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By Moisés Kaufman Directed by Roger Carr

January 12 - 29, 2011 Langham Court Theatre



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Director's Notes

In 2005, I directed a group of high school theatre students in *The Laramie Project.* When I considered directing it again this year I had some qualms. I felt the homophobic/hate battle had been won and the issues in *The Laramie Project* might not be as raw and current as they were originally. I was wrong. Reverend Fred Phelps and his cohorts make the news daily as they spew venom from their distortion of Christianity. It seems man's lack of civility and intolerance of his/her fellow man flourishes. However, I firmly believe we are making progress. In 2009 President Barack Obama signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. It is the work of artists like Kaufman that is moving the pendulum. This is a play about love and hope conquering despair. I know our company of 33 actors and many crew members are utterly engaged in this play and its message.

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LARAMIE PROJECT

Written by Moisés Kaufman and the Members of Tectonic Theatre Project

> Head Writer Leigh Fondakowski

Associate Writers

Stephen Belber, Greg Pierotti, Stephen Wangh, Amanda Gronich, Sarah Lambert, John McAdams, Maude Mitchell, Andy Paris, Barbara Pitts, Kelli Simpkins

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The US West World Premiere was produced by The Denver Center Theatre Company Donovan Marley, Artistic Director in association with Tectonic Theatre Project Moisés Kaufman, Artistic Director.

Originally produced in New York City at the Union Square Theatre by Roy Gabay and Tectonic Theatre Project in association with Gayle Francis and the Araca Group Associate Producers: Mara Isaacs and Hart Sharp Entertainment.

The Laramie Project was developed in part with the support of The Sundance Theatre Laboratory.

Director	ROGER CARR
Assistant Director	FRAN PATTERSON
Producer	JUDY TRELOAR
Lighting Design	KARRIE WOLFE
SetDesign	JULIUS MASLOVAT
Video and Slide Projections	NANCY ROACH
Sound Design	ALAN MACKENZIE
Stage Manager	SYLVIA LINDSTROM

Time 1998 – 1999 Place Laramie, Wyoming, U.S.A.

There will be one intermission



Tectonic Theatre Project Members

Greg Pierotti	Matthew McLaren	Amanda Gronich	Heather Jarvie
Barbara Pitts	Joanne James	Moises Kaufmann	Kyle Kushnir
Legal			

Sgt. Hing	Ralph Sketchley	Reggie Fluty	Nicole Evans
Rob DeBree	Eric Smith	Cal Rerucha	Mitchell Barnes
Judge	Lynn Cadrain	Bailiff	Ralph Sketchley

University of Wyomina Staff and Students

Philip Dubois	Michael Romano	Jon Peacock	Drew Waveryn
Rebecca Hilliker	Penelope Harwood	Catherine Connolly	Shirley Routliffe
Sherry Johnston	Dallas Ashby	Zackie Salmon	Rosalind Coleman
April Silva	Michelle Mitchell	Jedadiah Schultz	Sean Baker
Aaron Kreifels	Garry Garneau	Romaine Patterson	Giordana Venturi
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Church and State

Baptist Minister	Michael Romano	Minister's Wife	Dallas Ashby
Stephen Mead Johnson	Mitchell Barnes	Doug Laws	Dusty Smith
Father John Schmit	Eric Holmgren	Rev. Fred Phelps	David Toole
Gov. Jim Geringer	Michael Romano		

Laramie Citizens

Doc O'Connor	Kevin Stinson	Marge Murray	Gloria Snider
Alison Mears	Lornna Olson	Trish Steger	Wendy Cornock
Waitress	Lyn Cadrain	Conrad Miller	Jared Gowen
Gil Engen	David Toole	Eileen Engen	Lornna Olson
Harry Woods	Drew Waveryn	Andrew Gomez	Tito Martin-Nemtin
Jonas Slonaker	Alex Carroll	Zubaida Ula	Michelle Mitchell
Jeffrey Lockwood	Dusty Smith	Murdock Cooper	Ralph Sketchley
Matt Mickelson	Eric Smith	Matt Galloway	Henry Skey
Deejay Shadow	Garry Garneau		

Medical Personnel

Dr. Cantway	Lynn Cadrain	Rulon Stacey	Peter McNab
Reporters, Med	dia		
Melissa Taylor,	Dallas Ashby	/, Miche	lle Mitchell,
Rosalind Colema	in, Penelope Ha	arwood, Tito N	1artin-Nemtin

Perpetrators' Family and Friends

Bill McKinney	Eric Holmgren	Shannon	James McDougall
Anonymous	James McDougall	Jen	Melissa Taylor
Kristin Price	Dallas Ashby	Lucy Thompson	Shirley Routliffe
Sherry Aaneson	Wendy Cornock	Mormon Teacher	David Toole
Matthew's Fami Dennis Shepard Romaine Patterson	Dusty Smith	Phil La Brie	Alex Carroll
Perpetrators			

Russell Henderson	James McDougall
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Aaron McKinney Jared Gowen

Production Team

Head Scenic Carpenter	BILL ADAMS
Apprentice Stage Manager	ALEXIS KUSS
Assistant Stage Manager	ANDREA PITE
Properties	SARA LAWSON
Running Props	GARTH TAYLOR
Costumes	PETA MACKENZIE, HARMONY MOORE
Lighting Operators	PERRY BURTON, SONJA OLEJNICAK
Sound Operator	LANE CHEVRIER
Set Builders	BARRY GRIMSHAW, BOB CLARK, GORDON ALEXANDER
Set Painters	CATHY CLARKE, JOHN SMITH
Lighting Crew	PERRY BURTON, SONJA OLEJNICAK, MICHELLE MITCHELL
	LANE CHEVRIER, ANDREA PITE, CAROL-ANNE MOORE,
	HELEN ESTEY, JOY MOORE, DAVE BOWES, MAC BOWES,
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Production



Judy Treloar, Roger Carr, Fran Patterson

Judy Treloar said: I am grateful to be back at Langham and participating in this important play.

Roger Carr said: "I hope we say it right!"

Fran Patterson said: We are looking at the worst, and the best, in ourselves.

Alexis Kuss said: This show is more than just one story, and it's not about hate... it's about humanity.

Sylvia Lindstrom said: The willingness of the people of Laramie to let their story be told on the global stage is to be applauded, for their story is everyone's story.

Andrea Pite said: If we lose our capacity to be outraged when we see others subjected to atrocities, then we lose our right to call ourselves human beings.



Alexis Kuss, Sylvia Lindstrom, Andrea Pite

Peta MacKenzie said: To be involved in this production helps keep Matthew's story and

memory alive.



Harmony Moore, Peta MacKenzie, Garth Taylor

Alan MacKenzie said: I am proud to be a part of this exceptional production.

Nancy Roach said: Awesome to be doing this play with such an energized bunch of people!!!

Karrie Wolfe said: for phil, who knew that by shedding light into dark corners, we encourage not only its reflection, but also our own growth.

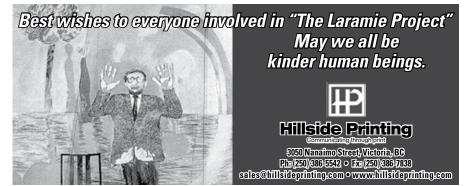


Alan MacKenzie, Nancy Roach, Karrie Wolfe, Julius Maslovat



Cast of The Laramie Project









Kyle Kushnir, Matthew McLaren Heather Jarvie, Joanne James

PROJECT MEMBERS

Kyle Kushnir said: For everyone that has ever felt pressure to be less than their true selves, Matthew shows us that there is courage and beauty and great worth in living your life brightly, in the open.

Matthew McLaren said: *I dream of a great wave of grace.*

Heather Jarvie said: *It's not about homophobia*. *It's about humanity*.

Joanne James said: Leave bad thing, talk peace.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Lynn Cadrain said: Remember that "the other" is just you, in disguise; be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some sort of a battle.

Peter McNab said: This is for those who dared not come out.



Lynn Cadrain, Peter McNab



Ralph Sketchley, Eric Smith, Mitch Barnes Nicole Evans, Lynn Cadrain

LEGAL

Ralph Sketchley said: I'm doing this project in memory of all whose human rights have been violated, and also to find the voice(s) I need to talk about my own experiences with discrimination.

Eric Smith said: I'm grateful to be back at Langham and participating in this important play.

Nicole Evans said: God loves us all... He's one of the good guys.

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Rosalind Coleman said: What happened in Laramie can happen anywhere. Doing this play may help prevent it from happening here.

Drew Waveryn said: To the memory of Matthew Shepard and my friends Lawrence, James and Rick, all of whom lost their lives at the hands of others.

Shirley Routliffe said : Choice is a life process. May our choices be wise and loving.

Garry Garneau said: It gets better. It does.

Sean Baker said: Be the change you wish to see in the world. -Mahatma Ghandi



Michael Romano, Roslind Coleman, Drew Waveryn, Penelope Harwood, Shirley Routliffe, Giordana Venturi, Sean Baker, Michelle Mitchell, Gary Garneau, Dallas Ashby



Lynn Cadrain, Jared Gowen, Henry Skey, Wendy Cornock, Ralph Sketchley David Toole, Eric Smith, Michelle Mitchell, Lornna Olson, Gary Garneau Kevin Stinson, Gloria Snider, Alex, Carroll, Drew Waveryn

CHURCH AND STATE

David Toole said: Glad to part of such a worthwhile endeavour.

Eric Holmgren said: Whoever degrades another degrades me, and whatever is done or said returns at last to me. (absent from photo)

Dallas Ashby said: Humanity: the human race as a whole; the state of being human; humankind. Our differences matter, but our common humanity matters more.

Mitch Barnes said: I am in this play in memory of my brother Ken who knew that the true measure of a man is determined by the love people felt because of him.

LARAMIE CITIZENS

Gloria Snider said: This play should remind us that who you are, is always more important than what you are.

Lornna Olsen said: Haven't done "real" theatre since Grade 9. This play chose me.

Wendy Cornock said: I am glad to be part of such an important piece of theatre. I feel a great sadness though, that senseless acts of violence continue to take place, even here. When will we ever learn?

Michelle Mitchell said: I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with so many amazing people, thanks for a great first experience at Langham.

Kevin Stinson said: As Doc would say, the whole thing, you see, the whole thing ropes around hope.



David Toole, Michael Romano, Dallas Ashby, Mitch Barnes (Missing from photo Eric Holmgren)



MATTHEW'S FAMILY & FRIENDS

Giordana Venturi said: Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind. Dr. Suess

Alex Carroll said: All You Need Is Love

Dusty Smith, Giordana Venturi, Alex Carroll

REPORTERS

Penelope Harwood said: Talking is good. Listening is better.

Tito Martin-Nemtin said: Many thanks to Roger for this great opportunity; this is the only play I've worked in, where rehearsals have brought me to tears. (absent from photo)



Dallas Ashby, Rosalind Coleman, Penelope Harwood, Melissa Taylor, Michelle Mitchell



PERPETRATORS FAMILY & FRIENDS

James McDougall, David Toole Wendy Cornock, Melissa Taylor, Dallas Ashby, Shirley Routliffe

PERPETRATORS

James McDougall said: This is for everyone who has ever been lucky enough to take a breath on this beautiful earth.



James McDougall, Jared Gowen

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About the Playwright

Award-winning playwright Moisés Kaufman is currently Artistic Director of Tectonic Theater Project. His plays *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* and *The Laramie Project* have been among the most performed plays in America over the last decade. Kaufman also directed the film adaptation of *The Laramie Project* for HBO earning him two Emmy Award nominations for Best Director and Best Writer.

Art Exhibitions

Lori Graves, BA, BFA

Lori is a Victoria artist currently working in pastel and conté on a series of fractured abstract "landscapes". Studying Visual Arts at the University of Victoria and majoring in printmaking, she explored the use of layers. The drawings provide a more spontaneous approach to similar concepts. Lori does illustration part time and is the Registrar of collections at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. Her work has been exhibited in various local venues.

Andrew Niemaan

After growing up in Germany, Edmonton and finally Victoria, Andrew Niemann attended art school at U Vic for a BFA. He then completed a photo technical diploma at Langara College and spent some time freelancing, shooting horse shows and doing commercial work before landing at the BC Provincial Museum, as it was then called, to do photography for the Ethnology department. By 1980 Andrew had developed an interest in composing electronic music which brought him to computers and programming and these in turn led to the building of computer animations and interactives for museum exhibits and video productions. This work involved the use of Photoshop, and Photoshop slowly drew Andrew back to his love of painting from his art school days albeit now on the computer and using photos instead of an empty canvas.

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