



# A Better Man

The official country music drama from Nashville

Presented by Music City Direct

Written and directed by George Darden

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## Tracey DeCicco

Meet our leading lady Tracey DiCicco, or as we like to call her Nora Jean.

Born and raised in Michigan her parents knew she was destined for the entertainment industry. Performing songs and acting out scenes from movies to family and friends at such a young age it was only a matter of time. Performing in the Middle School and High School choir she knew she wanted more after graduation. Her interest in singing karaoke definitely gave her a bit more time to hone her craft. That led her to winning many competitions for singing around the Michigan Detroit area. And one of those being the first place finalists in a vocal competition at the Diamondback Saloon in Belleville Michigan. She became the lead vocalist for one of the biggest bands in Michigan which led to opening up for artists at the time like Wade Hayes Holly Dunn Chely Wright David Lee Murphy David Allan Coe and an up-and-coming performer call Kenny Chesney. That also led to her performing at large venues like the Detroit Downtown Hoedown every year. She also placed top five over thousands of entries for the channel 4 super singers competition that was televised on the local network for the 4th of July Detroit fireworks celebration.

After many years of living the dream in Michigan she decided to make the move to Nashville. Finding her footing she played at many places on Broadway networking and meeting amazingly talented people, Recording music and singing demos for talented writers was definitely a blessing for her and caught the attention of a Media Group in Vegas. She was able to guest host and interview Jonathan Cain of Journey for his wine brand out of California. "That was definitely a dream come true" she said, "having grown up listening and singing along to their music was such a privilege". She continues to sing and thrive in the industry that has captivated her heart.

She is definitely excited for this new journey into acting. She says "Life experiences can definitely bring out the best in your character". She has a seven piece band called the pilots that she performs with on a regular basis around Nashville in the surrounding areas.



## Rickie Lee Tanner

Meet the main man Rickie Lee Tanner, also known as Jesse Ray.

Rickie Lee Tanner grew up in Belton, Missouri, a town with strong musical roots, just south of Kansas

City. His grandfather was a professional guitarist, and shared his love of country music classics with Rickie at a very early age.

Rickie has been entertaining crowds of all sizes nearly his entire life, getting his start playing Opry shows in the Kansas City area when he was just a kid. In his late teens, he began fronting bands that played in the smoke-filled bars, honky tonks, and dance clubs all over the midwest.

During his career Rickie has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in country music. Rickie has brought his high-energy show to bars, clubs, fairs, and festivals from Minnesota to Texas and nearly everywhere in between.

Rickie Lee's music is all about family, God, and country. He believes that people go to see live music to see a show, not just hear the music.



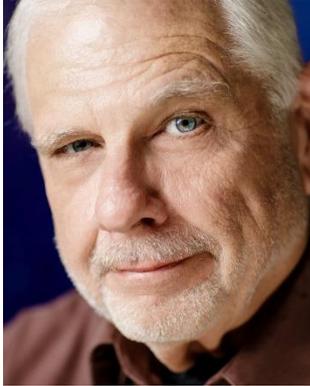
## Colin Paige

Mitchell began his acting career at 17, when he played the leading role in a short after-school film for The Jason Foundation, an organization for the awareness and prevention of teen suicide. The film "Choices" is still screened in high schools across the country today. He followed this with an acceptance to the prestigious Mason Gross Conservatory for the Arts at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ), where he would study the Stanislavski Meisner Method.

He would continue to study additional various aspects of acting at Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, TN), Watkins College of Art and Design (Nashville, TN), and Full Sail University (Winter Park, FL). "A Better Man" is Mitchell's first return to the stage in 6 years but will mark his 20th theatrical show. His last on-stage performance won him Best Actor with Circle Players of Nashville as George Milton in "Of Mice and Men" (Nashville, TN).

In the previous year, he was nominated for playing the coveted role of R.P. McMurphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (Nashville, TN). Since that time, he has been focused on film. His feature film debut as a romantic lead in the independent "Ellipsis" (Scofflaw Pictures) can currently be seen on Amazon Prime.

Mitchell is humbled to be working with such an amazingly talented ensemble on "A Better Man." He would like to thank all of the cast and crew for this fun ride, as well as his parents Steve and Janet who, without their support, he would not be here today. ENJOY THE SHOW!!



## Rev. C.L. Larkin

Rob Wilds is a teacher, actor, director and writer who has appeared in films, television and web series, commercials and on stages in several states.

Rob is seen regularly on the PBS program "Tennessee Crossroads" presenting stories about interesting people to know and places to visit in Tennessee.

On stage, Rob has appeared in comedies such as 'The Foreigner,' dramas including 'A Dolls House,' and musicals like 'Guys and Dolls.' In addition, Rob has directed more than a dozen plays over the years.

Rob is delighted to be in this fun and exciting new play, working with such a talented cast a crew to bring these interesting characters to life.



## Rachel Montgomery

Meet our goofy dits, Rachel Montgomery, played by Camryn Jerding. Cam is a singer-songwriter located in Nashville, Tennessee. She has been acting since high school and is excited to be part of another George Darden original work.

Cam recently graduated November 2020 from Belmont University as a double major in Music Business and Entertainment Industry Studies. She is currently working on her second EP album titled "Firsts" to be released in the near future. To stay up to date with her new music release, follow her on Instagram and Tik Tok [@camrynjerding](https://www.instagram.com/camrynjerding)

Camryn would like to thank George, the director, for another opportunity to do what she loves. The cast and crew for a memorable run. Her stage "fiancé" Jasper (Drake Cunningham) for dealing with her awkward self and worry about kissing and lastly her friends and family, to which she would be no where without.



## Jaspar Hume

Drake Cunningham is an actor and singer from Franklin, TN. A recent graduate of the Coastal Carolina University B.F.A Musical Theatre program, he has been working steadily in the theatre following this accomplishment. You can find him on instagram @drake\_w\_cunningham or on his website [drakewilliam.com](http://drakewilliam.com)

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Technical director – Aaron Finley

Set Design – Phillip Harney

Music – Tracey DiCicco, Rickie Lee Tanner, Mitchell Stevenson and Camryn Jerding,

Cop – Joshua Hawkins