

# Melody A. Johnson

Actor Writer Educator

An accomplished creator, Melody has enjoyed a career of moving between the worlds of comedy and drama.

Since 2010 Melody has toured and produced the self penned **Miss Caledonia** throughout Canada, (premiering at the prestigious Tarragon Theatre in Toronto, and moving to the National Arts Centre in Ottawa), as well as across the United Kingdom. The play garnered two Toronto Dora theatre nominations (Outstanding New Play, Outstanding Performance 2013, and awarded Calgary's Betty Mitchell, (two of Canada's highest theatrical honours). Melody was honoured with Ontario Contact's Touring Artist for 2014, and has happily 'passed the baton' now to many new performers. Fall of 2021 Miss Caledonia will be produced at Thousand Islands Playhouse near Kingston, Ontario, and spring of 2022 Miss C returns to western Canada, (season announcement coming soon!).

**Person of Interest**, Melody's latest show, continues to delight critics and audiences alike with its' topical tale of neighbourly warfare, and has been welcomed back to the same venues as previous Miss Caledonia tours, and fall of 2021 tours the Canadian maritimes.

Comedic and theatrical highlights: **Mimi**, co created with Allen Cole & Rick Roberts, (Tarragon), **Assassins/RMTC**, **7 Stories/ Theatre Calgary/CanStage** (Betty Mitchell award nomination), **Trout Stanley/Factory Theatre**, **I Think I Can YPT/NAC**, **Our Town/Two Planks**, (Merrit nomination), **Blithe Spirit/Soulpepper**, **It's All True**, Tarragon/Necessary Angel, **An Awkward Evening with Martin & Johnson** with Bob Martin (**The Drowsy Chaperone**). Numerous Dora nominations and a win for the title role in **Little Mercy's First Murder/Tarragon-Shaw Festival**.

An alumna of **The Toronto Second City** mainstage Melody has directed **Tour Co.** , Mainstage original revues, comedyturged **Chicago Second City's 2016 #DateMe**. Melody also voices Agent

Nola the turtle on Treehouse TV's **Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe Ready for Space Travel**. She is also a founder of Comedy Coop for women, and a faculty member at the **Humber School of Comedy**. Please visit [www.melodyjohnson.ca](http://www.melodyjohnson.ca)

## **Awards & Nominations**

2020 Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe Ready for Space Travel, Season 1  
**Nomination for Kidscreen Awards' Best New Preschool Series**

2018 Betty Mitchell Award to Jamie Konchak for **Outstanding Performance in a Comedy or Musical, Miss Caledonia**

2016 One Night Only – Improvised musical, directed by Melody Johnson,  
**NOW Audience Choice Award Dora**

2014 **Ontario Contact Touring Artist of the Year Award, (Miss Caledonia)**

2013 **Dora Mavor Moore Award nominations for best New Play, and also Outstanding actress, Miss Caledonia**

**2010 Canadian Comedy Award - Best Sketch Show (Director - 0% Down 100% Screwed, Seondy City)**

**2010 Betty Mitchell Award Nomination - Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Comedy (7 Stories, theatre Calgary/Canstage)**

**2009 Merritt Award Nomination - Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role (Our Town, Two Planks and a Passion)**

**2007 Dora Mavor Moore Award Nomination – Outstanding Performance in a Principal Role, Musical (I Think I Can YPT/National Arts Centre)**

**2005 Dora Mavor Moore Award Nomination – Best Leading Actress (Trout Stanley, Factory Theatre)**

**2003 Dora Mavor Moore Award – Best Leading Actress, Musical (Little Mercy's First Murder, Tarragon/Shaw Festival)**

**2003 Canadian Comedy Award Nomination – Best Sketch Troupe (An Awkward Evening With Martin & Johnson, Tarragon Extra Space)**

**2000 Canadian Comedy Award Nomination** – Best Comedy Actor (Nude Beachwear 100% Off, Toronto Second City)

**1999 Dora Mavor Moore Award Nomination** – Best Supporting Actress (It's All True, Tarragon Theatre)

**1997 Dora Mavor Moore Award Nomination** – Best actress in a comedy or musical, Second City's Last Tango on Lombard

**1990 Dora Mavor Moore Award Nomination** – Best Leading Actress (The Europeans, Necessary Angel Theatre)