



MEDIA RELEASE

Explore the Traditions of Indigenous Life and Lore in the World Premiere of *In the Shadow Beyond the Pines*

WINNIPEG, March 4, 2026 – Sacred legends and the power of friendship are explored in Royal MTC’s heartfelt and haunting production of *In the Shadow Beyond the Pines* by Indigenous playwright Rhonda Apetagon.

The atmospheric ghost story begins with three friends who light a sacred fire in the forests of Northern Manitoba to honour the loss of their friend. As the night carries on, shadows of their past and present come alive...and with them the horrors found only in the darkness of night.

“There is a deep, unsettling magic in the northern wilderness. Growing up there, you learn that stories don’t just entertain, they guide you when the lights go out,” reflects Apetagon, a proud member of Norway House Cree Nation. “My respect for the land comes from the stories that have guided my people for generations. This play is a vision of sharing that northern magic - where the wilderness is vast, the legends are chilling and the shadows speak.”

In the Shadow Beyond the Pines was conceptualized in the [Pimootayowin Creators Circle](#) led by late Governor General award-winning playwright Ian Ross.

“Rhonda brings a deep love of horror and a commitment to sharing the Indigenous stories that shaped her, and we have worked to balance the thrill of the genre with the responsibility of those stories. There is humor, there is fear, and there is heart,” says Director Jimmy Blas. “We have approached the process with care, guided by cultural support and daily reflection, because this story deserves that respect.”

In the Shadow Beyond the Pines stars **Daniel Knight** as Shane, **Jeremy Proulx** as Dale and **James Dallas Smith** as George.

The creative team includes Director/Dramaturg **Jimmy Blais**, Set Designer **Adam Parboosingh**, Costume Designer **Amy McPherson**, Lighting Designer **Kahentanó:ron Brianna Montour**, Sound Designer & Composer **Jason Burnstick**, Knowledge Keeper **Jhaik Windy Hair**, Fight Director **Darren Martens**, Cultural Support **Erin McGregor**, Apprentice Director **Key Caguioa**, Projections Design Assistant **Lovissa Wiens**, Stage Manager **Samantha Desiree** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Carolyn Schroeder**.

Royal MTC is grateful for the generous support of our Warehouse Season Sponsor, BMO.

In the Shadow Beyond the Pines runs from March 11 – 28, 2026, at the Tom Hendry Warehouse. Showtimes and ticket information are available at by visiting the [Royal MTC website](#) or by calling Royal MTC Box Office at 204-942-6537.

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