



Cydney Pedersen - *Una*

Cydney is a homegrown talent who has been performing with Portal Players since her teens. Recent credits include Deirdre McDavey in *I Hate Hamlet*, Helen Darimont in *The Exquisite Hour*, and Katurian Katurian in *The Pillowman* {2024 Theatre BC North Island Zone Best Actor In A Male Role, 2024 TBC Mainstage Festival Best Actor In a Male Role}. If you're a regular at The Capitol, you may also have seen Cydney doing sketch comedy in the 2024 PPDS Variety Show and serving as the co-host of last autumn's spectacularly messy *Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening. Cydney is one of the General Managers of DBA Silencing, and the

President of **Furever Endeavour Rescue Network** {an organization that - should you be interested - is always in need of volunteers, fosters, and adopters}. Cydney would like to thank her husband Darien for acting as the peanut butter to her jelly.



Darien Edgeler - *Ray*

Darien is an award-winning actor, playwright, director, producer, MC, voiceover artist, and stage combat choreographer. Originally from North Vancouver, Darien is pleased as punch to be appearing in his fourth Portal Players production. Port Alberni audiences may remember Darien as John Barrymore in *I Hate Hamlet* {2023 Theatre BC North Island Zone Best Actor In A Male Role}, as Zachary Teale in *The Exquisite Hour* {2024 Vancouver Island One Act Play Festival Best Actor In A Male Role}, and as Detective Tupolski in *The Pillowman*. When he's not treading the boards, Darien can be found running local manufacturer **DBA**

Silencing and helping dogs through **Furever Endeavour**, a rescue he founded with his partner Cydney and his friend Lee Voorspools. Darien would like to thank Archie and Shirley Cardinal for opening up a world of possibilities. He would also like to thank Cydney for making life bouncy trouncy flouncy pouncy fun fun fun fun fun!



Sara Curtis - *Girl*

I am excited and honoured to be part of *Blackbird*. I joined the Stages Youth Theatre in 2021 and been part of three plays with one one coming up at the end of May. I really love the feeling and the exhilaration from being on stage and I love working with all the different people.