

# **Media Release**

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## Bear Grease, an Indigenous take on the hit musical Grease, coming to North Vancouver

**North Vancouver, BC** – Tell me more! Tell me more! Centennial Theatre is presenting the musical sensation, <u>Bear Grease</u>, for one night only. Written and created by hip-hop duo LightningCloud (Crystle Lightning and MC RedCloud/Henry Andrade), <u>Bear Grease</u> puts an Indigenous twist on this classic story of high school love.

Beloved characters stay authentic to the originals while adding cultural flair through fashion, humour and music. The score blends 1950s doo-wop sound with traditional drumming and flute, and hip-hop elements.

"Growing up, I didn't see people like me in popular culture. We created this show as a way to celebrate our identity and have some fun with one of our favourite musicals," says Lightning. "We also see the show as a way to share our culture and humour more broadly while staying true to the things everyone loves about the original *Grease* – there's something for everyone in *Bear Grease*."

The show is an electrifying experience that joyfully celebrates Indigenous culture. It has toured across Canada and the United States to sold out crowds. Don't miss this hilarious and highly entertaining night of catchy songs, cool dance moves and witty dialogue.

Show date: Friday, November 8, 2024

Time: 7pm

Content advisory: Recommendation age 12 & over. Some coarse language and mature humour.

Ticket price: \$60

In recognition of this performance taking place on Indigenous Veterans Day, Indigenous people who have served in the armed forces are offered a \$10 discount.

#### **Purchase tickets:**

- Online at <u>tickets.centennialtheatre.com</u>
- In-person or by phone box office open Tues-Sat noon-5pm (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver, 604-984-4484)

We would like to acknowledge that *Bear Grease* was written in Treaty 6 Alberta, land and traditional territories of the Nehiyaw (Cree), Denesuline' (Dene), Nakota Sioux (Stoney), Anishinaabe (Saulteaux) and Niitsitapi (Blackfoot).

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### **About Centennial Theatre**

Centennial Theatre is the largest multi-purpose performing arts venue on Vancouver's North Shore. It is operated by North Vancouver Recreation & Culture (NVRC), an entity of the City of North Vancouver and District of North Vancouver responsible for providing recreation and arts experiences that enrich the community. Learn more: <a href="https://nvrc.ca">nvrc.ca</a>.

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