YISSTSIIYI
(listen)

A THEATRICAL COLLECTION OF STORIES AND REFLECTIONS ABOUT THIS LAND AND ITS HISTORY CREATED BY A CIRCLE OF ARTISTS FROM MAKING TREATY 7 AND STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE.

NOVEMBER 6, 7, 9 & 10 | 7:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE THEATRE

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 7
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YISSTSIIYI
By Caleigh Crow, Neil Fleming, and Marshall Vielle
with contributions from Drama 3850 Sharing Stories: Indigenous Theatre Creation with Making Treaty 7

Creative Team

Directors: Caleigh Crow & Marshall Vielle
Set & Lighting Design: Dave Smith
Costume Design: Jolane Houle
Sound Design: Nic Sherman
Project Initiator & Facilitator: Shelley Scott
Intimacy Coach: Brianna Johnston
Music Consultant: Andi Roberts

Cast

Tracy: Tracy Weasel Moccasin
Skywoman: Stephanie Brave Rock
Tammy: Rachel CrowSpreadingWings
Kim: Nikko Hunt
Jess: Naima Young Pine
Artie: Mija Scott
Ronnie: Rebecca Dudgeon
Marmot: Morgan Hill
Buffalo Runner: Jesse Thibert Bear Child

Band

Stephanie Brave Rock
Sacha Crow
Connor McCaughtrie

This production runs approximately 80 minutes with no intermission.
Production Crew

Production Manager  Betty Hushlak
Stage Manager     Jackson Paquette
Assistant Stage Manager  Nicole Oscar
Andreas Marinakos
Set Technician      Dan Pottage, Cole Howg
Stage Coordinator   D.A. Smurlick
Head Scenic Carpenter  Arlene Curran
Paint Lead           Hannah Bourque
Lighting Technician  Shawn Bussey, Quang Pham
George Crawford, Emily Sharp
Autumn Adrian, Sara Taggart
Xavier Michaud
Molly Lewis-Russell
Head Sound Technician  Kelly Roberts
Head Electrician    Mike Takats
Head of Wardrobe    Teasha Doerkson
Costume/Properties Technician  Patricia Jonzon
Costume Shop Technician  Lynn Hopkins
Costume Technician  Charley Frost, Nikko Hunt
Madeline Hvingelby
Scenic & Properties Assistant  Jennifer Hare
Properties Technician  Terek Jonzon
Dresser, Hair & Makeup  Teasha Doerkson
Noah Hirlehey
Running Crew  KC Chase
Mirielle Nieuwenhuis
On Deck Audio  Avry Cook
Sound Console Operator  Kacie Hilliard
Lighting Console Operator  Tatyanna Stoesz
Projection Technician/Operator  Jessica Syratt
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Stage Management Mentor  Nicole Oscar
Message from the Project Initiator – Shelley Scott

Yisstssiiyi (listen) is the result of a unique collaboration between the Drama department and Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society, a professional theatre company based in Calgary devoted to Indigenous-led, settler supported arts and culture; promoting healing by transferring knowledge and culture through the arts. MT7 brought their film Istotsi here for a conference of the Canadian Association for Theatre Research in June 2022, and held another screening for the Faculty of Fine Arts in fall of 2022. MT7 offered a workshop with Elders Francis First Charger and Shirlee Crow Shoe during Indigenous Awareness Week in 2023. Then in May of this year, artists and Elders were invited to a three-week course to share their knowledge with a group of ULethbridge students. Land-based learning was experienced at Fort Whoop Up, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and Writing-on-Stone. Students were invited to write scenes, poems, songs, and reflections about their experiences. From these offerings, MT7 artists Marshall Vielle, Caleigh Crow, and Neil Fleming have written Yisstssiiyi (listen). The Drama department has been deeply honoured to be on this collaborative journey with MT7.

Territorial Acknowledgement

The University is located on traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous Peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.
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The Mootookakio’ssin Team: Josie Mills, Christine Clark, Melissa Shouting, Danielle Heavy Head, Kale Fox-Zacharias
Migueltzinta Solis, Tyler Stewart, and Camina Weasel Moccasin at Fort Whoop-Up
Sandra Lamouche
Olivia Tailfeathers and Stephanie Brave Rock
Ikaisskini Gathering Place
Karen and Mariam Chief Moon
Going All Out Society: Shanda Webber, Jill Chief Calf, Deserae Yellow Horn, Darrell Daniels, Trent Frank, Verona White Cow.
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