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One Trunk Theatre presents the world premiere of *Boundary Avenue*, a documentary style play investigating the influx of asylum seekers crossing the Canada/USA border at Emerson, Manitoba, **May 23-27th, 2018 in Winnipeg.**

Boundary Avenue, is a new production spearheaded by theatre artists **Andraea Sartison, Liam Zarrillo**, and photojournalist **Caroline Wintoniw**. It examines the ongoing, international refugee crisis through an intensely local lens. It is not often that current affairs- stories that come directly from our community and affect our local population premiere on stage. *Boundary Avenue* works to illuminate real stories and struggles on all sides of the migration conversation, while celebrating community and simultaneously making an immediate contribution to those most affected.

The play weaves together the journey of one refugee- Hamza, making his way from Ghana to Canada over two years; with the story of a local emerging photojournalist- William, hungry for a story. Hamza's journey is based on the migration of our major partners **Razak Iyal** and **Seidu Mohammed**, who lost their hands to frostbite when they came into Canada on Christmas Eve, 2016. **\$5 from every ticket sold will be donated to Razak and Seidu** to support their rehabilitation and integration in Winnipeg.

This project has been in development for two years, during which the writers travelled to Emerson frequently interviewing and photographing townspeople and individuals who crossed, sometimes staying up all night in cars parked along "Boundary Avenue", the road that runs along the border, waiting with the RCMP and international media for people to cross.

The production is directed by theatre maiden **Debbie Patterson**, and highlights a team of emerging actors and and designers in Winnipeg- many of whom have come to Winnipeg via other countries (Liberia, Nigeria, India, Bangladesh) in recent years.

Boundary Avenue is a double bill with Sarasvati's New Beginnings and plays at the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film May 23-27, 2018 as follows:

May 23, 7pm

May 24, 1pm and 9pm***

May 25, 7pm

May 26, 7pm

May 27, 4pm

***PWYD show

Tickets are \$10-\$25 and available at

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3320798>

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