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"Misdemeanor Dream" with Spiderwoman Theater

Northland Residency, February 27 – March 2

CLOQUET, MN – Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) is excited to welcome Spiderwoman Theater for a 5-day residency, February 27 – March 2. The residency includes two performances of Spiderwoman Theater’s latest multi-disciplinary performance, “Misdemeanor Dream,” at Cloquet High School’s state-of-the-art 500-seat auditorium on Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2. More information about the residency is available at <https://link.fdlcc.edu/MisdemeanorDream>.

The legendary Indigenous-feminist theatre company, Spiderwoman Theater, is bringing its 16-member ensemble to the Northland for a 5-day residency hosted by FDLTCC (in partnership with Northland College in Ashland, WI). The residency includes a Welcome Feast at Northland College; a Storyweaving Workshop for Native theater (invite only); and a Lecture-Demonstration for students and educators. All community events during the residency are free to attend. More information on the community events can be found at <https://link.fdlcc.edu/MisdemeanorDream>.

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About “Misdemeanor Dream”

Spanning inter-woven disciplines, and exploring the realms of Indigenous story, magic, interrupted dreams and lost languages, “Misdemeanor Dream” was developed in partnership with with Aanmitaagzi Storymakers in Nipissing First Nation in Ontario, and Loose Change Productions in New York.

“Misdemeanor Dream’s” co-creators and Storyweaving Team Leaders are Spiderwoman Theater's 2024 United States Artists Fellow, director Muriel Miguel; choreographer Penny Couchie (co-Artistic Director of Aanmitaagzi, and a 2023 Ontario Arts Council Indigenous Arts Award recipient); and Voice Choreographer Imelda Villalon.

“Misdemeanor Dream” is written and created by the all-Native ensemble: Sid Bobb, Penny Couchie, Animikiikwe Couchie-Waukey, Lisa Cromarty, Donna Couteau, Sharon Day, the late Tyree Giroux, Wolfen de Kastro, Niigaanipines, Marjolaine Mckenzie, Gloria Miguel, Darylina Powderface, Chingwe Pdraig Sullivan, Henu Josephine Tarrant, and Imelda Villalon.

Tickets for the productions of Misdemeanor Dream can be purchased at <https://tempotickets.com/MisdemeanorDream>. Tickets are \$25 each with 20% off for orders of 4 or more. Both showings have general admission seating and start at 7:00pm at Cloquet High School.

About Spiderwoman Theater

Hailed by the Public Theater artistic director Oskar Eustis as “one of the most influential Native theatre companies in the history of the country,” Spiderwoman Theater continues to develop its urban-Indigenous performance practice, while making deeply activist forays into gender roles, cultural stereotypes, and family relationships.

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Succeeding generations of Downtown theater artists like Split Britches, Bloodlips, Taylor Mac and the Colorado Sisters have cited Spiderwoman as a formative influence.

Spiderwoman grew out of the urban Native community centered in Brooklyn in the 1950s. In addition to their experimental and activist focuses, they have emphasized the importance of interconnectivity among Indigenous communities across the globe.

Spiderwoman elders Muriel and Gloria Miguel are from the Kuna and Rappahannock nations. Choreographer Penny Couchie is Anishinaabe, while the vocal choreographer Imelda Villalon is from the Ilokano people of the Phillipines. For more information about Spiderwoman Theater visit www.spiderwomanteater.org or contact Beck Lee at 516-641-398 or beckleedrama@gmail.com.

“Misdemeanor Dream” is dedicated to Kevin Tarrant and company member Tyree Giroux, who both were lost during the pandemic.

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