



AGENCY

by barb janes

“Adopted, adopted, indentured”

Children are lost in a maze - a maze of child welfare that has persisted for over a century. We are introduced to Jazz, an adoptee from Korea, Claire, a 60s scoop adoptee, and Louisa, a 1910s British Home Child. Together, they seek a way out of the maze while uncovering memories of their past.

"Agency" is a 70-minute exposé written by local playwright Barb Janes. Initially, it was a 5-minute script created for Sarasvati's Femfest Bakeoff in 2019, earning Barb first place in the competition. Over the years, with the encouragement of Director Marsha Knight, the play developed into a 70-minute production.

Local Winnipeg actors Nan Fewchuk (*Jail Baby*), Grant Burr (*The Cherry Orchard*), Renata Meconse (*The Rez Sisters*), Cynthia Wolfe-Nolin, Elyora Turgunbaeva, Jenna Anderson, Natasha Fisher, and Judy Arnason (*Neechies*) make up the cast of 'Agency'.

The creative team of this production is led by Indigenous Director Marsha Knight (*Neechies*) and Stage Manager Lynne Martin.

Agency plays at Venue 10, UW Asper Centre for Theatre and Film, 400 Colony Street. Opening night is Thursday, July 18 at 7:45 pm. Other performance dates are July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, and 27. Performance times vary daily.

Tickets for Agency are \$14 at the door and can be purchased online in advance at www.winnipegfringe.com or in person at the Royal MTC box office, 174 Market Avenue.

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