

Three Bone Theatre Brings Award-Winning Play *Sovereignty* to Cherokee, NC

Three Bone Theatre is proud to announce its production of *Sovereignty* by Mary Kathryn Nagle, coming to Cherokee, North Carolina on September 11th and 12th. This critically acclaimed play weaves together past and present to explore the ongoing struggle for tribal sovereignty and the profound impact of federal Indian law on Cherokee families.

Three Bone Theatre will be producing *Sovereignty* for a three-week run in Charlotte from August 21 – September 6. Following that three-week run, the production will tour up to the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, NC for two special performances on September 11th and 12th. Three Bone Theatre will also be offering free theatre workshops to the Cherokee High School students during the week of September 7th.

The tour is made possible through support from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, which is committed to preserving and promoting Cherokee culture, history, and language. Bringing this powerful work to Cherokee represents a meaningful opportunity for the community to engage with their own history and ongoing sovereignty struggles through the lens of theatrical storytelling.

The production will be directed by Dr. Carolyn Dunn, a Louisiana Acadian Creole non-enrolled Freedman tribal descendant (Cherokee, Mvskoke, Seminole). Dr. Dunn is a Tunica/Choctaw-Biloxi and Atakapas-Ishak descendant and community member. Dr. Yona Wade, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band Cherokee Indian Nation will be serving as cultural consultant, ensuring authentic and respectful representation of Cherokee history, culture, and traditions throughout the performance.

Mary Kathryn Nagle is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a playwright whose work has been produced at theaters across the country. *Sovereignty* premiered at Arena Stage in 2018 and has since been produced at theaters nationwide.

ABOUT CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation's mission is to preserve our native culture, protect and enhance our natural environment, and create appropriate and diverse economic opportunities in order to improve the quality of life for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and our neighbors in western North Carolina.

ABOUT THREE BONE THEATRE

Three Bone Theatre is Charlotte's home for the best of adult contemporary theatre. Our mission is to use theatre as a catalyst for conversation and change in the Charlotte community. Currently in their 14th season, Three Bone Theatre has consistently presented a slate of regional and national premieres of award-winning plays that focus on social justice. Each season we partner with four community organizations and hire

around 50 local artists. We were recently named the 2024 North Carolina Professional Theatre Company of the Year by the North Carolina Theatre Conference. Our mainstage season is presented at The Arts Factory, located in Historic West End. Three Bone Theatre is committed to being an anti-racist, inclusive and accessible theatre company.

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