

Native Play

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tually was. And it was fascinating to wonder how the white audience members—who largely do seem to find the show funny—are absorbing what is happening. Will they be able to hang with it when the laughs are done? Probably not in many cases—but I also know that humor like this holds the potential of working like hypnosis does; it gives your brain something to work on even if you aren't aware that is happening.

In recent years I have been increasingly curious about how relentlessly white Europeans sought to and, to some extent, did wipe out indigenous ways of knowing all over the globe. How much wisdom got lost in those countless murderous exchanges? Could it be recovered? The 1491s—whose very name nods to the year before Christopher Columbus arrived with other white European colonizers intent on executing their visions of Manifest Destiny—wrestle with just those questions in this play, from a vantage point of Native people defining themselves in powerful ways that contrast dramatically with the dominant culture depictions that have so diminished them in our eyes. The play closes with a comically insightful envisioning of how human evolution might rapidly advance if colonizers suddenly disappeared. “So long, white people,” they invite the audience to sing, an anthem that rings with comic, literal, and even spiritual significance. Humor borne of such clarity is the best of the reasons I know for audiences to head to OSF before the season closes in October.

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