

***Naked Tourist, Sacred Mountain* 2018 tour**

In a Malaysian hotel room, two climbing partners find their holiday threatens to become a jail term after they posted naked photos of themselves atop the sacred Mount Kinabalu. Our play, *Naked Tourist, Sacred Mountain*, is touring after a sold-out run in Saskatoon. In Humboldt, the show is Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Collegiate Theatre. We think your parishioners would find it enjoyable and thought-provoking.

Information for faith communities

Naked Tourist, Sacred Mountain, is based on an incident from 2015 which audiences will remember: a group of young tourists stripped on a mountain in Borneo and posted internet photos. When a massive earthquake shook the mountain a few days later, a government official claimed that their disrespect for the sacred mountain had caused the earthquake. The fictional treatment in the play, which runs 80 minutes without intermission, brings together Natalie, a Canadian woman who grew up Catholic;



Masood, a Muslim deputy for Tourism on the island of Borneo; and Owen, an Australian climber and video blogger. Owen's self-centered values are driven by internet viewers and likes on his blog.

This story about young adults disrespecting other cultures while traveling continues to be topical; the week after our play closed in Saskatoon, an American couple was arrested for mooning

shrines at the Wat Arun temple in Thailand. *Naked Tourist, Sacred Mountain* examines this behavior from multiple perspectives, but it's also about faith, and about telling a good story with an underlying message of tolerance, accountability and reconciliation.

There is no nudity and mild swearing in the play. At feedback sessions in Saskatoon, both Muslim and Christian audience members said they were engaged by the play and by the issues.

"Naked Tourist, Sacred Mountain is unique in pushing us toward a greater sensitivity of cultural and religious differences and encouraging us to overcome our Western, secular superiority complex."

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