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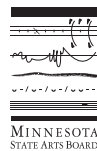
My father who left me with the resources and inspiration that I needed to live more fully alive

My child who is my teacher, who moves me to ask big questions and to know infinite love

Grady who is my soul friend that I can't wait to meet again

A.P. Looze who is all of the above

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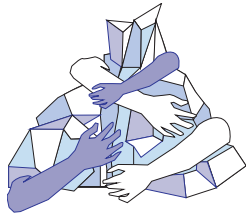
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A Site-Specific,
Self-Guided Audio
Story Walk

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**Crystal Myslajek
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A site-specific, self-guided audio story walk about how listening to the restoring woods of Sugarloaf Cove and the expansive water of Gitchi Gumi help a griever release and remember.

Bring your own headphones and download the story using the QR code onto your own device or check out headphones and listening devices at the Visitor Center during open hours.



ARTIST NOTE

Sugarloaf Cove has been a sacred place for me. When my father died in 2016, I came to this lake where he took me throughout my childhood to grieve. The year after he died, I had a child and brought her here for our first trip together. For this project, I wanted to explore why this place means what it does to me. What has it gifted me? What can I offer back, as thanks, to the ways it has healed me?

As a European American, queer artist, I worked through layers of hesitations about writing about a place that is not my ancestral homeland. A place where my people have caused great damage. European Americans have orchestrated land theft from Indigenous nations throughout this region while buying and selling what exists here to fuel industry that I both resist and rely on. Sugarloaf Cove used to be owned by a paper company. I am a writer that wrote several drafts of this story on whole notebooks of paper. My life is an extension of the history and present day mix of multiple realities that play out on this shore. I came to feel that the fact that I am European American is the reason why I must add my ideas and imagination on the journey towards repair. I set out to write a story that helped me practice being in relationship with this place. I came here as student, moved by what the land, the water, and other people are doing in service of restoration.

What is true for me is that I have felt loved by this place and I love it right back. I wanted to create a modern myth that explored my sense of resonance here beyond my one lifetime and identity. In order to write this story, I came here often and quieted myself. I slowed down. I opened up to listen and receive from this place. The Seeker was written over several visits and a hundred loops on the nature trail, revised through tuning into infinite love. I hope there is resonance for you, too, dear listener, in this humble offering.

Launch Event

Saturday, July 29th

1pm-3pm

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Project runs through October 29th, 2023

For directions and more information visit:

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