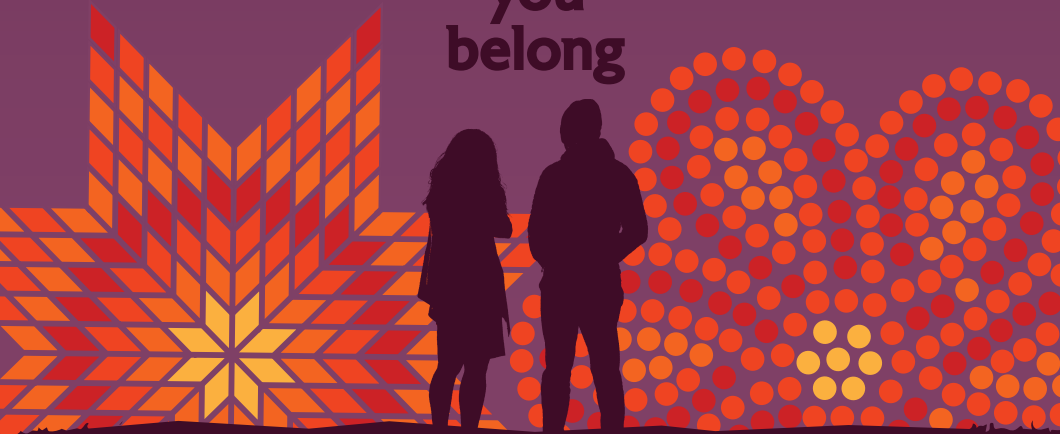


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A PLAY BY DARRELL RACINE & DALE LAKEVOLD
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Melanie Badger..... Bobbie
Mackenzie Wojcik..... Jordan
Dezarae Meade..... Crystal
Josh Ranville..... Dan
Alissa Watson* Lina

Darrell Racine..... PLAYWRIGHT/PRODUCER
Dale Lakevold..... PLAYWRIGHT/PRODUCER
Brenda McLean..... ASSOCIATE PRODUCER/SET DESIGNER/PRODUCTION MGR.
Christopher Sobczak..... ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
Charlene Van Buekenhout *..... DIRECTOR
Cory Wojcik *..... DIRECTOR
Nodin Hiltz-André..... APPRENTICE DIRECTOR
Amy McPherson..... COSTUME DESIGNER
Eric Bossé..... LIGHTING DESIGNER
MJ Dandeneau..... SOUND DESIGN & COMPOSITION
Brian Perchaluk..... SET MENTOR
Michelle Lagassé *..... STAGE MANAGER
Laura Cyre..... PRODUCTION ASSISTANT
Paul Duncan..... PRODUCTION ASSISTANT
Heidi Malazdrewich *..... INTIMACY DIRECTOR

SONG: *Love and Loyalty* MUSIC BY **MJ Dandeneau** LYRICS BY **Mackenzie Wojcik**

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CULTURAL CONSULTANTS

**Robert Doucette, Roberta MacKinnon, Leticia Racine,
Deborah Tacan, and Frank Tacan.**

And to **Tanis Grimolfson**, Executive Director of the Riverton & District
Friendship Centre, for all her assistance and support on this production

* The participation of these artists is arranged by agreement with Canadian Actors Equity Association

Root Sky Theatre Company is an independent, non-profit company based in Brandon, MB since 1999.

The company is committed to producing theatre with a focus on Indigenous and Metis subjects.



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The playwrights wish to acknowledge **Roberta MacKinnon** and **Robert Doucette**, both Survivors of the Sixties Scoop, whose stories inspired the writing of *Rattle*. This play could not have been made possible without them.

I am a Beaver First Nation woman. My Spirit name is Bluestarr, and my given name is **Roberta MacKinnon**. I started university at the age of forty and earned my Bachelor degree in First Nations and Aboriginal Counselling, and later a Master's Diploma in Education, yet education became more than a degree for me. It became part of my healing. It helped me find words for what I had carried silently within for a long time. I wanted to be anything but Indigenous. I did not want to be tied to the Indigenous community at all. Today, I am a very proud Indigenous woman, and I am teaching my children and grandchildren to be proud of their heritage too. As a Sixties Scoop Survivor, I have spent much of my life trying to understand love, belonging, and the reasons why I was taken away from the people I came from. I have written a memoir, now in the hands of an editor, and have been able to unpack that hidden box of memories, all the bad things I felt that I needed to hide from everyone. Being believed matters when you have spent most of your life being silenced.

Born in 1962, **Robert Doucette** is the sixth generation of the McKay clan who are Métis/Halfbreed people from North West Saskatchewan. Robert was taken from his family in June 1962 and was not reunited with them until twenty years later. He grew up in a foster home in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where he attended grade school. He went on to complete his post-secondary education at the University of Saskatchewan and Brandon University. Later he held elected positions, including that of President, in the Métis Nation Saskatchewan. He has devoted his entire life to advancing the Sixties Scoop cause for Indigenous people. Robert, along with his two sisters and their legal counsel Doug Racine, initiated the first lawsuit in Canada against the federal and provincial governments on the Métis Sixties Scoop issue. Robert has been married to Betty Garr for 37 years, raising three children: Breanna, Julia, and Brady. Kyra Wilson is his eldest daughter from a previous marriage. He is the grandfather of Paige Hartley Wilson and Naomi Garr.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHTS:

Darrell Racine and Dale Lakevold have been writing plays together since the late 1990s. Their play *Misty Lake* was the first production of the theatre company they founded in 1997, Root Sky Theatre. Since that time, Racine and Lakevold have written multiple plays that tell Indigenous stories, including *Owl Calling*, *Stretching Hide*, *Franklin's Fate* and *Rattle: A Sixties Scoop Play*. They have won the Best Full-Length Play Award in Theatre BC's National Playwriting Competition three times (*Stretching Hide* in 2005, *Rattle* in 2022 and *Owl Calling* in 2023). Both teach at Brandon University.

PRODUCTION CREW:

Elana Honcharuk PROPS MASTER
Lovissa Wiens..... PRO. LIGHTING ASST./ PROPS SUPPORT/SCENIC PAINTING
Ashley L'Heureux..... COSTUME MENTEE
Rowan Lundy SET BUILDER
Meagan Chrest..... SET BUILDER
Eve Rice..... HAIRDRESSER

Producer Darrell Racine would like to thank Nodin Hiltz-André for continuing with this project. Nodin signed on board and began by rehearsing the role of “Jordan” before stepping into an Apprentice Directing position, with Mackenzie Wojcik continuing the work of “Jordan” for the production. Thank you to both these fine young artists for their talent, passion, and dedication to this project and honouring the lives and memories of those affected by the history it presents.

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