



## **INTRODUCING... RICHIE WILCOX**

*See Richie on stage this winter in **Razzle Dazzle** running December 16 – January 4. Richie is a professor at the University of Lethbridge, and an Artistic Associate at Theatre Outré.*

### **Where are you from and what brought you to Southern Alberta?**

I'm originally from New Waterford, Nova Scotia. Yes, I am a very proud Cape Bretoner (we are all over Alberta)! My very first time visiting Alberta was last August. I arrived in Lethbridge to teach in the Drama department at the University of Lethbridge. I am now on a three-year contract at the University and couldn't be happier to be spending more time in this beautiful city.

### **How did you know theatre was your calling?**

I've been involved in theatre since I was very young. I think I was born singing. I was always in choirs and musical theatre throughout my childhood years. Singing is something that just came naturally to me. I've never pursued it as a professional musician but as a theatre artist I've always been singing onstage. I was on the first season of *Canadian Idol* and made it to the top ten. Ever since then (that was ten years ago), I've treated my singing a bit more seriously and really love the opportunity to get onstage and belt out some tunes.

### **What's the best theatre memory you have, and why was it so special?**

While I consider myself a singer, first and foremost I'm a theatre director. My best theatre memory is directing a show called *La Ronde* at Dalhousie University last year. This was so special to me because I was going back to my alma mater as a professional director and teaching these kids in the same theatres and classrooms that I was taught in years earlier. It was a very special experience for me.

### **What do you look forward to most about working on *Razzle Dazzle* at New West Theatre?**

I can't wait to work with the PEOPLE at New West. There are some great folks here in Lethbridge that are uber-talented! I'm excited to get to play with these people as well as sing along with them. It should be a blast!