

Briggs Opera House is located at the junction of the **Wôbitek** (White River) and the **Kwanitek** (Connecticut River) within **N'dakinna**, the name for the traditional ancestral territory of the Abenaki, Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples past and present, which stretches across Vermont, New Hampshire, northern Massachusetts, western Maine and southern Quebec.

In the American Revolution, the leaders of the American resistance agreed with the Abenaki that they would keep their homeland in exchange for helping in the defense of the north against the British. The word of the American colonials was not kept.

Shaker Bridge Theatre acknowledges this injustice. We recognize that the loss of a place to call home is immeasurable. We acknowledge the continuance of colonialism and oppression today. We are committed to a respectful and caretaking attitude towards Mother Earth. We seek to build our awareness and learn so as to better amplify the voices and stories of Indigenous peoples.

The land the Briggs Opera House stands upon continues to be unceded.