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Local Theater Company Presents the World Premiere of *RAISED ON RONSTADT* A Story of Self Discovery Through the Music of Linda Ronstadt Limited engagement begins Oct. 20 at eTown Hall, Boulder, CO

BOULDER, CO— Local Theater Company, nationally recognized for its development and production of new theatrical works, launches its 12th season with a limited engagement of the world premiere of GerRee Hinshaw's *Raised on Ronstadt* at Boulder's eTown Hall. Written and performed by Colorado multihyphenate Hinshaw and directed by Dee Covington, this one-woman show with music chronicles Hinshaw's life and artistic inspiration, showing the influence that Ronstadt had on her and her family. Stories are woven with music popularized by genre-shifting singer, Linda Ronstadt. Acclaimed musicians Scott Martin, Joe Mazza, and Mari Meza-Burgos form the band.

"I'm excited to collaborate with a talented group of artists on this blend of song and storytelling about the way music and family shape who we are-and who we think we can dare to become," said Hinshaw.

Hinshaw first developed this show with Stories on Stage. That development period culminated with a virtual presentation in 2020. Honoring its page-to-stage process, Local Theater Company supported further development of the work, pairing Hinshaw with dramaturg and seasoned playwright, Elaine Romero.

Director Covington said, "I am moved by her virtuosity as a writer, singer and woman stepping into her power and finding her voice. And what a voice! She brings music to life in a way that

vibrates your soul. This piece is at once a memory play and a charge forward into courageous acts of visibility. I am incredibly honored to be a part of the work and the heart of this play."

DETAILS

Raised on Ronstadt Written and performed by GerRee Hinshaw October 20–November 6, 2022 eTown Hall (1535 Spruce Street) Boulder, CO Tickets: \$12–40 Raised on Ronstadt information and tickets: <u>localtheaterco.org/raised-on-ronstadt</u>

GerRee Hinshaw - Writer/Performer Dee Covington - Director Scott Martin - Music Director, Pianist Joe Mazza - Guitarist Mari Meza-Burgos - Guitarist Elaine Romero - Dramaturg David Castellano - Production Designer Sean Mallary - Lighting Designer Aaron Sanders - Stage Manager

Show Description: Where do our voices come from? Who teaches our hearts to sing? What is in the music that made you? GerRee Hinshaw explores the sounds of her childhood and how an icon's disregard for convention and category inspired more than her taste in music.

ABOUT LOCAL THEATER COMPANY

<u>Local Theater Company</u> (Local) is a nonprofit professional theater company that discovers, develops, and produces new American plays. Local engages audiences through innovative performances that spark camaraderie, learning, and contemplation and provides a resourceful environment for theater artists to take creative risks and develop their work. Local believes theater is a local experience. When you enter an audience, a new community is created where, for that brief span of time, everyone is a local. Learn more at localtheaterco.org.

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