



***Dacha Theatre devised a new work on trans experience, written and created by  
Donovan Olsen!***

*Girls School Memory Play* debuts as a staged reading at West of Lenin November 17-20

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Dacha is thrilled to produce *Girls School Memory Play*, a staged reading of a new play on trans identity written and created by Dacha company member, Donovan Olsen, and directed by Leah Sainz-Jones.

*Girls School Memory Play* is a playful, borderline ridiculous examination of the socialization of gender set in a rigidly single-sex school. Several trans protagonists look back on their time at an all-girls middle and high school with a mix of love, anguish, and disbelief. Through the lens of coming out and processing internalized transphobia, and with a goal of catharsis and healing, we revisit moments of adolescence and the formation of identity.

The writer/creator of *Girls School Memory Play* is Donovan Olsen, who has been working with Dacha since 2019. Originally from Austin, Texas, Donovan is a director, writer, and deep believer in accessible, community-oriented theatre! Having previously worked in Walla Walla, Washington, they currently work and reside in Seattle, and they were the 2021-2022 Public Works apprentice at Seattle Rep. More information can be found at [donovanolsen.com](http://donovanolsen.com).

In addition to the original script work, this staged reading will feature incorporated choreographed movement pieces and an integrated design created by director Leah Sainz-Jones and production designer Castor Rosencrantz Kent. With a cast and creative team that largely features non-binary and trans actors, this in-progress piece is a triumphant celebration of trans experiences and how everyone can support one another on their own journeys.

*Girls School Memory Play* is running one weekend only, from November 17-20 at West of Lenin in Fremont. Tickets are available on a pay-what-you-can sliding scale, with additional tiered pricing ranging from \$25-50. Tickets and cast information at [dachatheatre.com/gsmppress](http://dachatheatre.com/gsmppress).

Founded in 2016, Dacha Theatre is a Seattle-based theater company that specializes in devised, immersive, and playful work. Representing Dacha's passion and commitment for new work, *Girls School Memory Play* joins a fleet of original work from Dacha including *(F)UNFAIR* (Summer 2022), *Dears in Headlights*, and *Star Play* (Summer 2021), and *Secret Admirer* (Danielle Mohlman, Spring 2021).

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More information, including promotional photos and details about our cast and creative team, can be found in our press room: [dachatheatre.com/gsmppress](http://dachatheatre.com/gsmppress)