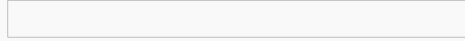

Jack Charles v the Crown

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Indigenous Australian actor Jack Charles has lived several lifetimes in his 72 years. He was taken from his mother as an infant and raised in a boys' home — a victim of the "stolen generation" of Aboriginal indigenous children forcibly separated from their families and culture. He later became homeless, a heroin addict, and a convicted criminal. He began acting at age nineteen and emerged as the leader of the indigenous theater movement in Australia; he co-founded the country's first indigenous theater company. In his one-man show now touring, Jack Charles v the Crown, he addresses these and many other ups-and-downs in his life with musical accompaniment. With a twinkling charm and a beaming smile, Charles is a bundle of stage energy, providing a unique perspective on this shameful chapter in Australian history.