

The Canada Show

The Complete History of Canada in One Hour!

VANCOUVER, BC: Originally created in 2001, *The Canada Show* has been Monster Theatre's most successful play to date. The show premiered in Calgary at Shakespeare in the Park and over the next two years toured 8 different Fringe Festivals including the Vancouver Fringe Festival where the show was selected for a Pick of the Fringe holdover. Famously, Ian McKellan was turned away from a performance because the Fringe had a "no latecomer policy"! Since those first years the play has toured to the *Just For Laughs Festival* in Montreal, *Second City* in Toronto, *The Belfry Theatre* in Victoria, *Lunchbox Theatre* in Calgary and hundreds of other places across Canada. In 2006 *Manitoba Theatre for Young People* helped create an updated version focused on updating and increasing the First Nations content of the show. Many other companies have produced their own versions of **The Canada Show**, but *Monster Theatre's* last production was in Vancouver during the 2010 Olympics.

The Canada Show is about three singing historians who each are fighting to tell their own version of Canadian History. **Carly Pokoradi** is the francophone character, always focusing on the ways in which French Canadians have been mistreated throughout history. **Alex Gullason** is fighting for representation of women throughout our past. **Frankie Cottrell** as the Aboriginal representative struggles to get the story of Canada's first people told as well as trying to keep the whole show together.

The Canada Show takes the form of a sketch show. Wherever possible historical events are portrayed using Canadian cultural references, such as the story of Henry Hudson as an episode of Mr. Dressup, William Shatner performing the story of Etienne Brule, Leonard Cohen singing about obscure Canadian inventions, the MacKenzie brothers illustrating the Cold War or Justin Beaver acting out the Fur Trade from the Beavers perspective. Other scenes include the comedy team of Cabot and Costello, a puppet version of the Anishnabe creation myth, a Spaghetti Western about the Red River Resistance and the FLQ crisis as a hockey game between the Leafs and the Habs.

***"It's history without the boring stuff!
A gem of a show!"***

★★★★★ -Ottawa Citizen

Monster Theatre was founded in 2000 and has since created over 30 original productions, touring our award-winning works locally, regionally and nationally. The company started on the Canadian Fringe circuit, and quickly became known as one of Canada's top Fringe companies. The focus eventually shifted towards creation & development, using the Fringe circuit to prepare the shows for main-stage productions at theatre companies & larger festivals across Canada.

The Canada Show, Written by Ryan Gladstone and Bruce Horak, directed by Ryan Gladstone, presented by Monster Theatre | Venue: Revue Stage, 1601 Johnson St., Vancouver, BC | Box Office:

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