

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

For thousands of years, when **Indigenous peoples** in the Americas travel to other **Indigenous Nation homelands**, it is common courtesy to acknowledge the **Indigenous Nation and Peoples** whose homeland we are gathering on. Northern Stage acknowledges with humility and respect, the **Indigenous land** we reside on.

Northern Stage is located in what is colonially known as **White River Junction**, the original homeland of the **Abenaki People and Nation**. White River Junction is located on the western bank of the **Kwanitekw [Connecticut River]** at the mouth of the **Wôbitekw [White River]** in the middle of the ancient **Abenaki Nation homeland**, called **N'dakinna [Our Land]**, which includes **Vermont, New Hampshire, northern Massachusetts, western Maine, and southern Quebec**. The **Upper Kwanitekw [Connecticut River or 'Long River']** does not just divide two states. **It flows through and unites one place, one homeland: N'dakinna.**

The **Abenaki** story is by far the most ancient and broadest in any time period here. Though acknowledging the past before European settlement is important and substantial, it is the reality that **White River Junction** has **Abenaki/Native American history and population** which have touched and continue to shape every aspect of local life to the present day.

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