## A new play from Ikidowin Acting Ensemble: "We do it for the Water"

Written by Sharon Day and directed by Curtis Kirby III with funding from the First Peoples Fund

This play weaves stories of Indigenous struggles to protect our water beginning with saving Camp Cold Water Spring, the Mother Earth Water Walks, the Nibi Walks and The North Dakota Access Pipeline. The water walkers and water -protectors presented a non-violent message that united Native people and non-Native environmentalists. This project will continue the awareness of Indigenous rights and the capacity of the individual to take action for the environment. To amplify this message The Ikidowin Acting Ensemble is performing an original play written by Sharon Day, titled "We Do It For The Water".

Sharon is enrolled in the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe. She is a founder of the Indigenous Peoples Task Force. She is the founder of Nibi Walk, indigenous-led walks to raise awareness of our Earth's fresh



water. In 1990 Sharon developed and led the first Native youth acting troupe. Since then, Sharon has worked with countless Native youth guiding them to grow as actors. Ms. Day has acted with Pangea World Theater, Illusion Theater, and the American History Theater. In addition, she has directed many youth performances. Curtis Kirby III has worked with Pangea World Theater on 5 Weeks and "Wait" and My Grandmother's Love at Ikidowin Acting Ensemble.



The Ikidowin Acting Ensemble will be performing in the new piece. The troupe will travel to perform for audiences in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Put your group on the calendar now: Call the Ikidowin Program; 612-722-5670. Or email Sharon: <a href="mailto:smarieday@aol.com">smarieday@aol.com</a>; or Kirby <a href="mailto:bskirby66@gmail.com">bskirby66@gmail.com</a>.

