

# **Mushua Innu Natuashish School Natuashish**

**Presents**

## **Romeo mak Juliet**

*(Our local, modern adaptation  
of Romeo and Juliet)*

### **Cast**

Romeo  
Juliet  
Joey (Romeo's best friend)  
Lily (Juliet's best friend)  
Michelle (Juliet's mother)  
Rony (Juliet's father)  
Alex (Romeo's mother)  
The Bear

Starr Rich  
Shania Rich  
Skye Poker  
Charlene Andrew  
Yvonne Katshinak  
Candace Toma  
Chloe Wells  
Candace Toma

### **Teacher Advisor**

Sara-Lynne Jones

*In present day Natuashish love is in the air. In the space of one day two young people overcome family feuding to show how important love and forgiveness is.*

*Written and adapted by Ms. Sara-Lynne Jones and the M.I.N.S. 2010 Drama Club*

*Works referenced: Play: Romeo and Juliet (William Shakespeare). The Global Shakespeare Series*

*Song: "Where's is the Love" (The Black Eye Peas)*

*Song: "Love Story" (Taylor Swift)*

## PART 1

*In the woods near the lake in Natuashish; Juliet and Lily are picking berries (upstage).  
On edge stage left sit Romeo and Joey, spying on the girls from behind a bush.  
Romeo , Juliet , Joey , Lily , Bear*

*Props & set:*

*Berry baskets*

*Bush(es)*

*Backdrop of the woods / lake*

**Lily:** Urgh! I hate walking in these stupid, dirty woods!

**Juliet:** Get over it Lily! If you want berries, you have to walk and work to get them.

*FREEZE Girls freeze mid-action. Lights change to show Romeo and Joey hiding in the bushes*

**Romeo:** Hey, Joey, check it out!

**Joey:** Gee! Lily is soooo hot!

**Romeo:** Juliet's pretty fine too, and she is so smart, and funny...

**Joey:** Okay, okay, I get it, you like Juliet. Are you going to pursue it, she being a member of the Capulet and all?

**Romeo:** Sure, if she's interested why not. The whole Montague / Capulet family-feud is totally between our parents. It's makes no sense.

*FREEZE Bear enter stage \_\_\_\_\_*

**Bear:** ROAR! GROWL!

**Romeo/Joey:** *(yelling in fear, huddling against each other)*

**Juliet/Lily:** *(seeing the bear, shocked, scared and wanting to take action.)*

**Lily:** Oh my God! Juliet! That bear is going to eat those cute boys! *(She is scared, shaking, covering her eyes)*

**Juliet:** Relax, Lily. We can take care of this, you just need to follow my lead and do what I do. *Juliet reaches in her basket for the berries*

*The girls proceed to throw berries at the bear, yelling "GO AWAY, SCRAM!" They finally throw the berry baskets at the bear. Irritated it slinks off stage \_\_\_\_\_*

**Romeo:** Wow! That was close! Thanks, Juliet!

**Joey:** Yeah, Lily you have a great arm. *(Joey playfully punches Lily in the arm.)*

**Juliet:** *( shyly, scuffing her feet)* No problem, we were happy to help.

**Romeo:** But you know, we totally had things under control. We men *(nodding to Joey)* could have easily handled the bear if you hadn't stepped in so quickly.

*Juliet and Lily exchange glances, rolling their eyes.*

**Juliet/Lily:** *(together)* Sure Romeo, whatever you say.

*Awkwardly the teens stare at each other for a moment, shuffling their feet, until Juliet decides to break the silence*

**Juliet:** Um...so tonight my parents are having a dance at the community centre. We would really like it if you could come.

**Lily:** YES! You really should come. *(said with way too much excitement)*

*Romeo and Joey smile at each other – huge – you can tell they are really happy about this invitation.*

**Romeo/Joey:** *(together)* Definitely!

*Romeo and Juliet stare into each other's eyes. Lily and Joey are smiling at each other, knowing their friends are falling for each other.*

**Joey:** Alright, ladies, we'll see you at the dance tonight.

**Juliet:** *(Dreamily)* See you there.

*Everyone says good-bye. Girls exit stage \_\_\_\_, boys exit stage \_\_\_\_*

## PART 2

*Later that day, in Juliet's bedroom. The girls are getting ready for the dance. Both are clearly excited about seeing Romeo and Joey at the dance.*

*Juliet , Lily , Michelle , Rony*

*Props & Set*

*-Backdrop: Bedroom*

*-table to serve as a night stand*

*-several dresses and other pieces of clothing*

*-make-up and make-up brushes*

*-hair brushes*

**Lily:** *(talking really fast )* Hey, do you like this dress...Ooooh! I like this one....or maybe this one...mmmm what about that skirt?....

**Juliet:** *(getting impatient, cutting her off)* They all look fine, but Mom really wanted us to wear our traditional dresses tonight. *(Smoothing her dress, looking into the mirror. Starting to brush her hair )*

*Juliet's mother Michelle enters, but the girls do not notice her right away. They keep on talking*

**Juliet:** I really hope Romeo and Joey come. Romeo is so nice. He has the best smile!

**Lily:** *(giggling)* Don't worry, they'll totally be there. Besides, I saw the way Romeo was looking at you. He definitely likes you.

**Juliet:** *(blushing and smiling)* I hope so, I really like him too!

**Michelle:** *(has heard more than enough, she is mad!)* ROMEO! Juliet tell me you are not thinking of seeing ROMEO MONTAGUE *(The name is spit out with distaste, she is yelling.)* That family is nothing but a bunch of hooligans! HOOLIGANS! They're Montagues! Montagues! You KNOW we Capulets HATE the Montagues!

*Juliet and Lily look at each other in disbelief, rolling their eyes. They try to cut in and defend themselves, and Romeo, but Rony enters.*

**Rony:** *(Has heard the name of his enemies uttered in his home and is immediately angered.)* What's this I hear about MONTAGUES!" I hate

them so much! STAY AWAY FROM THEM.

**Michelle/Rony:**      *(Both parents fold their arms in unison and repeat)* STAY AWAY FROM THEM.

**Juliet:**              But Daddy, really, Romeo is like really nice...and besides you don't even remember why you are fighting with the Montagues anymore!

**Rony:**                *(stumbling over his words)* That's not true...I...they...um...well why we're fighting doesn't matter because your mother *(nodding at Michelle)* and I forbid you from seeing him, EVER!

*Before Juliet or Lily can respond, Michelle and Rony turn and exit stage \_\_\_\_*

**Juliet:**              *(collapsing on her bed)* Oh Lily! What am I going to do? *(Starting to cry)*

**Lily:**                *(hugging her friend)* We're going to go to that dance and you're going to have a blast with Romeo.

**Juliet:**              *(wiping her eyes)* But...my Dad...

**Lily:**                Forget what he said. The whole family-feud is their problem, not yours.

**Juliet:**              *(fixing her hair and make-up)* You're right, Lily. Their hating the Montagues is their problem...and what a problem! They don't even remember why they're fighting. *(Laughing)*

**Lily:**                *(applying lipstick)* I know! Why should you not be able to see Romeo just because he's a Montague....OOOOHHH! *(clapping her hands)* If you start seeing Romeo, and Joey and I start seeing each other, then we can double date!

**Juliet:**              *(laughing)* Yeah, you're right! *(grabbing her purse)* Let's go. This is going to be a great night!

*The girls exit*

### **PART 3 – The finale**

*At the community centre dance.*

*Romeo , Juliet, Lily , Joey, Michelle, Rony , Alex*

*Props & set:*

*Backdrop: shadows of people dancing or group of people dancing, or of a dance floor-balcony front*

*music ("Where is the Love? "Love Story," and background party sounds)*

*When the curtain opens we can see the girls standing / leaning on the balcony at stage right. Romeo and Joey enter stage left, looking for the girls.*

**Romeo:** Gee, there are a lot of people here. Where do you think Juliet and Lily are?  
(*craning his neck to try to see*)

**Joey:** I dunno, but I hope we find them soon. (*Awkwardly shuffling his feet*)

*Lights come on the balcony, Romeo sees Juliet illuminated by the glow of the lights.*

**Romeo:** (*dreamily, holding his hand out in Juliet's direction*) But soft! What light through yonder dance floor breaks! / It is the east, and Juliet is the sun!  
(*II.ii.1-2*).

**Joey:** (*looking at his friend like he's gone crazy, or grown a second head*)  
Um...what are you talking about, man?....OH! The girls! There they are!  
(*Smiling*)

**Romeo:** (*lovingly smiling*) See how she leans her cheek upon her hand. / O that I were a glove upon that hand/ That I may touch that cheek! (*II.ii.23-25*)  
(*sighing happily*)

**Joey:** (*clearly disgusted by Romeo's poetic speech*) DUDE! Enough with the poetry already! You keep talking like that and she's going to think you're nuts! (*Grabbing his arm*) Let's go talk to them.

*FREEZE boys (walking position)*

**Juliet:** (*holding her hand on her heart, the other point outwards*) O Romeo, Romeo. Where are you Romeo? Refuse your name to be no longer a Capulet, and forever be mine!

**Lily:** Whoa, Juliet, little over the top, eh. Just relax...Ooooh here they come!  
(*Lily points in the boys' direction as they cross to the balcony.*)

**Juliet:** It is Romeo!

*The boys stand before them, girls still on the balcony. The couples hold hands, smiling, staring into each other's eyes. Move close as though you are almost going to kiss FREEZE.*

**Michelle:**       *(pointing at the young couples)* NO!!!! NO!!!

**Rony:**           *(looking where she is pointing)* NO! She's kissing a MONTAGUE! I HATE MONTAGUES! NO!

**Alex:**           *(hearing the Montague name, comes over)* You! Well, we Montagues hate YOU Capulets just as much!

*Michelle, Rony, and Alex bicker and push each other, just then, "Where is the Love?" starts to play.*

*When the song comes on Romeo, Juliet, Joey, and Lily walk hand in hand to centre stage where they begin to dance to the song.*

**Rony/ Michelle:**   *(sniffing at this)* Wow, such true and innocent young love. It really puts things into perspective. *(Hugging each other)*

**Alex:**           Yeah. We need to be more like our kids. Everyone needs to forget the past, move on and love each other. *(Looking up, thinking)* You know...I can't even remember why we are even fighting anyways.

**Rony:**           *(laughing and shaking Alex's hand)* I know, I can't remember either. Truce...for the sake of our children.

*Change song hear to "Love Story" – couples slow dance*

**Michelle:**       *(smiling and looking at the young couples' dancing)* And our grandchildren!

*Rony and Alex look at each other, stunned and look at the kids...*

**END**