

N\*VA NIGHTSKY THEATER

PRESENTS

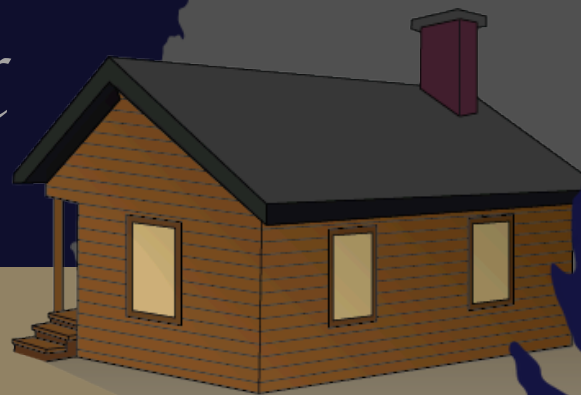
*The*

*Ghosts*

*of Us*

Written By  
Rebecca Gorman O'Neill

Directed By  
Rob Gorman



**November 14-23**

1057 W Broad St, Suite 216  
Falls Church, VA 22046

# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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My sister, Rebecca, first showed me a draft of “The Ghosts of Us” in 2015, about a year before its first production in Denver. At the time it was called We'll Never Get to Moscow, a phrase that wasn't actually explained in the script. (As you'll see in a minute, now it is. I also immediately recognized myself as Sophia, take that as you will.) Last year I proposed this show to NOVA Nightsky, not just because it's my sister's, but also because NOVA's wheelhouse is producing actor-focused scripts with strong female characters. When I submitted the show for consideration, I learned that they already had the script in hand and it was on their reading list for potential production!

So anyway, for me and Rebecca, this isn't our first rodeo together, but it is the first time I've directed one of her plays, and I sure hope it won't be the last. My goal for this show was just to let the script shine as clearly as possible. And the best way to do that is to bring on excellent, dedicated actors who work hard to understand these characters from within and bring them to life truthfully, energetically, and without judgment. I hope you'll agree I at least got that part of the job right.

This show is dedicated to our dad, an endlessly creative high school English and European literature teacher, who passed away in 2017. And to our mom, who will actually get to see this one!

**-ROB GORMAN**

“I’m not yours, I’ll never be yours, and get that  
through your caveman head.”  
-Emma

*Performed with permission from Next Stage Press*

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## SETTING

TIME: PRESENT DAY

PLACE: A CABIN IN THE ROCKIES

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## FEATURING

EMMA

FOSSE THORNTON

JACKSON

JOSHUA NETTINGA

SOPHIE

MAURA SUILEBHAN

AIDEN

JUSTIN VON STEIN





# TECH & CREATIVE TEAM

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STAGE MANAGER

Jaclyn Robertson

SOUND DESIGN

Rob Gorman

LIGHTING DESIGN

Noelani Stevenson

SET DESIGN

Maggie Modig

SET DECOR

Jaclyn Robertson

PROPS

Mary Jo Ford

INTIMACY & FIGHT  
CHOREOGRAPHY

Jessie Holder Tourtellote

COSTUMES

The ensemble of actors

PHOTOGRAPHY

Sharon Kim

LOGO DESIGN

Raeanna Nicole Larson

PUBLICITY & GRAPHICS

Adam Ressa  
Jaclyn Robertson

READ CAST AND CREW BIOS ON  
**ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

# NOVA NIGHTSKY LEADERSHIP

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Artistic Director  
**WARD KAY**

Producing Director  
**JACLYN ROBERTSON**

Administrative  
Director  
**SARAH BACZEWSKI**

Design & Technical  
Director  
**ADAM RESSA**

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