<u>Cage</u> Inspired by True Life Testimonies Written by Babs Karney

Thursdays, 9/11 & 18 at 6.30 pm Saturday, 9/13 at 4 pm

Roshni Healing Arts Sanctuary 9709 E Colfax Ave Aurora Suggested donation: \$5 - \$10

When a sudden storm traps four women from vastly different backgrounds at a gas station, their chance encounter becomes a profound journey of sharing their stories of Survival, Connection, and Healing.

Through raw honesty and unexpected grace, *Cages* reveals that sometimes the most powerful act of liberation is stepping out of the shadows to be truly seen.



Playwright

Babs Karney is just a clown in a human body trying to make sense of the world through her imagination. She studied film and screenwriting at School of Visual Arts in NYC. She occasionally writes bad poetry which you can find on her substack or instagram: @babskarney



Director

Deepali combines the best of dance and drama in a unique performing art of storytelling. Her artistic journey began in India, in dance, street theatre, and puppetry.

In Sweden, it became a vocation. In Canada, it became a profession. And here, it's become a Purpose.

Deepali blends in the charisma of the East, the precision of the West. and the best of in-between.



Jenna

Tara Spires is a local actor and improvisor. She moved to Colorado in 2017 to attend school in Boulder. When not on stage, she is a full time caregiver for folks with developmental disabilities. Thank you for coming out to hear our stories and support live theatre. Thank you to my family and God for always having my back.



Mariposa

Leslie Gomez is a Denver native joining the New American Arts Festival for the second time. She has worked as a professional singer, actor, and model for 25+ years around the Denver-Metro area. In addition to joining the festival this year, she competes internationally in an acapella barbershop quartet and is a worship leader at her church. Outside of performing, she works in IT, is an avid hiker, and has an adorable standard poodle.



Rogia

Roqia Safdari was born in Afghanistan. She earned an Associate Degree in Health and Sciences. Due to the Taliban taking power, Roqia arrived in the US last year as a refugee.

Roqia has actively volunteered for projects across Afghanistan, supported by the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and listening to motivational podcasts.

Growing up in a family with 11 siblings, she is strongly driven by a commitment to health, peacebuilding and positive change



Sarah

Chante Shanti DeCampos is the founder and Artistic Director of GrowThru, a grassroot organisation that is dedicated to recognizing and facilitating Global Indigenous wisdom to construct platforms for peace amidst turmoil.