



# Local Theater Company Receives Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (May 14, 2021)**—Boulder, CO—Local Theater Company (LTC), Founding Artistic Director Peshia Rudnick, Executive Producer Alison Palmer, has received a National Endowment for the Arts “Grants for Arts Projects” award to support *Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies*. This project will employ 20+ theater professionals from across the United States and bring live performance back to Boulder’s historic Bandshell. Local Theater Company’s project is among the more than 1,100 projects across America totaling nearly \$27 million that were selected during this second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year 2021 funding.

“As the country and the arts sector begin to imagine returning to a post-pandemic world, the National Endowment for the Arts is proud to announce funding that will help arts organizations such as Local Theater Company reengage fully with partners and audiences,” said NEA Acting Chairman Ann Eilers. “Although the arts have sustained many during the pandemic, the chance to gather with one another and share arts experiences is its own necessity and pleasure.”

Jane Butcher, Local Theater Company’s Board Chair, said, “The National Endowment for the Arts funds projects that exhibit artistic excellence, and we are proud to be included on this list of prestigious recipients. *Discount Ghost Stories: Songs from the Rockies*, a compelling story of influential Coloradans set to music, will welcome audiences back to the theater in a safe, inclusive manner. LTC will offer free Monday night performances so that no member of our community is turned away. Additionally, sensory-relaxed and ASL-interpreted performances will be presented. Now is the time to open the doors wide, to invite as many people as possible to the theater.”

For more information on the projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

## **ABOUT *DISCOUNT GHOST STORIES: SONGS FROM THE ROCKIES***

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.

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## **CAST & CREATIVE TEAM**

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

Directed by Pesha Rudnick  
Music and Lyrics by Alexander Sage Oyen  
Book by Pesha Rudnick and Rob Wright  
Additional text by Larry Cesspooch (White Belly)  
Original concept by Alexander Sage Oyen & Jessica Kahkoska  
Music Direction by David Nehls  
Production Design by Julia Noulin-Merat  
Associate Production Design by Nick O'Leary  
Lighting Design by Reed Otto  
Sound Design by Max Silverman  
Choreography by 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: Pesha Rudnick  
Executive Producer: Alison Palmer  
Associate Artistic Director/Marketing Manager: Nick Chase  
Producer/Production Stage Manager: Misha S. Zimmerman  
Bookkeeper: Kathryn Augustine, Core Bookkeeping  
Marketing Associate: Erika Haase  
Resident Dramaturg: Jordan Lichtenheld

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Instagram: [localtheaterco](https://www.instagram.com/localtheaterco)  
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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.