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ROUGAROU

A 2024 SummerWorks Lab Presentation. Written by Damion LeClair Starring Lynny Jeanne-Marie Bonin . Dramaturgy by Hailey Conner. Developmental & Financial support from The Arts Club. Boca Del Lupo. Native Earth Performing

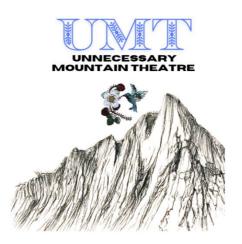
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#### UNNECESSARY MOUNTAIN THEATRE MISSION STATEMENT

unnecessary mountain theatre was founded by two Studio 58 grads Hailey Conner and Damion LeClair in the summer of 2023 while hiking the Howe Sound Crest Trail in what is traditionally known as the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əýəm,skwxwú7mesh, səlilwətał nations. The company was founded upon the ideology that theatre and performance creation should be at the fore front of change in this country. Art is political. Theatre is political.

We at unnecessary mountain theatre strive to hire and work with individuals who are or identity as: neurodiverse, non able bodied, plus size, transgender, LGBTQ2S+ and BIPOC. We are in the business of telling stories. Those stories should reflect the world.



# ROUGAROU HAS BEEN GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY: THE ARTS CLUB NATIVE EARTH REALWHEELS THEATRE BOCA DEL LUPO RUBY SLIPPERS THEATRE



Damion LeClair @damionleclair\_



#### **ABOUT**

ROUGAROU IS A NEW INDIGENOUS HORROR PLAY
BASED OFF THE MÉTIS LEGEND THAT ORIGINATED
ON TURTLE ISLAND CENTURIES AGO. RENEE IS
PLAGUED BY MEMORIES FROM THEIR PAST AFTER
THEIR SISTER GOES MISSING. THEY BEGIN TO BE
STALKED BY A MENACING FIGURE LURKING IN THE
SHADOWS.



Mikayla Bentlay @eyedoll

#### **PLAYWRIGHTS NOTES**

The original production was performed as a "solo" show produced by Studio 58.

Performed with the following cast:

Damion LeClair as Storyteller/Renee

Lynny Jeanne-Marie Bonin as Reena/Rougarou

Rougarou then went through several workshops with the help of the Arts Club, Realwheels Theatre, Boca Del Lupo and Ruby Slippers Theatre in "Vancouver" British Columbia, SummerWorks Lab Presentation and Native Earth Performing Arts (40 Seeds for 40 Seasons, Weesageechak 36) in Tkaronto, Ontario. The casts were as follows:

Tkaronto, Weesageechak 36

Kole Dunford as Storyteller/Renee

Tara Sky as Reena/Ramona/Dad/Rougarou

RealWheels Theatre, Vancouver B.C

Kelsey Kanatan Wavey as Storyteller/Renee

Cheri Maracle as Reena/Ramona/Dad/Rougarou

Boca Del Lupo/SummerWorks, Toronto ON

Lynny Jeanne-Marie Bonin as Renee/Reena/Ramona/Rougarou/RCMP/Dad

### **CONT'D**

This is Rougarou's fourth workshop development.

We look forward to any feedback.

Thank you for supporting new theatrical work.



## CAST & CREATIVE

Lynny is a sixth term acting student at Studio 58 Theatre School in Vancouver and originally

rom Manitoba, Treaty 1 territory, ancestral lands to traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg,

Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the National Homeland of the Red River

Métis. Lynny is a proud member of the Manitoba Métis federation And graduated with her B.A., Honors in psychology and a double major in theatre at the University of Manitoba. Recently, Lynny played Marie



Hailey is a performer, dramaturg, devisor and white settler of Scottish ancestry from Vancouver. Hailey has lived experience of neurodivergence and chronic illness. Trained in acting at both Douglas College and Studio 58, she has a background in contemporary dance and a passion for physical theatre. Hailey strives to create space for people to think, move, and feel, while facilitating innovative, authentic storytelling. She loves fiber arts, cats, and lately, learning guitar.



Damion LeClair is an award-winning Métis, Two Spirit / Settler multidisciplinary artist, actor and facilitator. Damion has toured and worked with several local and national professional theatre companies such as Axis Theatre, Green Thumb Theatre, Chemainus Theatre, Savage Society and Native Earth. Damion has taught for Bard on the Beach and the Arts Club. Damion is the recipient of The Bill Millerd artist fund (Arts Club) and Boca Del Lupo's SLaM. Damion's play Rougarou will be featured in Ruby Slippers Advance Theatre Festival in January of 2025.