

March 8-18, 2017

THE PIPELINE PROJECT

By Sebastien Archibald, Kevin
Loring and Quelema Sparrow

Directed by Chelsea Haberlin with John Cooper
Consulting Dramaturg Kathleen Flaherty

*Costumes: Carmen Alatorre | Set/Props: Lauchlin Johnston,
Project/Lighting: Conor Moore | Sound Design: Troy Slocum
Puppet Consultant: Shizuka Kai*

Co-Produced by ITSAZOO Productions & Savage Society
In association with Gateway Theatre and Newworld Theatre
Developed with assistance from PTC

Inspired by 'Extract', a book
published by Vancouver Observer
on the Enbridge Northern Gateway
pipeline conflicts in BC.

Tickets only \$29
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gatewaytheatre.com



The Pipeline Project is a provocative and comedic foray into a firestorm of debate – part verbatim theatre, part personal storytelling and part meta-fiction. The story focuses on three theatre artists – two first nations and one white – who team up to create a play confronting pipeline expansion in BC. This project sends each character on a journey of self-reflection and discovery as they struggle to dramatize current events while navigating their cultural differences, opposing worldviews, and prejudices. Peak oil, First Nations land claims, and climate change are all explored with humour and empathy in this timely meta-theatrical event. The second act of each performance is a 'Talk Forward' - a facilitated conversation with the audience and a featured speaker on one of the key themes in the play.

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COMPANIES

- **The Savage Society** was created to be a vehicle through which the members could produce our own stories as practising Theatre and Film Artists of aboriginal descent. We strive to be a modern aboriginal voice, telling our own stories; endeavouring to positively affect awareness of the contemporary aboriginal perspective by carrying on the tradition of aboriginal storytelling through contemporary mediums of expression.
<http://www.savagesociety.ca/>
- **Gateway Theatre** is a welcoming and inclusive regional theatre for Richmond and its surrounding communities. Encouraging participation and cultural diversity, we strive for excellence and leadership in the development and production of live professional theatre and programs that connect the community. We exist to raise the quality of life in our community.
<https://www.gatewaytheatre.com/>
- **ITSAZOO Productions** creates immersive, dynamic theatre events for daring audiences. We support this with four core values: Immersion, Risk, Fun, and Community. Whether it's a fly-on-the-wall, immersive experience or a participatory, site specific event, we can create theatre for anyone, anytime, anywhere. We don't want our audience to just watch the story. We want our audience to experience the world of the story; to live through it. <http://itsazoo.org/>
- **Newworld Theatre** creates, produces, and tours new plays and performance events. We tell stories that are as complicated and contradictory as the enormously small country we live in. Historically, our work is rooted in an experience of ethnic and cultural diversity. While diversity remains a core value, our programming now asks a broader range of questions about political responsibility, identity, and difference. <http://newworldtheatre.com/>

WRITERS/CREATORS



Quelema Sparrow is an award winning First Nations actor and writer from the Musqueam Nation. She is currently an Associate with Playwrights Theatre Centre and in residency with Full Circle Theatre.



Kevin Loring is a member of the Nlaka'pamux Nation from the Lytton First Nation in British Columbia. He is an award winning Actor, Playwright and Producer, an award winning documentarian, and the Artistic Director of Savage Society.



Sebastien Archibald is a Jessie nominated actor and award winning playwright. He has been Co-Artistic Producer of ITSAZOO Productions since he joined the company in 2006.



Chelsea Haberlin is an award winning director and Co-Artistic Producer and founder of ITSAZOO Productions as well as Associate Artistic Director with Newworld Theatre. Chelsea holds an MFA in directing from UBC.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



March 8 @ 8PM - Kai Nagata
Dogwood Initiative

- Energy and Democracy Director at Dogwood Initiative. Journalist and former reporter for CBC and CTV. Kai is committed to building democracy through nonpartisan citizen engagement.



March 9 @ 8PM - Carol Anne Hilton
Transformation International

- A leading First Nation's business entrepreneur from the Nuu chah nulth Nation, she is the CEO of Transformation, and is currently authoring '*Indigenomics – a Global Power Shift*'.



March 10 @ 8PM - Linda Solomon
Vancouver Observer

- Founder and editor-in-chief of National Observer, Canada's leading source for investigative reporting and daily news focused on climate, energy and the environment in Canada.



March 11 @ 2PM - Sven Biggs
Stand Earth

- Sven Biggs works as a campaigner for the environmental group Stand (formally ForestEthics) where he focuses on energy and climate issues.



March 11 @ 8PM - Paul Kariya
Clean Energy BC

- Executive Director of Clean Energy BC. Former Executive Director of Pacific Salmon Foundation and former Executive Director of the BC Treaty Commission.



March 14 @ 1PM - Members of the
Unist'ot'en Clan

- Recent history includes protecting their lands from 7 proposed pipelines from Tar Sands Gigaproject & LNG from the Horn River Basin Fracturing Projects in the Peace River Region.



March 14 @ 8PM - Youth Panel

- Youth currently engaged in environmental issues will speak on their experiences, including Ariel Martz-Oberlander, a "kayakivist" and community organizer.



March 15 @ 1PM - Max Fawcett
Writer & Magazine Editor

- Has written for the *Walrus*, *The Globe and Mail*, *BC Business*, *Toronto Star*, *the National Post*, and more. As an editor he's been at the helm of *Vancouver Magazine* and *Alberta Oil*.



March 16 @ 8PM - Chief Aaron Sam
Lower Nicola Indian Band

- Serving his third term on Council and second as Chief. He has been elected in the BC Aboriginal Justice Council this year.



March 17 @ 8PM - Amie Wolf
Sauder School of Business

- Adjunct professor pioneering the development and facilitation of Indigenous courses and support the integration of Indigenous content across divisions.



March 18 @ 2PM - James Hoggan
Hoggan & Associates

- A respected public relations advisor, having worked for Shell & the David Suzuki Foundation. He is the author of *Climate Cover-Up: The Crusade to Deny Global Warming* (2009).



March 19 @ 8PM - Caleb Behn
Keepers of the Water

- First Nations lawyer, activist and recently the subject of the critically acclaimed documentary *Fractured Land*. Caleb is Eh-Cho Dene and Dunne Za/Cree from the Treaty 8 Territory of Northeastern BC.