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Drew's Foundation  
North Star Community Foundation  
and  
The Winter Bear Project  
present

— A PLAY BY ANNE HANLEY —

*Inspired by the life of Koyukon Athabaskan elder Sidney Huntington*

**Spring Tour 2015**

Sponsored by

**Alaska State Department of Health and Social Services**

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.....Brían Pagaq Wescott  
Duane “Shadow” David.....Justin Stewart  
Miranda Huntington.....Debra Naaqtuuq Dommek  
Victor Sam.....Jacob Waid  
Raven.....Sarah E. Mitchell  
Wolf.....Ben Coffroth  
Lynx.....Kadey Ambrose  
Wolverine.....Kevin Lee

### Production

Assistant Producer: Sarah Mitchell

Tour Manager: Amanda Bent

Rehearsal Stage Manager: Anna Stitt

Announcer’s Voiceover: Matt Stevens

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### 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.

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Help Spread a  
Message of Hope



**The Winter Bear Project**  
is seeking Alaska Natives and  
Non-Natives of all ages & genders  
to join our cast and crew.

For more information, contact us at:  
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## Cast & Crew

**Kadey Ambrose** (Lynx) 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.

**Ben Coffroth** (Wolf) is an enrolled member of Montana's Flathead Tribe, and he is grateful to be a part of his third run of *The Winter Bear*. Ben lives in Fairbanks where he works closely with many theatre companies as a stage manager and an actor. *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 Alaskan elders, composers, choreographers and youth. Naaqtuuq graduated from UAF in 2013 having studied Iñupiaq, Alaska Native Studies and Film Studies. She 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 is grateful to Sidney Huntington for giving her permission to spread his message of education, self-reliance and humility and recommends his book to anyone who hasn't read it. (*Shadows on the Koyukuk* by Sidney Huntington and Jim Rearden, Alaska Northwest Books, 1993.)

## Quyana cakneq

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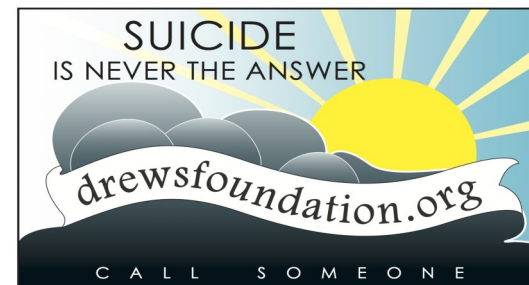
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**Kevin Lee** (Wolverine) is a lifelong Alaskan who, after leaving the Navy, has dedicated himself to theatre. Since then, he has been in many theatre and film productions, returning to *The Winter Bear* for a second tour.

**Sarah Mitchell** (Raven) is delighted to be on tour with *The Winter Bear* again. Born and raised in Fairbanks, Sarah worked in arts education for Portland Center Stage in Oregon and locally on Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre's recent tour of an Alaska Native-inspired *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

**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 filmmakers 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.

**Justin Stewart** (Duane) has lived in Alaska most of his life. He is a graduate of UAA's theater program and an aspiring novelist. This is a play of many firsts for Justin: his first professional tour and his first play outside the college setting. He is excited and feels blessed to be a part of such an incredible team.

**Jacob Waid** (Victor) is happy to be back in Alaska where he has worked extensively with Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre and Perseverance Theatre. Past FST roles include the title roles in *Hamlet* and *Henry V*, Autolycus in *The Winter's Tale*, and Brutus in *Julius Caesar*. He has also played the title role in Perseverance Theatre's touring production of *Macbeth*, which culminated with a two-week run at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. The play was translated into the language of his Tlingit tribe.

**Brían Pagaq Wescott** (Sidney Huntington) is an Koyukon/Yup'ik actor/writer/producer. He grew up in Fairbanks, trained at the Howard Fine Acting Studio in Hollywood, and 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.

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*If we all work together, we can change the climate  
of fear and hopelessness that breeds suicide.*

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

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