



***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.

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.

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