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The Winter Bear Project needs your help

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The Winter Bear Project to your community,
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**If we all work together we can change the climate
of fear & hopelessness that breeds suicide.**



**North Star Community Foundation
and
The Winter Bear Project
present**

— A PLAY BY ANNE HANLEY —

Inspired by the life of Koyukon Athabascan elder Sidney Huntington

**Sponsored by
Tanana Chiefs Conference
Alaska State Department of Health and Social Services
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
The Harper Arts Touring Fund
and Doyon Limited**

This play is dedicated to Sidney Charles Huntington, mentor,
motivator and friend to many young people.

The Winter Bear

By Anne Hanley

Produced by Anne Hanley

Directed by Erick Robertson

Technical Direction by James Bartlett

The Cast

Sidney Huntington.....Brian Pagaq Wescott
Duane “Shadow” David.....Thomas Petrie
Miranda Huntington.....Debra Naaqtuuq Dommek
Victor Sam.....Benjamin J. Coffroth
Raven.....Sarah E. Mitchell
Wolf.....Clayton Ticknor
Lynx.....Kadey Ambrose
Wolverine.....Kevin Lee

Production

Assistant Producer: Kadey Ambrose

Tour Manager: Amanda Bent

Stage Manager: Alex Albrecht & Hannah C. Hill

Set Painting: Greg Gustafson

Costumes: Jasmine Stokes

Announcer’s Voiceover: Matt Stevens

The Music

Bill Stevens, *Fiddlin’ Through the Years*. 2005

Karrie Pavish Anderson, “Driver’s Seat,” *Once Blind*, 2012.

Wilson Sam, audio recordings. First song by **Tony Sam, Sr.** for the late Johnny Isaac. Second song by **Wilson Sam** for the late Tyrone Peters.

Madeline Solomon, audio recordings, “Water Song,” composed by Old Toby in 1902. Second song composed by two young men from Kokrines.

We are grateful to **Wilson Sam** for permission to use these four songs.

Qağaasakung - Qu yana - Igamsiqanaghalek - Mahsi'
Qu yanaq - Qu yanaa Håw'aa - Way Dankoo

Anchorage

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Huslia

Casey Weter, School Principal
Cesa Sam, Potluck Coordinator

Allakaket

Laurie Beam, School Principal
P.J. Simon
Valerie Bergman, Potluck Coordinator

Thank You - Gunalchéesh - 'Awa'ahdah Tsin'aen
Dogedinh - Baasee' - Maasee' - Chin'an - Tsin'ee



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The play is fiction although Sidney Huntington is a real person who has mentored many young men in the course of his long life.

Time: The Present, late fall.

Place: Sidney Huntington's cabin, near the Yukon River,
20 or so miles from Galena, Alaska.

Act 1: Sidney Huntington's cabin

15-minute Intermission

Act 2: Outside Sidney's cabin

The woods

Sidney's cabin

Hospital room

Alaska Federation of Natives Convention

Please shut off cell phones and other devices.

Please no photography.



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Cast & Crew

Kadey Ambrose (Lynx & Assistant Producer) began in theater and dance as a child. Since then, she has been continuously involved the arts in her hometown of Fairbanks. She's most proud of her work with the Angry, Young & Poor Fest, a free local music festival dedicated to building community through the arts.

James Bartlett (Technical Director) is a lifelong Alaskan and has been participating in music and theater since age four. He currently owns and operates Sunnyside Productions, a project recording studio in Fairbanks. James is excited to get out of the "big city" to work with the Winter Bear and would like to thank you for having us.

Amanda Bent (Tour Manager) is co-author and producer of the original Alaskan musical, *Out There Honky Tonkin'*. She was formerly Operations and Entertainment Manager for the Tanana Valley State Fair. She is looking forward to meeting people all over the state while on tour with the Winter Bear Project.

Benjamin J. Coffroth (Victor Sam) was born and raised in Fairbanks, but his family originally comes from the Flathead Reservation in Montana. He has a long and vivid performing arts background in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. He is overjoyed to be involved in this project. *Lem-lemsch* (thank you)!

Debra Naaqtuuq Dommek (Miranda Huntington) was born in Qikqtaqruk (Kotzebue) and grew up in Anchorage where she had the honor of learning Alaska Native drum dancing from many Alaskan elders, composers, choreographers and youth. Naaqtuuq graduated from UAF in 2013 having studied Iñupiaq Eskimo, Alaska Native Studies and Film Studies. She previously played the roles of Miranda and Lynx in the Winter Bear. Naaqtuuq is grateful for this opportunity to inspire and be inspired by the people on her path. *Aarigaa, taikuu!*

Anne Hanley (Playwright & Producer) is a former Alaska Writer Laureate whose plays have been produced in Alaska and Outside. She feels privileged to be able to spread Sidney Huntington's message of education, self-reliance and humility and recommends his book, *Shadows on the Koyukuk*, to everyone.

Kevin Lee (Wolverine) is a lifelong Alaskan. A theater Major at UAA, Kevin has been in a variety of productions and roles, both at the University and in the community. He and his fiancé are dedicated to furthering the Arts in Alaska.

Sarah Mitchell (Raven) was born and raised in Fairbanks. She has performed locally with Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre (*The Fantasticks*, *Love's Labours Lost*) and the Palace Theatre (*The Golden Heart Revue*). More recently, Sarah managed education and community programs for Portland Center Stage, Oregon's largest theater company. She earned her B.A. in Music with a Minor in Shakespeare Studies from Southern Oregon University in Ashland. Sarah has performed in various capacities as a vocalist from musical theater to jazz to folk. She's thrilled to be visiting Yukon-Koyukuk communities with The Winter Bear Project.

Thomas Petrie (Duane) is a Theatre major at UAF. He most recently appeared in Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre's *As You Like It* in the role of Silvius. Last summer he was Romeo in Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre's *Romeo & Juliet*. Thomas is grateful for the experience to travel and act in one go with The Winter Bear Project.

Erick Robertson (Director) is thrilled to be returning to the Winter Bear Project for another exciting tour. Erick's first tour with *The Winter Bear* was to Galena in 2010. Since then, he's had the privilege of cultivating student film makers at the Galena Interior Learning Academy's annual Ptarmigan Hall Music & Arts Film Festival. Robertson is a graduate of UAA and attended The Lee Strasberg Institute. He's honored to be a part of this tour, and grateful to be invited into your communities and your hearts.

Clayton Ticknor (Wolf) has lived in Anvik his entire life where he loves fishing and boating. His dad taught him how to play the guitar when he was nine and he's been playing ever since. He currently plays for weddings, sports events and any kind of party. Clayton also likes flying and someday will be a pilot.

Brían Pagaq Wescott (Sidney Huntington) is an Alaska Native actor/writer/producer. He has performed in feature films and in plays in Alaska, Los Angeles, and Scotland. As vice-chair of the Native Americans Committee of the Screen Actors Guild, he has conducted workshops around the country for aspiring and mid-career actors.