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**FESTIVAL**

Centre for Indigenous Theatre Presents

# BANNOCK REPUBLIC

*A hilariously touching dramatic comedy about love, loss, politics and power on the Rez*

As one of the only schools of its kind, Centre for Indigenous Theatre has been Toronto's top destination for Indigenous performing arts and theatre. Their newly announced year-end production of *Bannock Republic* is a touching and relevant comedy that explores the complexities of Rez politics and the intricacies of loss and love. Bannock Republic's themes of confronting the scars left behind by our colonial past, and the personal scars we inflict on ourselves, remain as relevant and vital today as they did when the play was first written.

Bannock Republic was produced during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's creative process was completely turned on its head using a mixture of social distanced rehearsals and virtual production meetings to ensure health and safety. The final show was performed in studio space without the aid of a live audience meaning our studio had to be completely transformed to ensure the proper lighting and design elements could be incorporated.

This production features heartwarming and hilarious performances by Sam Twinn, Pesch Nepoose and Jeremy Proulx and is helmed by the Dora award winning director, Ed Roy. Bannock Republic is the brainchild of acclaimed Cree playwright, Kenneth T. Williams, whose past work, including Bannock Republic's prequel *Thunderstick*, has toured across Canada and has featured the work of multi-award winning performers such as Lorne Cardinal (Corner Gas). This will be CIT's first time venturing into digital and virtual production so be sure to buy your tickets soon!

## **Centre for Indigenous Theatre**

In association with **The Toronto Fringe Festival** presents

*Bannock Republic*

Written by Kenneth T. Williams

Directed by Ed Roy

Starring Pesch Nepoose, Sam Twinn and Jeremy Proulx

Lighting design by Glenn Davidson

Digital editing by Edward Jeanveau

Opens **July 21 - 31, 2021**

Online at [fringetoronto.com](http://fringetoronto.com)

## **Tickets and Memberships:**

Tickets can be purchased online at [fringetoronto.com](http://fringetoronto.com)

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