

# Cindy Pierce

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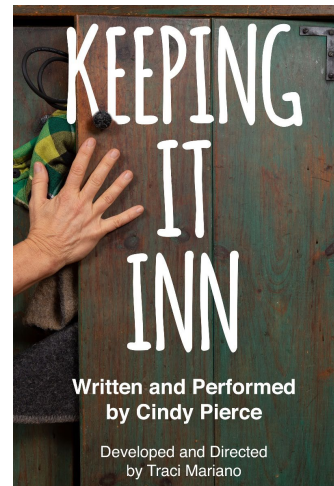
## December 2021 Newsletter

Greetings,

In my new solo show, [\*KEEPING IT INN\*](#), I will play my mother, Nancy Pierce over the course of the last six decades of her life before she passed away in 2019. It has been an honor to revisit the wisdom she shared about love, life and motherhood as well as the joy of observing human nature as an innkeeper for thirty-one years. This project has been the most interesting and gratifying experience of my career so far. A few locals may have noticed me gesturing and talking to myself while running or driving around town; I am actually rehearsing.

Local playwright, Marisa Smith and I worked together for many months to edit the stories and develop the script. Marisa helped me get the project ready for a director to take the baton. In May, I started working with director, Traci Mariano who has helped me develop the script further, explore the evolving perspective of my remarkable mother and get it ready for the stage. Traci and I have worked intensely together on Zoom and will work together in-person for the first time in January for our final week of rehearsals in Los Angeles.

**My opening performance of *Keeping It Inn* will be at the Whitefire Theater Solo Fest in Sherman Oaks, CA on January 23, 2022.** Folks who are interested in seeing an Upper Valley performance of *Keeping It Inn* will hear



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about the details in many forms when a show date is in place. This newsletter is the most reliable source for up-to-date information about my show and other work.

For LA-based people who want to attend, tickets can be purchased on the Whitefire Theater website [here](#).

I will resume my speaking engagements in February, 2022. My speaking agent Sarah Callaway and I are booking in-person and Zoom speaking events for the winter and spring. If you are interested in bringing me to present at a conference; for a school, college or parent group; or for your organization, please click on the button below to connect with Sarah.

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## LEARNING COURAGE PODCAST

***Note from Cindy:** I apologize for using an offensive term in this interview. This podcast was recorded before two courageous students brought to my attention that it is inappropriate to use the F-slur, even when sharing an example of how boys and young men use homophobic slurs to belittle one another. I now know better.*

[Jamie Forbes, of LEARNING COURAGE interviews Cindy Pierce](#) to discuss how to support male survivors of sexual abuse. Pierce shares anecdotes from working with young men and provides insight and suggestions for families and schools on how to support healthy sexual relationships by engaging in conversations around

how to support survivors. This episode explores how social-cultural norms impact our beliefs around masculinity and how we, as a society, can work to support males through changing the dialogue and expectations around sexuality.

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## WHAT IS PORN

Cindy's essay on Internet pornography use:

"There is a lot of confusion about what young people are taught about consent and normalized sexual behaviors that fit the definition of physical and sexual assault." [Read full essay here.](#)

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Many thanks,

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Books by Cindy:

[\*Sexploitation: Helping Kids Develop Healthy Sexuality in Porn-Driven World\*](#)

(Bibliomotion, 2015)

and

[\*Sex, College and Social Media: A Commonsense Guide to Navigating the Hookup Culture\*](#)

(Bibliomotion, 2016)



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