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Creede Repertory Theatre Brings World Premiere Play to Pueblo

CRT heads on the road to the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

Creede, Colorado (August 19, 2024) – [Creede Repertory Theatre](#) (CRT) will take its world premiere dramedy, *Prima's Guide to Funerals* by Leonard Madrid, to the Sangre de Cristo Art Center for one performance only on September 3 at 7pm.

Three cousins (primas), an urn, and one really long day. It's the day of her mother's funeral and Arcie is losing her grip, but her cousins Nando and Clara are here to save the day. This fast-paced, hilarious, and heart-warming world premiere set along the waters of the Rio Grande in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, *Prima's Guide to Funerals* tells the story of family, laughter, grief, love, and finding yourself alongside the ones who know you the best: your primas. The show is directed by Yesenia García Herrington and stars Julian Ibarra, Katie Rodriguez, and Savanna Padilla.

“For many years, we have wanted to help cultivate a show that speaks to the community of the San Luis Valley and beyond,” says Interim Artistic Director, Kate Berry, “and what better way to do this than through our Headwaters New Play Program. We're also excited for this partnership with the arts center in Pueblo.”

Playwright Leonard Madrid, a native of northern New Mexico, has been interested in telling stories featuring the communities and family dynamics of northern New Mexico and southwestern Colorado for some time. “[I was] struck by how we never see cousins portrayed in mainstream movies and television. Cousins are often used as a foil for the main characters. Cousins are so much more than that. In huge families, cousins are as important a relationship as siblings. To see cousins in theatre is so rare. I wanted to explore that relationship.” Madrid adds, “We are more than our trauma. We are our joy and laughter as well.”

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for art center members. The Sangre de Cristo Art Center Theatre is located on campus at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave. Pueblo, Co. 81003. Tickets available through the art center [website](#).

About Creede Repertory Theatre

Founded in 1966, Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) is a professional theatre company located at 9,000 feet of elevation in the historic town of Creede, CO, which offers beautiful mountain views, hiking trails and stunning campsites in a county comprising 97 percent public land. From its Rocky Mountain roots, CRT serves as an artistic home to our rural community and beyond, through the creation of repertory seasons, dynamic educational programs and compelling new works. With deeply rooted

values in equity, diversity and inclusion, CRT is committed to being a haven for artistic excellence, belonging, and intrinsic joy.

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