



# **Local Theater Company returns to live outdoor performance at Boulder's historic Central Park Bandshell**

**Boulder-based theater company will present *Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies* June 24–July 15, 2021**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 30, 2021)** —Local Theater Company (LTC) announced its return to live performance. From June 24 to July 15, LTC, in conjunction with the City of Boulder, will present an original concert, *Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies*, at the Central Park Bandshell, an historic landmark in the city's center.

*Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies* features original music by New York-based composer/lyricist Alexander Sage Oyen and will be directed by Local Theater Company's Founding Artistic Director Pesha Rudnick with a book by Rudnick and Rob Wright. Additional text has been provided by Ute documentary filmmaker Larry Cesspooch (*White Belly*). The concert features a blend of funk, bluegrass and pop music interwoven with rarely-heard stories of Colorado's past. The characters include a number of the Centennial State's remarkable (and very real) historical figures: Clara Brown, a formerly-enslaved woman turned community organizer; Tabernash, a Ute youth killed by a prospector; Look Young, a Chinese immigrant and owner of a Denver-area laundry; and Clifford Griffin, a violin-playing mine owner.

Rudnick said, "We are relieved and thrilled to return to live performance. It feels fitting that our first show in over a year will take place safely under the stars at the iconic Art Deco landmark. The Bandshell was originally designed to serve as a public gathering space for art and audiences following the Great Depression. Together, we will celebrate community, enjoy live music and amplify the stories of rarely known Coloradans that contributed to our great state's history."

To support the production—Local’s first live presentation in nearly 19 months—the company has launched a GoFundMe fundraiser. Executive Producer Alison Palmer said, “It’s an honor to provide live performance to our beloved community. We are seeking business and community support for this live and accessible outdoor production. *Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies* will put over 50 theater artists back to work after months of uncertainty. We’re also pleased to announce that four shows will be offered completely free to the general public so that anyone may attend.”

## **PRODUCTION DESCRIPTION**

Fall down the mineshaft in *Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies*. This haunting and hopeful original concert features bluegrass, pop and funk music interwoven with rarely-heard true stories of Colorado’s past. A formerly-enslaved woman searching for her daughter. A Chinese laundryman seeking justice. A Ute youth killed by a prospector. A silver mine superintendent with an itchy trigger finger. And a pair of cab drivers who may have their own wild ideas about your ultimate destination.

## **CAST & CREATIVE TEAM**

Clara Brown, Florence Molloy - Faith Angelise Goins-Simmons  
Tabernash, Mabel Macleay - Runner Francisco  
Look Young - Tony Aidan Vo  
Clifford Griffin - Erik Fellenstein  
Gemma - Jenna Moll Reyes

Directed by Peshia Rudnick  
Music and Lyrics by Alexander Sage Oyen  
Book by Peshia Rudnick and Rob Wright  
Additional text by Larry Cesspooch (White Belly)  
Original concept Alexander Sage Oyen & Jessica Kahkoska  
Music Direction by David Nehls  
Production Design by Julia Noulín-Merat  
Associate Production Design Nick O’Leary  
Lighting Design by Reed Otto  
Sound Design by Max Silverman  
Choreography Paul Morland  
Production Manager Reed Otto  
Production Stage Manager Misha S. Zimmerman

## **EVENT DETAILS**

Title: *Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies*  
Dates: June 24–July 15, 2021 (for specific dates/times, please visit [localtheaterco.org/dgs](http://localtheaterco.org/dgs))

Website: [localtheaterco.org/dgs](http://localtheaterco.org/dgs)

GoFundMe fundraiser website: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/live-performance-returns-to-boulder>

City of Boulder Arts in the Park website: <https://boulderartsinthepark.squarespace.com>

## **Local Theater Company**

Founding Artistic Director: Peshia Rudnick

Executive Producer: Alison Palmer

Associate Artistic Director/Marketing Manager: Nick Chase

Producer/Production Stage Manager: Misha S. Zimmerman

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Resident Dramaturg: Jordan Lichtenheld

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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## **ABOUT LOCAL THEATER COMPANY**

Local Theater Company is a professional theater company that discovers, develops and produces new American plays in Boulder, CO. Local engages audiences through innovative performances that spark camaraderie, learning, contemplation, and provides a resourceful environment for theater artists to take creative risks and develop their work. Learn more about Local's 10<sup>th</sup> Season and how to become a member at [localtheaterco.org](http://localtheaterco.org). Engage with Local on Facebook and Instagram.



**Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies**

Performers (L to R): Faith Angelise Goins-Simmons,  
Erik Fellenstein  
Photo Credit: Michael Enslinger



**Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies**

Performer: Runner Francisco  
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