

QUARTERS









There was a little lady
with a bent back

in an oversized
black & white
striped shirt

cleaning
pencil shades
and some
stuff



she was
foldin'
a green
towel

she also
had on
long blue
earrings
and a
bandana



there was man with
strawberry blonde balding hair

a dark
green tee
shirt

a grey
sweat-
no blue
tennies

and
pink

1 do mean
pink skin

dropping quarters
in the machine





Oh...

and the girl
with the bowl
cut & stripy stockings
she had a red haired
girl-freind
and they both had
~~English~~ accents
Brittish

there was the smell of
sweet detergent, bleach
drying clothes

The whirring of motors
-the clicking of doors

the voice of a bum
who just walked in

"You wouldn't happen to
have a cigarette
would ya ..."

"I'll buy it from you?"

sun burnt
smelling rancid
looking tired
going through
a small satchel
of his stuff
a mirror
some socks
a shirt
more socks
all clean



there was a girl
with a streaked bowl cut

with
ragons
n her
leaves

ooking
very

s she

stripes
on her
legs

very
serious

counted
her
quarters



there was a couple
both wearing glasses
sweaters (his red hers
beige)

And
they
were
wearing

and
earthly
shoes

folding a white mattress cover





Whose
at the
Laundry
mat
?

I left my chair
cat, book
and mug of tea
to go and see.

WHO DO YOU SEE AT THE LAUNDRY MAT?

DECOY GALLERINA: SHORT BIO 2022

STATUS & ORIGINS: Rebel Irish/Chiricahua Nde' (Chakonen, 'Fort Sill' Apache; the group Geronimo & Cochise are from), Matriarch/Elder, Culture Bearer, Two-Spirit, Cross-Platform/Cross-Genre Life Long Artist & direct descendant of Cochise

Raised in San Francisco/New Mexico/Apache/Oklahoma

STYLES: Psychedelic Stomp to Deep Traditional works

GENRES: Beadwork master, costuming, painter, installation and performance art, video, lyricist, composer, writer, performance artist, actress, singer, dancer, visual artist, perpetual student

MEMBER: Chiricahua Warm-Springs Nde' (Apache) Tribe of New Mexico, Theatre Movement International, Radical Medicine, Idle No More, Member/Curator Komotion Int'l SF, more...

TRAINING: Nde' ceremonies, several decades study and research in Chiricahua cultural aspects with Tribal Historian, Cultural Expert, Linguist & tribal member; Leland Michael Darrow, extensive private training in music, dance, arts & training with Nde' Grandmother Minnie Nicholas in writing, beadwork, painting and with mother Caroline and aunt & Mary Zurega in costuming, music appreciation and San Francisco 'Live Culture'

INFLUENCES/TEACHERS: diverse Bay Area culture, Leland Michael Darrow, Jill Parker, Rene Yanez, BadLinkSista, Rudradeep Chakrabarti, Charles Justin Hoover, Guillermo Gomez-Pena, Janeen Antione; American Indian Contemporary Arts Gallery, Black Panthers and their artist; Emory Douglas, American Indian Movement and Richard Oakes, AIM WEST; Tony Gonzales, La Pena, Standing Rock Red Warrior Camp, Pennie Opal Plant & Isabella Zizi; Idle No More, Upward Bound, Oakland Intertribal Friendship House, Leonard Peltier, Alanon, Ceremony, David Solnit, Norm Sands, Annie Sprinkle, Malaquias Montoya, Juanita Barry, Phil Foss, Santa Fe Opera, Steven Paul Judd, American Indian Film Festival SF, BAAITS Powwow, First Nation/Indigenous culture and struggles far and wide, many more teachers and inspirations

BFA DEGREES: San Francisco Art Institute, California College of the Arts, College of Santa Fe, Institute of American Indian Arts

PRESENTATIONS: San Francisco International Arts Festival, Allan Houser Garden Gallery, Santa Fe, Studio 23, Alameda; Displacement Show, High Street Gallery London, deYoung Museum, IATA Museum, POWPOWPOW SF, REAL FACES interviews of 500 artists (youtube), Playwriter/performer of "Homecoming" Chiricahua Nde' Apache Odyssey' and 'Haunting Our His&Herstories; Indigenous Children's Boarding School Experiences', Yerba Buena Gardens First Nation Festival, Berkeley World Music Festival, Ivy Room, Venice Biennale, Counter Pulse Theater, San Francisco Independent Arts Festival, United States Arts and Crafts Board, La Pena, Stork Club, Galeria de la Raza, San Francisco Art Institute, many more...

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