



## Inspiring Musical Honours 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day at St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – In celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, the nostalgic musical *You'll Get Used To It! ... The War Show* is on stage at the **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse** for three weeks only from **June 5 to June 22**. Audiences are advised to buy tickets as soon as possible as the highly-anticipated production is already over 70% sold out.

With a mixture of humour and drama, *You'll Get Used To It! ... The War Show* captures the essence of World War II through the eyes of six Canadian soldiers as they experience everything from training and the anguish of leaving loved ones to the anticipation of actually going to fight the enemy, the fear and danger of battle, and the sorrow of losing comrades. Written by Canadian playwright Peter Colley, this unforgettable journey to the trenches of war-torn Europe is one of the most compelling and thought-provoking shows produced in the theatre's history.

The production features some of the era's most endearing and enduring songs including "The White Cliffs of Dover," "We'll Meet Again," "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square," and "I'll Be Seeing You," just to name a few.

"*You'll Get Used To It! ... The War Show* brings an important era in history to life in a way that's both touching and thoroughly entertaining," says **Alex Mustakas**, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. "I know audiences are going to be moved to both laughter and tears as they follow the sentimental journey of these soldiers. It's especially meaningful for us to share this heartfelt story during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day."

Mustakas himself will helm this poignant musical. He will be joined by Choreographer **Gino Berti**, Music Director **Jim Hodgkinson**, Set Designer **David Antscherl**, Costume Designer **Julia Holbert**, and Lighting Designer **Jeff JohnstonCollins**.

A stellar ensemble cast has been assembled for this stirring production including **AJ Bridel, Tyler Check, Alex Furber, Timothy Gledhill, Keith Savage, Andrew Scanlon, Amber Tomlin** and **Aaron Walpole**.

**Check** is the charming and naïve soldier Dud, who always speaks the truth. Check previously appeared in the Drayton Entertainment productions of *Kings & Queens of Country* and *Million Dollar Quartet*.

**Furber** is French Canadian comrade Jean Pierre, who joins the army to prove himself to his family. Furber gained notoriety starring as Albert in the Toronto production of *War Horse* and appeared in Drayton Entertainment's productions of *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Marathon of Hope: The Musical*.

**Gledhill** plays the lovable rascal Sharky, who thinks an out-of-country tour is just what he needs. Gledhill appeared as Don in *Singin' in the Rain* in 2017 and in *Holiday Inn* last season.

**Savage** brings his signature brand of humour to the character of Pops, a jovial senior soldier who tells corny jokes to entertain his younger comrades while grappling with his own loneliness. Savage has been on stage in myriad Drayton Entertainment productions from *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Little Mermaid* to *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Anything Goes*, and many, many more.

**Scanlon** is the kind-hearted farm boy Dusty, who narrates the story as he grows up from an excited young recruit with romantic notions about heroism to a knowing soldier with memories of battle. Scanlon recently appeared in *Rocky: The Musical*, *Man of La Mancha* and *The Drowsy Chaperone* for Drayton Entertainment.

**Walpole** is war veteran Sarge, who faces the challenge of taking a handful of raw recruits and turning them into true soldiers. Walpole has appeared in a number of Drayton Entertainment productions including *Rocky: The Musical*, *Man of La Mancha* and *Rock of Ages*, among others. He previously appeared on Broadway in *Les Misérables* and was a runner-up on Canadian Idol.

**Bridel** and **Tomlin** tackle a variety of roles including wives, mothers, war brides, munition factory workers and night club singers. Bridel appeared as Anne in *Anne of Green Gables* at the Charlottetown Festival, in the Toronto production of *Kinky Boots*, and in the Drayton Entertainment productions of *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peter Pan: The Panto*, and *Oliver!*. Tomlin recently appeared in *Man of La Mancha* and *West Side Story* for Drayton Entertainment.

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Regular performance tickets are \$48 for adults, \$29 for youth under 20 years of age. Tickets for select Discount Dates and groups of 20 or more are \$39. HST is applicable to all ticket prices.

*You'll Get Used To It! ... The War Show* runs **June 5 to June 22** at the **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**. The production will then move to the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend from June 27 to July 13. Tickets may be purchased in person at any Drayton Entertainment Box Office, online at [www.draytonentertainment.com](http://www.draytonentertainment.com) or by calling the Box Office at **(519) 747-7788** or toll-free at **1-855-drayton (372-9866)**.

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