



CAST BIOS

Mental: A Musical

Presented by Machias Arts Council Theatre

Angelina Bestwick as Suzie

Angelina grew up in Wilmington, Delaware and attended Cab Calloway School of the Arts as a Vocal and Musical Theater Major. At Cab, they were a part of several shows including Mamma Mia, Hairspray, The Prom, Six the Musical, and originated the role of Brooklyn in Bachelor Quest. Angelina moved to Jonesboro a year ago to begin their journey at UMM as a Small Business Management major. In the past year, they were in the 2024 Machias Blueberry Festival Musical and Eastport's Quoddy Voices. Angelina is honored to originate the role of Suzie in Mental and would like to thank the cast and crew for such an amazing experience!

Hunter Beverly as Greg

Hunter Beverly was born and raised in Machias. In 2024 he appeared in Machias ACT's "Scroogeport" as the Ghost of Christmas Past. When he is not on the theatrical stage, he can be seen playing his guitar and singing at The Milkhouse Cafe.

Audrey Bradbury as Nancy

Audrey Bradbury has been acting in shows from downeast Maine to southern Maine and places in between since her debut at Eastport Arts Center in 2013. She is a toddler teacher by trade, and this show is her welcome back to Maine after living in the Boston area since 2023.

Anna Carter

Anna Carter is relatively new to theatre - her role as Franny in Machias ACT's Scroogeport was her first time on-stage since elementary school! She has since been performing music locally, and spends her days in Lubec hiking, biking, gardening, tinkering, and of course - singing.

Sam Finn Cutler as Heath

Sam Finn Cutler is a musician, songwriter, and actor returning to the world of theater after a brief seven year hiatus. He made his Maine theater debut earlier this summer in As You Like It with Fenix Theater Company. Previous New York credits include A Clockwork Orange, Three Sisters, The Tempest, and 420, The Musical: The X-mas Special. Huge thanks to his friends and family for all their support, and for their encouragement to start auditioning again.

Ava Dray as Michelle

Ava Dray was born and raised in Machias. She left for a short stint in Daytona, but eventually moved back to pursue organic farming and cooking. Ava started her theatre journey in school and is excited to join the cast of Mental, her 4th production with Machias ACT. In 2024 she originated the roles of the young widow Sarah in Wake and Ebenezer's sister Lily in Scroogeport and in 2025 Ava played Shelby in Steel Magnolias.

Colin Erno as Russell

Colin Erno is a musician with acting tendencies originally from California. He has previously appeared in the Machias ACT production of Scroogeport. Other previous roles included Alexander Schmorrel In The White Rose, Ren McCormack in Footloose the musical, and Mercutio in Romeo & Juliet. Mental will be his seventh theater production.

Cindy Jollotta as Bryan

Cindy Jollotta is a singer-songwriter who after spending most of her career in Los Angeles, now resides in Downeast Maine. She has performed all around the United States and Europe, sharing the bill with the likes of Sturgill Simpson, Kacey Musgraves, and Merle Haggard at Stagecoach Festival, Long Beach Folk Festival, House of Blues, and LA Pride.

A 2023 Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI) honoree, Cindy wrote the songs in “Mental” and will be returning to acting on the theatrical stage for the first time since her appearances in “Brant Rock” and “Baby” at the Concord City Auditorium in 2003.

Tim Markley as Dr. Irons

Tim Markley is thrilled to continue his journey with the Machias Arts Council Theatre (Machias ACT). After a fulfilling 23-year career with the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service, during which he served in 12 different countries, Tim has embraced a new chapter in his life in Machias.

A passionate advocate for the arts, he joined the Machias Arts Council and was elected Chairperson in 2023. One of his primary goals has been to revitalize community theatre in Machias, and he is overjoyed to see this vision come to life with Machias ACT.

Tim’s acting credits include the Grim Reaper in Wake and Ebenezer Lynch (Scrooge) in Scroogeport, bringing depth and energy to these memorable characters. In addition to acting, he has also contributed behind the scenes, working on sound and lighting for Steel Magnolias. He looks forward to fostering a vibrant arts scene and bringing more engaging performances to the community.

Colin Shank as Nurse Charlie

Colin Shank has performed with Machias ACT in Scroogeport and with Eastport Arts Center in this Spring's Grim Spectaculathon. In the past he has sung in choral and small ensembles and hopes to continue to be a part of Machias theater in the future.

Amanda Bidlack Strand as Amy

Amanda Bidlack Strand is a graduate of New York University, Tisch School of the Arts, with a B.F.A. in Drama with a concentration in Choreography and Stage Direction. She also trained at The Stella Adler Conservatory, the Experimental Theater Wing in Paris, and was a member of the Professional Training Company at The Washington School of Ballet under founder, Mary Day. She has appeared o-Broadway at La Mama (Lucy Gayheart), Abe Burrows Theater (Burying Moliere – Armande; Antigone - Antigone), as well as appearing regionally at the

Kennedy Center, Signature Theater, Source Theater, Hartke Theater, as well as dinner theater and community productions.

She has taught drama and dance and worked as a director and choreographer with students from elementary school through adult. After the birth of her fourth child, she developed a passion for group fitness and founded Freedom Group Exercise LLC in 2015, developing three group fitness formats with classes in 24 states and five countries. She moved to Maine full-time in 2021 with her husband, playwright John G. Strand, with whom she shares the joys of four grown children, three dogs and one cat on the beautiful Bold Coast.