Music of Legendary Divas*. She will be seen in *Fun Home* later this season along with the concerts *Broadway Babes: Dames of the Stage* and *Silver Screen: Academy Award-Winning Songs*. Katie also plans on moving to NYC this coming fall. "Special thanks to my love, Ben. Thank you for believing in me more than I believe in myself. I'm ready to take on New York with you."



**COLIN TOBIN** graduated from Kenowa Hills and currently works in manufacturing; he also sings in two bands, Sweet J Band (cover) and Paradise Outlaw (original) on the side. Colin's Circle concert credits include: *Unplugged (Acoustic)*, *Singer/Songwriters of the 70s*, *Hits of the 80s*, *Take It To The Limit: The Music of the Eagles*, *Anyway You Want It: Arena Rock Anthems*, *Circle Celebrates: The Music of Woodstock*, *Grease in Concert*, *Go Your Own Way: The Music of Fleetwood Mac*. Colin's favorite memory of Circle Theatre was strapping on his high heels every night for Hair. "Special thanks to my family and friends for their constant support!"



**CARLY UTHOFF** graduated from Rockford HS and attended Alma College on a vocal scholarship. She currently works in Title Insurance, but gets her theatre fix by teaching classes at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre's School of Theatre Arts. Most recently, Carly was seen performing as Millie in Grand Rapids Civic Theatre's production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Grand Award Nomination). Previous Circle Theatre credits include Waitress #1 in *Rock of Ages*, Cheryl Ann in *Catch Me if You Can*, Cindy Lou in *Marvelous Wonderettes Caps and Gowns*, a Kit Kat girl in *Cabaret*, and the 2016 Season Kickoff Concert *Grease*. When Carly is not working or in a show she enjoys traveling around the world; she has been to Thailand, Iceland, Greece, Spain, Italy and plans to explore many other countries. "Special thanks to the Circle and its staff for continuing to allow me to be a part of these special productions!"