



# **CELEBRATION OF NATIONS**

**A GATHERING OF INDIGENOUS  
ARTS, CULTURE AND TRADITION**

**8-10 September 2017**

# Vision

Celebration of Nations is a new partnership and gathering of Indigenous arts, culture and tradition in downtown St. Catharines. It is a part of a long-term vision of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, Kakekalanicks and the City of St. Catharines to build on the *Two Row Wampum* ideology that promotes walking together, in parallel, with respect, compassion and understanding to cultivate an inclusive community for our shared future.

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR** - Michele-Elise Burnett (Métis)

**ARTISTIC PRODUCER** - Tim Johnson (Mohawk)

**ADVISORY COUNCIL** - Jennifer Dockstader (Oneida), Brian Kon (Métis), Gary Parker (Seneca), Jessica Carmichael (Abenaki/Euro), Rick McLean (Anishinaabe).

# Venues

In and around the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre and downtown St. Catharines! Keep your eyes peeled for signage and volunteers to help you find your way!

**FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre** - 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

**Algoma Lobby**

**Partridge Hall**

**Cairns Recital Hall**

**Robertson Theatre**

**The Film House**

**The Backyard** - Mann Raceway + Lancaster Brooks  
& Welch Pathway (located behind the PAC)

**RBC Innovation Studio**

**MIWSFPA** - Brock University's Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts  
15 Artists' Common, St. Catharines

**MW 156 Art & Val Fleming Smart Presentation Classroom**

**MW 251 - STUDIO A**

**Visual Arts GALLERY**

**The Backyard** - Mann Raceway + Lancaster Brooks & Welch Pathway (located behind the PAC)

**Niagara Artists Centre** - 354 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

More details:

**[www.celebrationofnations.ca](http://www.celebrationofnations.ca)**



# Event Schedule

■ MUSIC ■ VISUAL ARTS  
■ TEACHING ■ WORKSHOP  
■ FILM ■ DANCE/THEATRE

## FRI 8 SEPT

### Sunrise Ceremony with Rick McLean (Anishinaabe, Wolf Clan)

A gathering to greet the sun as it rises to begin a new day and to give thanks for another day of life.

**6:30AM | FREE | The Backyard**

### RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World (2016)

Multi-award winning film about how Native American musicians shaped the soundtrack to our lives. Dir. Catherine Bainbridge + Alfonso Maiorana. +Q&A with Executive Producer Tim Johnson (Mohawk).

**\$7 Member / \$9 General**  
**1:30PM | The Film House**

### Procession Of Nations

All are invited to the official opening to include remarks, a veteran honouring and *Kinship*, a youth dance choreographed by Santee Smith (Kaha:wi Dance Theatre).

**5PM | FREE | The Backyard**

### We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice (2016)

Distinguished Canadian filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin exposes a landmark discrimination court case against the government of Canada for underfunding social services to families on First Nations reserves.

**\$7 Member / \$9 General**  
**6:30PM | The Film House**

### Traditional Drum & Social Dance by Ohnia:kara Singers

A diverse group of First Nations music and styles, sharing traditional music, dance and culture.

**7PM | FREE | The Backyard**

### Buffy Sainte-Marie (Cree)

The one and only trailblazing music icon, with opening performance by The Ollivanders.

**8PM | \$20 Student / \$49 Reg | Partridge Hall**

## SAT 9 SEPT

### Sunrise Ceremony with Allan Jamieson Sr. (Cayuga, Wolf Clan)

A gathering to greet the sun as it rises to begin a new day and to give thanks for another day of life. Ceremony followed by teaching.

**6:30AM | FREE | The Backyard**

### Unity Bracelet Workshop

A Maker's Circle with April Mitchell-Boudreau (Métis) where everyone leaves with a bracelet as unique as they are. Limited Enrolment.

**9AM, 10AM, 11AM | FREE | Algoma Lobby**

### Métis Dot Art on Rocks Workshop

Discover the beauty of dot art painting with a hands-on workshop lead by Amanda Pont-Shanks (Métis).

**9AM, 10AM, 11AM | FREE | Algoma Lobby**

### Joe Alex Shawana (Anishinaabe)

At 18 years old, Joe is a community leader, Activist and Language apprentice. Originally from Wikewemikong, he now lives in Fort Erie and will be singing Round Dance songs.

**10AM | FREE | The Backyard**

### Hand Drum Workshop

Construct your very own Cree-style hand drum with Phil Davis (Mohawk) with teachings on the value of song in communities. Limited Enrolment.

**10AM - 2PM | FREE | MIWSFPA Studio A 251**

### ImaginATIVE Youth Shorts Programme (Ages 12+)

7 short film works made by Indigenous media artists presented by ImagineNATIVE, the world's largest Indigenous film festival.

**10AM - 2PM | FREE | The Film House**

### **Untitled By Falen Johnson**

A new work in progress for young audiences by Falen Johnson (Mohawk/ Tuscarora) about growing up on Six Nations, directed by Jessica Carmichael (Abenaki/ Euro).

**10:30AM, 1PM | FREE | Robertson Theatre**

### **Dr. Bob Phillips (Mi'kmaq) Don't Give Up!**

Art demonstrates differences between Native reality and mainstream assumptions. Dr. Bob's path from being kicked out of high school to earning a PHD.

**10AM | FREE | RBC Innovation Studio**

### **State of Indigenous Art 2017 A Conversation w Rhéanne Chartrand (Métis) & Gerald McMaster**

A lively discussion that will review the state of Indigenous art within Canada. Hosted by Tim Johnson (Mohawk).

**11AM | FREE | MIWSFPA - MW 156**

### **Stomp The Floor! Métis Culture and History Workshop**

Clap, clog, jig, and sing along with the award-winning Métis Fiddler Quartet.

**12PM | FREE | The Backyard**

### **Métis Fiddler Quartet**

Original songs that explore the story of the Métis in the Northwest prior to and after confederation.

**1PM | FREE | The Backyard**

### **Her Moccasins Talk: Activism, Resistance and Resilience**

In Conversation with Buffy Sainte-Marie, Santee Smith, Allison Fisher and Denise Bolduc, four notable women whose lives are rooted in activism, resistance and resilience.

**2PM | \$20 Reg | Cairns Recital Hall**

### **The Art of Indigenous Dance and Pow wow Workshop**

Niagara Regional Native Centre with Gary Parker (Seneca, NY) will lead a lively dance and pow wow demonstration and teaching.

**3PM - 6PM | FREE | The Backyard**

### **Grand Entry 2017: Break Beats & Pow wow Steppin' with DJ Shub**

An interactive workshop with DJ Shub and guest Dancer that will dive into the creative process. Limited Enrolment.

**4PM | FREE | Robertson Theatre**

### **Moose River Crossing (2013)**

Written and directed by Shirley Cheechoo, this film follows 6 childhood friends/former residential school students as they reunite to ask, "Does time heal all wounds?"

**\$7 Member / \$9 General**

**6PM | The Film House**

### **The Secret Path (2016)**

The story of Chanie Wenjack written and directed by Gord Downie and based on a graphic novel by Jeff Lemire. Opening short, *A Common Experience*, by Shane Belcourt (Métis).

**6:30PM | FREE | The Film House**

### **Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: Re-Quickening**

An inspired dance piece that re-affirms life and healing from violence against women and Earth.

**\$20 Student / \$30 Reg**

**7:30PM | Partridge Hall**

### **DJ Shub: Pow wow Step Party**

LET'S DANCE! DJ Shub (formerly of A Tribe Called Red) is a title earning DJ, award winning music producer, and devoted family man from Six Nations of the Grand River.

**\$15 Student / \$20 Reg**

**9PM | Robertson Theatre**

### **Colonization Road (2016)**

Anishinaabe comedian and activist Ryan McMahon takes us to his hometown of Fort Frances and down its main drag.

**\$7 Member / \$9 General**

**9PM | The Film House**

# SUN 10 SEPT

## Sunrise Ceremony w Dave Labbe (Innu)

During this special Sunrise Ceremony, Dave Labbe will demonstrate two different fires he was taught to use.

**6:30AM | FREE | The Backyard**

## Da-giiwewaait "So they can go home" The Moccasin Project

A hands-on workshop lead by Anne Parkhill (Anishinaabe roots) where participants make a pair of baby moccasins to be donated locally. Limited Enrolment.

**10AM - 2PM | FREE | MIWSFPA Studio A 251**

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## Native American Baskets: 'Our Bundles' with Jackie LaBonte (Mohawk)

Traditional teachings on the historical expression of creativity and various values in the art of basket making.

**10AM | FREE | The Backyard**

## Pow wow Boot Camp

Kaha:wi Dance Theatre offers a high-energy Pow wow/dance training class. Wear workout clothes!

**11AM | FREE | Robertson Theatre**

## DnA

Original music by Juno nominee Doug Boudreau, joined by wife April Mitchell-Boudreau (Métis) and daughter Aidan (Métis) on flute, blending folk, blues and country.

**12PM | FREE | The Backyard**

## Rick Hill - "Sorry, you are in my way."

Rick Hill (Beaver Clan of the Tuscarora Nation) discusses *The Ongoing Impact of Indigenous Stereotypes* on social and political relations between Canada and Indigenous Peoples.

**1PM | FREE | MIWSFPA RM 156**

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**\$7 Member / \$9 General**

**2PM | The Film House**

## Backyard Closing with Crooked Trail and Special Guests

Crooked Trail is a fusion of traditional aboriginal music, rock-and-roll, blues and beyond, where 21st century secular music meets with sacred stylings and sweetgrass. Joined by Strong Water Women Drum Group and Ohnaia:kara Singers, this special event will close the backyard.

**3:15PM - 5PM | FREE | The Backyard**

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## Rumble Unity All Star Jam Session

A very special closing celebration featuring Kenny Lee Lewis, Derek Miller (Mohawk, GR) with special guests: Peter Shea, Ritchie Franzen, Charly Lowry, Harrison Kennedy, Juliet Dunn, The Ollivanders, Rob &, Zander Lamothe.

**7PM | \$35 Reg | Partridge Hall**

## Rhymes for Young Ghouls (2013)

A gritty, hard look at the Indian residential school system through the eyes of a tough, capable teenager. Directed by Jeff Barnaby.

**\$7 Member / \$9 General**

**8PM | FREE | The Film House**

# Ongoing

## **Awakening the Spirit:** Select works from the Suzanne Rochon-Burnett Collection

A very special exhibition of one woman's journey to empower and support Indigenous arts in Canada and globally through a collection of paintings, mixed media, sculpture, and personal objects. Never before exhibited original works including: Norval Morrisseau, Daphne Odjig, Carl Beam, Roy Thomas, Vince Bomberly, Simon Brascoupe, Bruce King, and more. Presented in collaboration with Brock University. **Opening reception on THU 7 SEPT at 7PM.** Curator's talk with Samuel Thomas (Cayuga) SUN 10 SEPT at 1PM.

**FREE | MIWSFPA Visual Arts Gallery**

## **Métis Encampment**

A traditional Métis encampment hosted by descendants of the fur trade living life as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago. Witness, learn and interact all weekend long. Presented by the Niagara Region Métis Council.

**FREE | The Backyard**

## **We Are Not A Conquered People** by Dante MacNaughton and Britney Labelle

A student work from the Voices of Eagles exhibit from The Soaring Eagles Indigenous Secondary School Program of the Niagara Catholic District Board that reflects on the Truth and Reconciliation commission.

**FREE | Algoma Lobby**

## **Where the Weather Happens**

Opening Reception

A group exhibit featuring work by Métis artists Jason Baerg, Jaime Koebe and Sheri Nault. Curated by Amy Malbeuf and Jessie Short. **Opening SAT 9 SEPT, 6PM - 8PM.**

**FREE | Niagara Artists Centre**

## **Family Traditions Catering**

Cher General (Cayuga, Wolf Clan)

A delicious bounty of fourth generation Native cuisine by The Generals! Over 60+ years sharing family recipes at pow wows and celebrations. Teaching on 3 Sisters Soup to be shared. **The Backyard**

**SAT 9 + SUN 10 SEPT, 10AM - 6PM**

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