**THE LONG WAY…**

***The Long Way…*** is an international collaboration between Artists Pratik Motwani from India and James Hildebrandt from USA. The show was devised/created in 2016 in residency at *Dell'Arte International* in Blue Lake, CA.

**PRATIK MOTWANI**: Is an actor, theatre maker and educator originally from Mumbai, India with a specialization in eastern and western forms of physical theatre, mask performance and devised work. He holds an M.F.A. in Ensemble Based Physical Theatre from *Dell'Arte International* School of Physical Theatre, Blue lake, CA. As a voice over artist, Pratik has lent his voice to actor Dev Patel (the protagonist) in the Indian version of the Oscar winning film *Slumdog Millionaire*. Pratik has been a company member and educator of mask performance technique with *IMAGO Theatre* based in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. With *IMAGO* Pratik has toured nationally and internationally as a lead performer in their world renowned physical comedy/mask performance/puppetry shows - *FROGZ* and *Zoo Zoo*. As a teaching artist with *IMAGO* theatre Pratik has designed their *Spirit of The Mask* workshop series/intensive program and has been invited as a guest artist to teach physical theatre, mask performance and puppetry styles/technique's in university programs across the United States including *Pennsylvania State University*, PA; *University of California in Berkley*, CA; *Virginia Tech University*, VA. Pratik is also a resident actor and teaching artist with the *Dell'Arte Company*, Blue Lake, CA and was recently seen playing leading roles in their production of *The Big Thirst*, *Mary Jane – The Musical* and *Mary Jane – The Film*. As a self producing actor/creator Pratik continues to remain passionate about collaboration with other artists to create original works of devised theatre and is interested in the intersection of visual and performing arts within a theatrical setting. His other works of devised physical theatre includes the show *IN'Tents: A Conservation Comedy* which performed at the *Oregon Shakespeare Festival- Green Show*, 2014 and was chosen by the US Embassy to represent the United States at the 2015 *Hakawy International Children's Festival* in Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt.

**JAMES HILDEBRANDT**: Is a set constructor, builder, designer, puppet maker and puppeteer who lives in Arcata, CA. He is currently Technical Director at *Dell'Arte International*, Blue Lake, CA. Co founder of *Black Cat Shadows* *and Maggotary Shadow Puppet Theatre* James has created numerous shadow plays both solo and in collaboration with other performing artists. Some of his favorites include *Blue Bird, The Saint, The Mouse and The Mountain Lion, Passing Stranger, Awake in the Dream*, and *Galaxy Star*. While in Minneapolis he was commissioned by *Heart of the Beast* to build giant puppets for their May Day parade and shadow puppets for the multimedia epic puppet play *Anaconda*. He is also a member of *Four on the Floor*, an *Arcata Playhouse* based company created for puppet work and notable for the much acclaimed outdoor spectacle *Elemental*