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Stages Theatre Company and New Native Theatre Announce Collaboration on *The Three Snow Bears*

HOPKINS, Minn., Jan. 11, 2019- Stages Theatre Company is excited to announce its collaboration with New Native Theatre in creation and production of **The Three Snow Bears**. Inspired by Jan Brett's **The Three Snow Bears**, this world-premiere production follows a courageous Yup'ik girl and her brother as they learn how climate change impacts their community.

The production will run at Stages Theatre Company January 18 through February 18, 2019. It is approximately 60 minutes in length and is recommended for children of all ages. Visit www.stagestheatre.org for performance dates and times, or call the Box Office at (952) 979-1111, option 4. Tickets are \$14 for children ages 2-17; \$16 for adults; and \$14 for seniors, ages 60+.

Ride along with us through the magnificent Arctic landscape as a young Yup'ik girl embarks on a heroic sled-dog journey to save her village. On the search for the reasons of the widening river she meets a raven, a hare, a baby seal and finally three snow bears. Join us as an endearing Baby Bear and a determined Yup'ik girl meet center stage in our world premiere musical.

"We are taking the inspiration of the classic children's fairytale book and transforming it into a meaningful production", said Sandy Boren-Barrett, Stages Theatre Company Artistic Director.

"By working with New Native Theatre, we have an opportunity to learn from, honor, create, elevate and celebrate the Alaskan Native culture with this story and engage the young people, families and school groups who will see and be a part of this show in a new way," said Boren-

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Barrett. “This is an important part of Stages Theatre Company’s work in service to our mission, core values and inclusion statement.”

The Three Snow Bears is Written by Rhiana Yazzie, Artistic Director of New Native Theatre, in collaboration with Alicia Smith and Grace Smith; Directed by Sandy Boren-Barrett and Sara Pillatzki-Warzeha’ with Music Composition by P. Ossie Kairaiuak.

The Three Snow Bears publicity images and cast head shots are available for download here: <http://bit.ly/STC-Press-SnowBears>

ABOUT THE CAST AND CREW

The cast for **The Three Snow Bears** features:

Mia Dougherty (Ensemble/Sled Dog)
Maya Eva Haugen (Ensemble/Sled Dog) Noah
Hendrickson (Brother)
Jei Herald-Zamora (Ensemble)
Emily Huggett (Ensemble/Sled Dog)
Sara Magnuson (Ensemble/Hare)
Marcelo Mena (Ensemble/Lead Dog)
Rafael Moraga (Father/Papa Bear)

Gideon Pressley (Ensemble/Baby Seal)
Arianna Sanford (Ensemble/Raven)
Alicia Smith (Mother/Mama Bear)
Grace Smith (Spirit Voice)
Gia Strom (Sister)
Alex Weiner (Ensemble/Sled Dog)
Celia Adeline Wendt (Baby Bear/Ensemble)

The Creative & Production Team includes:

Artistic Director + Director:

Sandy Boren-Barrett

Artistic Director New Native Theatre:

Rhiana Yazzie

Director: Sara Pillatzki-Warzeha

Music Director: Sarah Hohenstein Burk

Music Composer: P. Ossie Kairaiuak

Set Designer: Tiffany Fier

Stage Manager: Bridget Gustafson

Costume & Puppet Designer:

Samantha Fromm Haddow

Props Designer: Jim Hibbeler

Playwright: Rhiana Yazzie in collaboration with Alicia Smith and Grace Smith

Technical Director: Gretchen Katt

Costume Supervisor: Christa Ludwig

First Job in the Arts Student Director:

Sara Magnuson

Lighting Designer: Grant E. Merges

Videographer + Sound Designer:

Peter Morrow

Production Manager:

Melanie Salmon-Peterson

Cultural Consultant: Alicia Smith

Cultural Consultant: Grace Smith



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Stages Theatre Company was founded in 1984 and since then has grown to become one of the largest professional theatres for young audiences in the country. We engage young artists with themes relevant to their lives and involve them in creating magical works featuring young people in meaningful roles. Through on-stage productions, education programs and other outreach opportunities, Stages Theatre Company annually serves more than 150,000 young people and their families. For more information visit stagestheatre.org

New Native Theatre is a new way of looking at, thinking about, and staging Native American stories. Since 2009, NNT has created authentic and transformative plays and events through the lens of the Native American experience. NNT engages artists and audience by 1) Producing commissioned and existing plays by Native playwrights. 2) Producing community created plays about cultural and social justice topics. 3) Presenting the best Native American productions from around North America. 4) Providing an array of theatre training to Native American community members. 5) Engaging in collaborations with Native artists and Native organizations of varying artistic disciplines. For more information visit <http://newnativetheatre.org/>

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Stages Theatre Company is dedicated to creating a space where diverse opinions, courageous dialogue, and local, national, and international community engagement is not only valued, but vital to our shared artistic and educational success. We make this pledge in hope of curating a welcome home for all.

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