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Tomboy Survival Guide

AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE

Ivan Coyote, Canada



Photo: Robin Toma

“Coyote’s body of work has long provided a space for discussion surrounding all things queer and gender-related”

Westender

Ivan Coyote and an all-tomboy band blend story, music and memory in a fearless, wry-humoured and tender insight into gender issues, defying the norm and finding your identity.

Tomboy Survival Guide is part anthem, part campfire tale, and part instruction for the dismantling of the gender stories we tell. Ivan navigates the narrow halls of public washrooms, skirts the treachery of growing up under the threat of being picked to be a flower girl, triumphs over tying a double Windsor knot, and discovers the beauty in realising they were handsome all along.

This music and story-driven collaboration from award-winning writer and storyteller Ivan Coyote includes high-energy drumming and percussion from **Sally Zori**, the melifluous basslines of **Pebbles Willekes** and the graceful tinkering of trumpet player **Alison Gorman**.

Ivan Coyote is the award-winning author of ten books, the creator of four short films, and has released three albums that combine storytelling with music. A seasoned stage performer and long-time road dog, over the last eighteen years Ivan has become an audience favourite at storytelling, writer's, film, poetry, and folk music festivals from Anchorage to Amsterdam.

Ivan's work often grapples with the complex and intensely personal issues of gender identity in their work, as well as topics such as family, class, social justice and queer liberation, but always with a generous heart, a quick wit, and the nuanced and finely-honed timing of a gifted raconteur. Audience members at Ivan's shows have been known to go back to their businesses and change their bathrooms to gender neutral the next morning.

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