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Crow's Theatre & Cliff Cardinal  
Canada  
AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE

Sydney Opera House, Drama Theatre  
4 & 5 January  
1 hour, 30 minutes (no interval)

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## CAST AND CREDITS

Written and Performed by Cliff Cardinal  
Lighting Design by Logan Raju Cracknell  
Stage Manager Jen Stobart  
Crow's Theatre Artistic Director Chris Abraham  
Crow's Theatre Executive Director Sherrie Johnson

## ABOUT THE SHOW

Called “sly, funny, and charming” by the *Toronto Star*, *The Land Acknowledgement Or As You Like It* by cultural provocateur Cliff Cardinal, is a devastating yet laugh-out-loud examination of land acknowledgements as cultural and political practice. A timeless tale of mistaken identities, banishment and forgiveness takes on an entirely new meaning in this subversive update of the Bard's classic. Cardinal's Cree and Lakota heritage deeply inform his take on the play, which is acerbic, mischievous and fearlessly deals with difficult subject matter.

“The Canadian arts surprise of the year” (*The Globe and Mail*), *William Shakespeare's As You Like It, A Radical Retelling* by Cliff Cardinal was the recipient the prestigious Governor General's Literary Award for Drama and was shortlisted for the Ontario Trillium Book Award.

“One thing's certain: this *As You Like It* is unlike any other production of the play, past or future.”

– *NOW Magazine*

**Audience Advisory:** This production contains strong language and examines mature themes, including war and its associated violence, colonisation, sexual violence, gun violence, mass murder, and suicide. Recommended for ages 14+.

## CROW'S THEATRE

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