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Tanya Memme hosts *Move This House*, Sundays, 4 p.m. ET, A&E

A moving experience

Moving days are stressful times for most homeowners. And during these delicate hours, *Move This House* host Tanya Memme likes nothing more than to mess with people's heads.

"In every episode, there's some kind of catastrophe or there's some kind of drama that happens," she says with a mischievous giggle. No wonder, since the show's premise begs more drama than a Mariah Carey meltdown.

In each instalment, Memme and her crew show up just in time to help a family move into their dream house. Fine, yes, but there's a catch. Designer Roger Hazard decides which of the family's cherished tchotchkes stay and which will be banished to storage for a year. He also forbids them from seeing the new home until the décor is done, which keeps them guessing about – and dreading – the final reveal.

"We try to throw them off," says Memme. "I give them these little projects that are so obscure and ugly – I had somebody glue-gunning broccoli to a table once. We never use the projects, but they think we're going to."



Tanya Memme helps people get packing

And then there's the threat of storage. "We purposely put things in the storage pile that we know they're going to have a fit about just to get their reactions," says Memme. "But Roger can be convinced. If he sees it's something that really means a lot to them, he'll let them keep it – most of the time."

Memme (who's also seen on *Sell This House* and *Entertainment Tonight Canada*) often plays therapist to the families she and the crew terrorize, convincing them that everything – eventually – will turn out well. And it does. "Our intentions are good. It means a lot to us to have them like [the home] in the end."

But in the meantime, there's always the fun factor. "The situations that arise are hilarious," she says. "There was once a dog running through a paint tray onto the new carpet. We cleaned it up and the homeowners never knew about it – until they saw it on TV!" **EW**

TANYA FACTS

- She was born in Wainfleet, Ont. and attended Brock University
- Her family owns one of the biggest home building companies in Ontario, Mountain View homes
- She's a Miss World Canada winner
- She can dance in tap, jazz and ballet styles
- She's guested on *JAG*, *The Practice*, *Y&R* and *Melrose Place*