

Prologue - Andrés Moreno

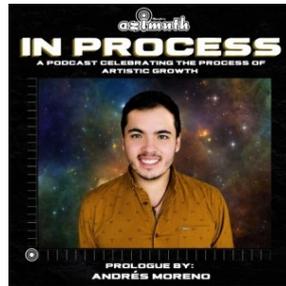
[00:00:00] **ANDRÉS:** Hello, everyone! Welcome to "In Process" this is a brand new podcast brought to you from Traversing the Azimuth, a brand new branch of Azimuth Theatre focusing on multimedia and connecting to the community at large. My name is Andres Moreno, my pronouns are they/ them/ X or "x". "X" being the non-binary term, in Spanish for non-binary people.

[00:00:27] **ANDRÉS:** I am an immigrant from Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia to be exact. And I just want to start by saying that I am thankful and blessed to be able to live and work here in Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 land, I grew up in a place called Red Deer, Alberta, which actually happens to be along the line of where Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 land meet and so I've always been connected and felt connected to both sides of this land and both treaties.

[00:00:57] **ANDRÉS:** I want to give my thanks for being able to move to this land and be able to build a life and a career here. And I want to acknowledge that any privilege I have of being able to work here only comes from the correlated, attempted erasure and abuse of the original caretakers of this land. Which includes many indigenous nations including, but not limited to the Cree, Tsuut'ina, Nakota-Sioux, Blackfoot, Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, Siksika, Kainai and Métis.

[00:01:28] **ANDRÉS:** I aim to make sure that every interaction I have with the community at large is through the lens of giving thanks the original caretakers of this land for their loss just so that I could work and live here. I also want to start off by giving thanks to Azimuth Theatre, which is located here in Amiskwaciy Waskahikan. Or Edmonton. And to give thanks for the opportunities that they have afforded me. Both Morgan Yamada and Sue Goberdhan the two co-artistic directors of the company, we're generous enough to meet with me and hear out my thoughts about building a multimedia branch and not only that, but building a podcast that's focused on talking to artists here in town. To getting to share their stories, their artistry, their process.

[00:02:14] **ANDRÉS:** And I would not be where I am without the immense immense help and support that I have received from both of them. So I want to give them thanks. I also want to thank all of the artists that came in to talk to me for this first iteration of the podcast, every single one of you have been such an amazing gift. And the laughter and the joy that we share together is something that i'm going to hold on for a very long time so thank you to



everybody ,every single one of you is such an inspiration to me. And it was such a joy for me to be able to sit down with you. And get to know you on a more personal and deeper level, get to know your dreams, your goals your process, your artistry, and most importantly, what kind of snack you like to have? I hope that in the next episodes, you'll be able to sit down and get to know these artists as well, get to know their dreams, their hopes and just relish in the beauty that is our community. For the broader community who might not know Edmonton, Alberta.

[00:03:19] **ANDRÉS:** Um, this is a quite a tight knit community of artists who work really hard to make art happen here in this town. Every single one of the artists that you're going to hear from is working hard and trying to build here in Edmonton because we see the potential that this land has and the beauty that could come from a well-rounded connected community.

[00:03:43] **ANDRÉS:** And I want to thank you for tuning in. Um, a podcast is nothing without ears to listen to. And I hope that you all have some takeaways from this, from the episodes. The guests that are coming up are amazing talents in their own and amazing people as well. And so I'm just very excited to share this with all of you.

[00:04:04] **ANDRÉS:** So once again, thank you so much. Thank you for tuning in. Thank you for listening. I hope you enjoy the upcoming episodes. And if you have any questions, concerns, if you have any suggestions on someone you'd like to hear next, you can always go to Azimuththeatre.com/traversing.

[00:04:22] **ANDRÉS:** Welcome to the podcast And enjoy