

## Call for Actors: INDIGENOUS CIRCLES

PlayPenn and Native Voices at the Autry are hosting a play development workshop called **INDIGENOUS CIRCLES**, taking place between **May 26th and June 6th, 2021**.

Indigenous Circles will highlight the development of new work by Indigenous playwrights. This collaboration diversifies and decolonizes American Theatre by amplifying the voices of the original inhabitants.

We will workshop 2 plays. Each workshop will consist of approximately 25 hours of rehearsal, including a public reading. All rehearsals and readings will take place online. Positions are paid.

We welcome union and non-union Native actors of all ages and experience levels to submit a video audition. Please send one monologue (under 2 minutes) and, if possible, a headshot/resume to [production@playpenn.org](mailto:production@playpenn.org) by May 12th. See below for instructions on sending videos.

Also - if you have not previously worked with Native Voices, please submit your information here - <http://bit.ly/FormNVActorSubmission>

### ***Desert Stories For Lost Girls*** ***By Lily Rushing***

Haunted by nightmares of an evil Knight, 18-year-old Carrie is thrown into a world of memory, danger, and mysticism as she seeks to uncover her grandmother, Rosa's, past. Carrie unearths objects that link her to the ghosts of those lost to the Southwest's bloody history. Each time Carrie and Rosa touch an object they are launched into Rosa's memories that bring her closer to knowing the truth about where she comes from. This is where we meet Rosita and Joe, a young couple living on undisclosed Genizaro territory in Ojo Caliente, New Mexico in the 1950's. They flee one night after stealing the bones of their familial ancestors, Nicholas and Josefa from a mysterious woman named Placida. As we watch both their journeys unfold, we also bear witness to a battle between the ancestral patriarch and matriarch as they fight for ownership of Carrie's mind and body.

#### Character Breakdown

**Carrie Black**-- 18 years old. Granddaughter of Rosa.

**Rosa Black**-- 80-90 years old. Daughter of Manuel Jacinto, granddaughter of Placida.

**Rosita Jacinto/Black**-- 21 years old. Young version of Rosa.

**Josefa Jacinto**-- Un-dead. Wife to Nicholas. Raised Manuel, "Grandmother" to Rosita/Rosa.

**Placida**-- 100+. Stays immortal through a diet of the Holy Dirt of Chimayo, Vero Mango lollipops, and the spirit of justice. True grandmother to Rosa and mother to Manuel.

**Uncle Edgar**-- 54 years old. Son of Rosita/Rosa and Joe. Uncle to Carrie. Also plays Inspector. May also play

**Manuel Jacinto**—A man who takes the form of a coyote. Son of Placida and Nicholas. Great Grandfather to Carrie.

**Joe Black**-- 25 years old. Husband to Rosita. Also plays "The Man"

May also play

**Nicholas Jacinto**-- Undead. Father to Manuel. Grandfather to Rosa. Husband to Josefa. Has taken the form of a knight.

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## ***Feathers***

***By J R Mathews***

*Feathers* is a look at the struggle and strife of two religious ideologies when they come in conflict with the life of one man and his two families. Dave Little Bear facing his mortality has accepted a Christian way of life. His children who were brought up in a Native American religious dogma are determined to bury their father in the traditional ceremonial way but are at odds with his illegitimate daughter who is a fundamental Christian and believes he should be put away though the church. Chaos soon ensues.

### Character Breakdown:

**Dave Little Bear:** Dave, 68 is the Patriarch of the family since his wife died in a car wreck. He had to raise the kids by himself. Drug and alcohol counselor and was a traditional man who wore long hair, went to the Sweat Lodge, Sundance, pipe carrier and sang traditional healing songs. NOW he is a Christian; he has turned his back on everything he believed for the first 63 years of his life.

**Beverly Wilson:** She is 50, the child Dave never knew about. When her mother was on her deathbed she made a confession that her father was Dave. She is married to a fundamental Christian minister. She is the choir director and does just about every job at the church except preach.

**Jason Little Bear:** 46 and one who has had a hard time keeping a job. A religious man taught all the things his father knew. He moved to the reservation with his sister when she got married. Environmentalist who did not play sports so he could take care of the family. He has not had a serious relationship to speak of but always has wanted one.

**Kelly Roan Horse:** 43, married to Roger Roan Horse and has 3 kids. A pot hanger in the tribe and helps with the naming ceremonies for the kids. She believes that it is her way or the highway and will never give in. She was raised to complete any task given.

**Stephen Little Bear:** The athlete of the family. He is 44 and has always kept busy. He has always been good working on cars and is a mechanic. He has been estranged from his dad and it took his dad to get sick to come back and realize that he was never meant to be gone this long. Tall, lean and muscular. He never married even though he has had many relationships, because he is a very untrusting man.

**Alex Little Bear:** He is 37, the baby of the family. He has always had someone there to bail him out of trouble when he was growing up. He had nowhere to turn so he began drinking to get their attention. He is an alcoholic in need of treatment.. He is a natural comedian and always has a comment for people.

**Will Little Bear:** Will, 70 is the older brother to Dave and is a military veteran. He served for 30 years and he is there for his brother whenever he is needed but was not there for the kids when they needed someone. He is a loving man married to Terri for more than 40 years.

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To submit a video through YouTube:

1. Sign in to YouTube.
2. Click on the camera icon in the upper right corner, then select "Upload video." (If you do not already have an account, you will be prompted to create one when you select "Upload video." Follow the prompts to do so, then proceed to the next steps below
3. Click "select file" and locate the file you'd like to upload OR drag the file into the popup window.
4. Follow the prompts. Go to the Privacy section of the page and mark your video as "UNLISTED" NOT Private.
5. Roll the cursor over the video and click on the "Options" tab, then choose "Get shareable link"
6. Paste the link created into your email to send to us. Please include your full name with the link.

To submit a video through Google Drive:

1. Open Google Drive and ensure you're logged into your Google account.
2. Click the "+New" button in the upper left corner and select "File Upload."
3. After it has uploaded, locate your file in your Drive and right click on it.
4. You will need to change your sharing settings to "anyone with the link can view." See Directions Below.
  - o Step 1: Click "Get link."
  - o Step 2: Make sure "anyone with the link" is selected underneath the link
  - o Step 3: If not, click on the dropdown menu
  - o Step 4: Select "anyone with the link" and click "save."
  - o Step 5: Click "copy link."
5. Paste the link into your email to send to us. Please include your full name with the link.

If you have any questions, please email Tom Shotkin at [production@playpenn.org](mailto:production@playpenn.org)