

## Meet the Cast & Crew of AYO!9M2

### Introducing: Clifford Edouard – Director

Born and raised in the locality of St Patrick, Rose-Hill Mauritius, Clifford's passion for music and literature started as a choir member of his local church and evolved as a cast member of the musical Jesus Christ Superstar

When Clifford and family started their new life in Melbourne, he quickly resumed his artistic pursuits by being part of the Weird Entertainers, a popular Mauritian social club and through an impressive resume of theatre productions, including Paul & Virginie, L'Avare, Don Juan and L'Auberge du Cheval blanc, just to name a few.

Inspired and influenced by the varying styles of the theatre directors he has worked with, AYO!9M2 is Clifford's debut as director, the first of many more challenges which as an artist, Clifford will continue to tackle with his trademark passion and perseverance



## **Introducing: Arnaud Ramdoo - Assistant to Director/Cast Member**

From the central plateau town of Curepipe, Mauritius, Arnaud's story is atypical of the trials and triumphs of Mauritian migration across the globe. Arnaud firstly migrated to France before finally settling in Australia, driven by the determination to seek a better future for his family.

Just like Clifford, Arnaud's passion for theatre and the arts sees him as a cast member and assistant to the director for AYO!9M2. Arnaud has also been juggling various roles behind the scenes, promoting the play through various media outlets and French speaking organisations.

Despite this massive workload, Arnaud's boundless energy and infectious smile continue to shine through !



## **Introducing: Medgee Lebrasse - Cast Member**

Born in Mauritius, Medgee and her parents were part of the wave of mass migration to Australia in the late 1960's. She is a seasoned performer who has appeared in 6 variety shows with the S T A R Players and a French production L'Amour Propre.

There is no denying Medgee's impeccable sporting pedigree, which includes long distance running, Cross Country, Volleyball, Squash, Indoor Cricket, Netball and Little Athletics Relay coach. Petanque is now her main focus.

Medgee's mantra is fittingly "I live life to the fullest like there is no tomorrow"

Medgée loves being on stage as she likes the challenges and the adrenaline rush that goes with acting. Each role helps her learn and grow as a person. People talk about getting nervous and that happens once in a while. At this point in time, she craves for the rush of energy that happens before an audition or performance. It gives her lots of positive vibes.



## **Introducing: Marjorie Lebrasse - Cast Member**

Once a young vibrant, go getter who challenged the status quo, Marjorie daughter of Phillip and Muriel Chan -Pin, grew up in a family of 5 living in Mauritius by the beach. In 1978, she met Sego Lebrasse and fell in love. In the summer of 1980 they got married and not long after had their first child, a beautiful girl named Frederique. They settled well in a house in Quatre Bornes and played out their family life by day and were entertainers at hotels and functions by night. They were proud to give tourists and alike an experience of the Mauritian culture by singing and dancing the Sega. Their daughter Melinda was born in 1985, with a growing family they found living the lifestyle of entertainers posed some challenges in the future. As their little ones grew older, they made the decision to migrate and start a new life overseas. They migrated to Australia in 1987 when their two daughters were 5 and 2 years, they started their new life in a new place which they made home. Marjorie shares that she is a very proud human being, wife, mother, sister and grandmother to six gorgeous grandchildren, 3 boys and 3 girls. She works as a supervisor at Ensign Laboratories and her hobbies include swimming, listening to music, socialising with friends at parties, restaurants, going to the movies and at times entertaining.





## Introducing Sego Lebrasse

Born in Mauritius son of Gisèle and the famous "Segatier" Serge Lebrasse. Sego migrated to Australia in August 1987 with his wife and two daughters. Printer by trade, Sego has worked his fair share of part-time jobs as a second means of income in his earlier years to support his young family establish in Australia. He did so without forgetting his strong Mauritian roots.

Over the years Sego has also performed in various parties and functions as Singer, Drummer and entertainer. He coordinates a group of Mauritian sega dancers and performs regularly in events such as La Faya Mauritian Festival, City of Casey, Cranbourne Australia Day Celebrations and other community cultural events. He has represented Mauritius in Europe, Asia, Africa before bringing his talent here and settling in Australia. He is very proud of the Mauritian culture and loves life here in OZ. He would love to see more young people of Mauritian heritage, here in Australia, embrace and take up the Mauritian *folklorique* dance the *Sega*.

Nowadays, as a grandfather of 6 wonderful grandchildren aged between 2 and 8, Sego still works as a Printing Machinist full-time, loves his sports mainly soccer and AFL, avid Carlton supporter, go the mighty Blues! He loves working on older cars. He enjoys any excuse for a family gathering, a few beers and good food. With his heart in two places, he strongly holds Mauritius as the No.1 holiday destination. Finally, he would like to live near the beach and sea when retirement day comes, but mind you he doesn't think this will be soon!



## **Introducing: Marie France Edouard - Cast Member**

Marie France is a proud wife, mother and in her spare time; enjoys volley ball, music, reading and socialising with family and friends.

Marie France is also another “graduate” from the “Weird Entertainers” group with her participation with a few of their plays.



## **Introducing: Dominique Finette - Cast Member**

Dominique made Australia home 30 years ago.

After completing a course in Arts Therapy where drama is used as a form of therapy, Dominique can attest to its benefits.

The concept of AYO!M2 as a play struck a chord with Dominique, paving the way for her stage debut.

She is enjoying the challenge and embraces this experience as a golden opportunity to learn new skills !



## Introducing: Cedric Lacase - Cast Member

Cedric is part of the new generation embracing his cultural heritage through his involvement with AYO!9m<sup>2</sup>. He is currently completing a Bachelor of Commerce - Human Resource and Management at Curtin Mauritius. He enjoys reading psychology books, nature walks and having a good drink as long as it goes with pleasant conversations. He has a great interest in various forms of art, namely music and theatre. AYO! 9m<sup>2</sup> was a great opportunity for him to seize!





## **Introducing: Rosy Ohis - Cast Member**

Born and raised in Mauritius, Rosy has been calling Australia home since 1987.

Always prominent on the volley ball and social clubs scenes since her teenage years, Rosy made her stage debut with the Weird Entertainers in “Oh la la Quelle Famille !” as well as featuring in other plays including “Le Pere Laval” and “Judas”.

She loves spending quality time with her grandsons and is delighted to renew her love affair with theatre by joining the cast of AYO!9M2.



## **Introducing: Gina Tranquille - Cast Member**

A 31 year old passionate Mauritian who migrated to Australia to explore new possibilities and give herself an opportunity for a better future.

Gina started her journey in Australia in hospitality and not long after made the decision to follow her passion to help families with housekeeping.

When Gina is not working, she is dancing, singing, travelling and loves great food and enjoys champagne.

Gina's drive led her to build and develop her own business. Gina is a go getter and lives by what her late mother told her "to always do what makes you happy".



### **Introducing: Max Chaperon - Cast Member**

Max left Mauritius in the late 1960's and is the proud father of three children.

As a founding member of the Weird Entertainers, Max already has a few plays under his belt and has been active with a number of Mauritian social clubs.

Apart from his love of the stage, soccer, line dancing, petanque and travelling are amongst Max's hobbies !



## **Introducing: Sandy Clarisse - Cast Member**

Music and theatre is in Sandy's DNA ! Sandy's childhood in Mauritius was spent with her late father, Edmond Clarisse, who as a singer; was a regular fixture on the musicals and operettas scene.

Adding a more intimate context to her stage debut, the AYO!9M2 soundtrack will feature songs from The Clarisse Sisters' album 'Kaleidoscope'.

Sandy's passion for travel and sense of community has seen her visit and assist communities in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Haiti, Jamaica, just to name a few !

