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NATIVE EARTH PERFORMING ARTS
presents

MÉTIS MUTT

Created and Performed by the Award-Winning Sheldon Elter
January 25 - February 5, 2017 in Aki Studio

TORONTO, ON (December 14, 2016) – Native Earth Performing Arts is proud to present the Toronto premiere of *Métis Mutt*, created and performed by the acclaimed Métis artist **Sheldon Elter**. Comedic, heartbreaking and unpredictable, Elter’s semi-autobiographical performance piece recounts the journey of a young Métis man finding his way out of a destructive cycle. *Métis Mutt* runs January 25 to February 5, 2017 in Aki Studio, with opening night on Thursday, January 26.

In a performance the *Edmonton Journal* calls “intelligent and consistently inventive,” Elter expertly switches between storytelling, stand-up comedy, music and multi-character vignettes to expose the impact of family dysfunction, internalized racism and spiritual growth.

Sheldon Elter is an award-winning Métis actor, writer, stand-up comic, musician and director originally from Northern Alberta, currently based in Edmonton. He has been recognized for his work as a playwright and performer with two Sterling Awards for *Métis Mutt* and several other nominations for outstanding performance. His career as a stand-up comic has taken him across Western Canada. Elter was also a Top 14 Finalist on Canadian Idol. He is a core-member of the ukulele rock band sensation, The Be Arthurs.

Native Earth Performing Arts is Canada’s oldest professional Indigenous theatre company. Currently in their 34th year, Native Earth Performing Arts is dedicated to creating, developing and producing professional artistic expressions of the Indigenous experience in Canada. Through stage productions (theatre, dance and multi-disciplinary art), new script development, apprenticeships and internships, Native Earth seeks to fulfill a community of artistic visions.

“screamingly funny and brutally honest” – Edmonton Sun (4.5 Stars)

“a brilliant, jarring buzz between comedy and tragedy” – Edmonton Journal (4.5 Stars)

“Elter’s remarkable talent is wide-ranging” – See Magazine (5 Stars)

“a role that is physically demanding and technically flawless” – VUE Weekly (5 Stars)

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Aki Studio, Daniels Spectrum
585 Dundas Street East, Toronto

Run Dates: January 25 - February 5, 2017
Preview January 25, Opening Night Thursday, January 26
Tuesday to Saturday @ 8PM • Sundays @ 2pm

Tickets are \$15-\$25
available online at www.nativeearth.ca or by calling 416.531.1402
Pay-What-You Can (PWYC) available for Preview and Tuesday performances.

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