MoonCow Theatre Co.'s production blurs the line between human and animal, mother and daughter, sky and earth, inviting audiences into the milky ecstasy of liberation.

Night Cows begins at dusk. A baby cow, vachette, describes how her mother removes the shackles of the day and society, transforming into a sensual, grotesque, night cow. Her mother opens herself in two, she splits herself in four expanding into the milky way; her daughter riding her back as they go to wake the crows.

A movement poem; performer Eléonore Lamothe, who draws on Pochinko mask and clown technique, invests her whole body and soul into our cow's journey through the sky.

"Hypnotizing narrative and expert choreography. Lamothe absolutely captivates her audience." – The Link

Through the Montreal, arts interculturals (MAI) mentorship program, under the guidance of renowned director Micheline Chevalier, emerging Anishinaabe director Katey Lois Wattam, has developed a fantastical contemporary interpretation of Queer Quebecois Indigenous writer Jovette Marchessault's, seminal yet underperformed text on the 40th anniversary of its inception. She presented her bold vision during a three-night run at the MAI in May 2018, at short feminist works festival *Revolution They Wrote* in Montreal this past March, and has been developing the work further for Toronto Fringe.

Bringing together Indigenous, Anglophone, and Francophone approaches, the intercultural production asks its audience to imagine: what do liberation and connection feel like today?

Wattam has earned praise for previous productions tackling difficult social issues, such as 2017's *Cherry Docs* at Montreal Fringe, which earned her a Frankie nomination for Most Promising English Theatre Company. She is a recent alumni of Black Theatre Workshop's Artist Mentorship program under the mentorship of Mike Payette. This latest work from the promising director is further proof of her ability to build immersive theatrical experiences with wide-ranging social and historical implications.

Night Cows is a story of Quebec's past, present, and future; a fantasy built upon reality;

a flight you won't soon forget.

MoonCow Theatre Co.

in association with The Toronto Fringe Festival presents *Night Cows* written by Jovette Marchessault English translation by Yvonne M. Klien directed by Katey Lois Wattam starring Eléonore Lamothe lighting design by Hannah Kirby

Opens July 3, 2019 runs to July 14, 2019

Venue #13 Factory Theatre Studio

Performances:

July 3, 8:15pm July 5, 2:00pm July 7, 6:15pm July 8, 4:00pm July 11, 7:30pm July 13, 10:15pm July 14, 2:00pm

Please note that there is absolutely no latecomer seating.

Tickets <u>ON SALE NOW</u>: Preview (July 3): \$6:00

All other shows: \$11.00

Venue #13 Factory Theatre Studio is located at 125 Bathurst St, M5V 2R2.

For more information about the show visit <u>www.mooncow.co</u>, our Facebook page <u>here.</u>

Purchase online: <u>fringetoronto.com</u>

By Phone: 416-966-1062

In Person: During the festival at POSTSCRIPT, the patio at the Toronto Fringe. Located in the Hockey Rink at

275 Bathurst Street (Dundas + Bathurst).

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