

## THE MYSTERIES Biographies

### Creative Team

[Ann Mortifee CM](#) is a Canadian singer, composer and librettist, author, and keynote speaker. Her work draws on spiritual traditions from around the world, and her music blends folk, musical theatre, pop, sacred and world music. She is a member of the [Order of Canada](#), and has received national and international distinctions and awards for her albums, concerts, musicals, scores for ballet, film, opera and TV as well as her book, *In Love with the Mystery*. She facilitates arts and consciousness workshops, and has co-founded two foundations – one for social innovation and one for forestry conservation. [anmortifee.com](http://anmortifee.com)

[Edward Henderson](#) has worked extensively in Canada's music community, composing theatrical scores for the Stratford Festival and Arts Club Theatre Company, and documentary scores for the CBC, CTV, Bravo, Knowledge and Vision networks. Commissions include compositions for the Vancouver Chamber Choir, Elektra Women's Choir, The Dance Centre, Canadian Music Centre, Vancouver InterCultural Orchestra and *musica intima*. He has been nominated for numerous awards, and is the recipient of Juno, Jessie Richardson, Dora Mavor Moore, Leo and Cannes Awards. [edhendersonmusic.com](http://edhendersonmusic.com)

[David Feinstein](#), Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and the author of [Personal Mythology](#), is a pioneer in developing innovative therapeutic approaches, leading to nine national awards for his books on consciousness and healing. He and his wife, Donna Eden, have built the world's largest and most vibrant organization teaching energy medicine. Their latest award-winning book, *The Energies of Love*, achieved best-seller status on the NY Times Relationship List. David has served on the faculties of The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Antioch College, and the California School of Professional Psychology. [Learn more](#)

### Cast

[Laur Fugere](#), PERSEPHONE, *goddess of spring, daughter of Demeter and Zeus*

Laur brings extensive experience as a singer, vocal coach, music director and consultant to the show. She has worked with *Le Cirque Du Soleil*, *Cats*, and *Les Misérables*, and studied with leading vocal, dance, stage, acting, diction, drumming, movement, meditation, and shamanic instructors around the world.

[Susan Anderson](#)\*, DEMETER, *goddess of the earth and fertility, sister of Zeus*

Susan is a veteran musical theatre performer. She has appeared across Canada, and in Japan and Germany, and for one year co-starred in *Anne of Green Gables* in London, England. Susan has taught musical theatre for years, was a regular on *The Tommy Hunter Show* and has adjudicated many dance festivals.

[Ann Mortifee CM](#)\*, HEKATE, *goddess of magic/woman of age and wisdom*

Ann Mortifee is an award-winning Canadian singer, composer and librettist, author and keynote speaker. She performs nationally and internationally and her music blends influences of folk, musical theatre, pop, sacred and world music into her own unique genre. She is a proud member of the [Order of Canada](#).

[Stephen Aberle](#)\*, ZEUS, *king of the gods, brother of Demeter*

Stephen is an actor and singer, known for his film and TV work, including [Hands of a Stranger](#), [Supernatural](#), and [The L Word](#). His strong voice can regularly be heard with the *Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir* and *Solidarity Notes*, a group of activists whose repertoire includes labour and social justice songs from past and present.

[Warren Kimmel](#)\*, HADES, *god of the underworld, brother of Zeus*

Warren is a stage and film actor/singer. Born in South Africa and trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, Warren's many on-camera credits include *Murdoch Mysteries* and [Stargate SG-1](#). His stage appearances include *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cats*, *Evita*, *Grease*, *Legally Blonde* and *Les Miserables*.

[Scott Perrie](#)\*, HERMES, *god of transitions, messenger of the gods*:

Scott is an actor, singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. In addition to performing across Canada, he appears in TV and film. Scott has been a lead vocalist with some of Vancouver's premier cover bands, and he burst onto Vancouver's indie-music scene as lead-singer and songwriter with *Redgy Blackout*.

**CHORUS** (*as temple initiates, 'shades', background singers, Greek chorus, phantoms, Baptist choir and cabaret singers*). NOTE: Special thanks are extended to Siri Olesen and [musica intima vocal ensemble](#) for their support.

[Jenny Andersen](#)\* has a B.Mus in voice performance from the University of Calgary. She has toured extensively as a soloist, teaches music, is a member of the *Vancouver Chamber Choir*, and performs regularly in theatre, opera and musical theatre.

[Caitlin Beaupre](#), soprano, has sung with *musica intima vocal ensemble* since 2009. She has two degrees from the UBC School of Music, sang with the *Vancouver Chamber Choir* and *Vancouver Cantata Singers*, and sings with the swing group, *Lady Larks*.

[Emily Cheung](#), soprano. Emily's voice can regularly be heard with the *Vancouver Cantata Singers*. Singing in the World Youth Choir led to her becoming a founding member of *The Time Ensemble*, an a cappella group whose members hail from 21 countries.

[Joanna Dundas](#), soprano and past artistic director of *musica intima*, helped direct *Womenspiration* in celebration of Intl. Women's Day, and now coordinating viewing events for the upcoming IMS Contemporary Music Festival in Vancouver.

[Erik Kallo](#), tenor, has a B.Mus in Voice Performance from UBC. He sings with *Pacific Spirit Choir* in West Vancouver and with *musica intima*. Erik is a versatile singer who also has extensive experience in vocal jazz and in fronting with big bands.

[Paul Nash](#), bass, is an Honours graduate from the University of Victoria, where he studied double bass and voice. A 16-year member of the Vancouver Chamber Choir, he has also performed as a soloist and ensemble singer with two major symphonies, choral ensembles and the Montreal Jazz Festival.

[Shane Raman](#), baritone with a B.Mus in Vocal Performance from UBC, sings with *musica intima*, and *Cor Flammae*. He also conducts and is a composer, arranger and song-writer. Shane teaches private voice at the Sarah McLachlan School of Music.

[Taka Shimojima](#), tenor and UBC School of Music student, aspires to ignite passion and hope through music. In addition to singing, he has studied piano, violin, guitar, and bassoon. Tak enjoys the creativity and accomplishment of ensemble singing.

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## Musicians

### [Edward Henderson](#) - Guitars

Ed is a prolific and award-winning composer, producer, arranger, conductor, and musical director. Ever versatile, he works in theatre, film and TV, chamber choir, symphony and dance. He has recorded and performed with many of Canada's top performers, including several collaborations with Ann Mortifee (*When the Rains Come*, *Into the Heart of the Sangoma* and *THE MYSTERIES*).

### [Miles Black](#) - Keyboards

Miles brings a wealth of musical experience and expertise to almost every facet of the music industry. One of Canada's most accomplished jazz pianists, Miles is also an in-demand arranger, producer, composer, session musician, guitarist, vocalist, bassist, saxophonist, songwriter, instructor, and musical theatre director.

### [Finn Manniche](#) - Cello

Finn is a versatile and passionate musician with a Music degree from UBC and a penchant for playing anything and everything, whether on guitar or cello. Groups he plays with live and/or on CD include: the Armadillo String Quartet, Ensemble Symposium, the Jazzmanian Devils, Soul Crib, the Paperboys and 54/40.

### [Henry Lee](#) - Viola

Henry has a M. Mus. from the Juilliard School and has appeared at Avery Fischer Hall, Alice Tully Hall and Carnegie Hall. He is a chamber musician and a soloist, and currently plays with the Vancouver Symphony. Henry has also been the Principle Viola for both the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and Ballet BC Orchestras.

### [Laurence Mollerup](#) - Bass

Laurence is active in a wide variety of music, including classical, jazz, world, and Latin. In addition to playing with orchestras and choirs, he performs with jazz ensembles, big bands, CBC Radio, jazz and folk festivals and in musical theatre. He has performed on CDs and in film scores, he teaches, and he makes bass guitars.

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