

# BCTF NEW TEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2018



## MARCH 2, 2018

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



# IVAN COYOTE

## SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW STICKER

Coyote has been touring public schools across the continent and beyond for nearly two decades, working to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all students, always with the careful eye and tender heart of a fellow misfit. Ivan knows that by addressing the needs of marginalized youth, we can build a better and safer school environment for all of our kids. Coyote uses personal narrative to bring us a powerful message of hope and resilience.

*Ivan Coyote is the author of 11 books, the creator of four short films, six full-length live shows, and three albums that combine storytelling with music. Ivan is a seasoned stage performer and long-time road dog, and over the last two decades has become an audience favourite at storytelling, writers', film, poetry, and folk music festivals from Anchorage to Amsterdam and Australia. The Globe and Mail newspaper called Coyote "a natural-born storyteller" and the Ottawa Xpress once said that "Coyote is to Canadian literature what k.d. lang is to country music: a beautifully odd fixture."*

*Ivan 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. Ivan's stories remind of us of our own fallible and imperfect humanity while at the same time inspiring us to change the world. Ivan's 11th book, Tomboy Survival Guide, was released in the fall of 2016 with Arsenal Pulp Press. Tomboy Survival Guide was named an American Library Association Stonewall Honour Book in 2016, and this fall Ivan will be given an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at Simon Fraser University for their writing and activism.*

Keynote

Roundtable

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