

CELEBRATION OF NATIONS

A GATHERING OF INDIGENOUS

ARTS, CULTURE & TRADITION

IN DOWNTOWN ST. CATHARINES

2019 OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



PRESENTED BY



Kakekalanicks
Indigenous Consulting Company



FirstOntario
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

celebrationofnations.ca



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Our theme for Celebration of Nations 2019 is "Empathic Traditions: Honouring Mother Earth." The programs we've produced will present a wide range of Indigenous artistic expression and knowledge, combined with scientific research, designed to nurture human connections to the natural world that foster environmental ethics and manifest our responsibility for future generations.

In this time of great environmental challenge, featuring accelerated species extinction, extreme weather events, glacier melt and sea level rise, increases in droughts and heat waves, and temperatures that are warming at an alarming rate with forest fires multiplying all around the world, this year's Celebration of Nations rightfully focuses on Empathic Traditions in search of Indigenous cultural solutions to a global cultural problem. For the sake of today's living and future generations the peoples of the world can no longer afford to exhibit the hubris, self-interest, and ultimately self-destructive behaviour that predominantly forms the basis of our social and economic reality.

We need to combine knowledge with inspiration if we are to achieve our goal of preserving our Mother Earth for the Seventh Generation. Although the task is significant, many incredible people are working hard to remove us from the current path of destruction. Therefore, what we aspire to accomplish this year is to share essential information while showcasing the amazing work being done by brilliant, passionate, and dedicated artists and intellectuals who are serving on the front lines of our defense.

This year we celebrate Mother Earth while dedicating our actions toward her, and our, survival. We are also here to honour our Ancestors strong Nation-to-Nation alliances and to commemorate this way of life for the Seventh Generation.

Nia:wen

Chi Miigwetch

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Tim Johnson
Artistic Producer

Michele-Elise Burnett
Artistic Director

CELEBRATION OF NATIONS

SCHEDULE

2019



ONGOING

ONE DISH, ONE MIC

Indigenous Niagarans Sean Vanderklis and Karl Dockstader provide a uniquely urban Indigenous perspective through their podcast One Dish – One Mic. They'll be on site all weekend to record your stories and perspectives.

ONGOING | Roving | FREE



Chantal Rochon

Artist in Residence, Chantal Rochon will be onsite painting through the Celebration of Nations weekend at the PAC. Stop by to chat with this exceptional artist about her work.

ONGOING | Upper Film House Lobby | FREE | Sponsored by Niagara Duty Free

Chuck Commanda - Birch Bark Canoe

Master Birch Bark Canoe Builder Chuck Commanda has undertaken a two-week residency where he builds a traditional Algonquin-style birch bark canoe. Along with apprentice Fred Bowering, the community has participated in the building process and the finished piece will be launched into Niagara waters and then proudly be displayed at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.

ONGOING | Algoma Central Lobby | FREE

ALL WEEKEND in The Backyard

Saturday 7 + Sunday 8 September | 10am - 6pm

LANDSCAPE OF NATIONS

360° INDIGENOUS DISCOVERY ZONE

An interactive area designed for hands-on learning and fun for the whole family. Free and paid workshops available at each location.

Two Row Wampum Community Chalk Project

We invite YOU to participate in a weekend-long community art chalk project, helping to create the Two Row Wampum on the grounds of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (Sat 7 Sept only)

Make & Take Medicine Pouches

Teachings on what the medicine pouches are used for & teachings on the various types of Medicines we use.

10:30am - 12nn

Creation Story & Beaded Bracelets/Necklace

Teachings on the creation story, make and take bracelets & necklaces.

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Indigenous aspect of the environment

Incorporate the thanksgiving address, who we are, how we relate & connect.

4pm - 5:30pm

Also, make & take key chains, rock painting and information about the awesome program offerings at the Fort Erie Friendship Centre. Free and by donation.

Niagara Regional Native Centre (Sun 8 Sept only)

Make & Take Crafts

Rattles, large bead bracelets, leather braided bracelets, and a variety of other easy crafts will be laid out for anyone to join at any time.

10am - 3pm

Dream Catchers

Speaking to cultural appropriation and the true meaning behind the Dream Catcher.

11am - 1pm

Recyclable Drums

Joe will give a teaching about how to make a hand drum and participants will be able to make mini drums out of tuna cans and recycled materials.

1pm - 3pm

Métis Voyageur Teachings at the Encampment

A traditional Métis encampment hosted by descendants of the fur trade living life as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago. Daily interactive demonstrations and teachings will be held and all are welcome to learn about the Métis ways of life and their bead work, leather pouch making and stories. Presented by Niagara Region Métis Council.

Discover the Observation Hive with Small Scale Farms

We need the BEES. So what better way to learn about honey bees than through an observation hive. Small Scale Farms' unique hive is equipped with glass on both sides specifically for those who might not normally have the opportunity to catch a glimpse of this amazing super organism.

Willowbank Love Garden

with Marie Louise Bowering, Spirit Fire Rising Indigenous Community Consultant

In 2014 the Willowbank School of Restoration and the Niagara Native community

came together to plan and implement a community garden. We are in the time of "Truth and Reconciliation" and the garden has been instrumental in bringing community together and has been the vessel to allow the people to come together and honor our teachings and treaties. Stop by to learn more about the Love Garden!

Discovering Kaná:ta Exploration Zone Niagara Falls History Museum

Explore reproductions of Indigenous artefacts found in the Niagara Falls History Museum's collection. Six Nations artisans created the objects to allow visitors to engage with history in a hands-on way. Use all of your senses to investigate Indigenous culture — touch, hold and even smell!

Infinite History – Métis in Niagara Exhibition Welland Museum in partnership with the Niagara Region Métis Council

An exhibit that celebrates the history and culture of the Métis and their significance to the Niagara area. Explore the Museum's educational kits on Indigenous studies in language, social studies and visual arts.

Workshops for English Kits - 10:30am + 1:30pm and French Kits 12nn + 3pm.

VENDOR MARKET

Indigenous artists and artisans share their gifts including original sculptures, pottery, paintings, crafts and more.



EVENT SCHEDULE

■ TEACHING ■ WORKSHOP ■ FILM ■ PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Sunrise Ceremony with Allan Jamieson Sr.

A gathering to greet the sun as it rises to begin a new day and to give thanks for another day of life.
6am | The Backyard | FREE

Curtain Call by Lilly Otasevic Official Opening

All are welcome for the official opening of a new, permanent piece of public art created as a legacy for Celebration of Nations.

5:30pm | Corner of St. Paul & Carlisle St | FREE

First Daughter, Black Snake (Canada, 2017)

Directed by Keri Pickett. 94 min. NR. Presented in English and Ojibwe, with English subtitles. When she learns that Canadian-owned Enbridge plans to route a new pipeline through her tribe's 1855 Treaty land, threatening sacred wild rice lakes, Winona and her community spring into action to save the sacred lakes and preserve their traditional Indigenous way of life.

6:30pm | The Film House | \$7/ \$9.50 | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Skawennati. Teiakwanahstahsontéhrha' | We Extend the Rafters

Opening reception for an exhibition designed for kids aged 5 to 11. On display in NAC's Show Room Gallery from 6 Sept-6 Dec 2019.

6:30pm | Niagara Artists Centre (354 St. Paul St.) | FREE

Down the Dirt Road: Origin and Evolution of the Blues

Explore the roots of blues from an Indigenous lens, featuring Pappy Johns Band, JUNO Award-winners Murray Porter, Harrison Kennedy and Lakota John.

7:30pm | Partridge Hall | \$20

Anthropocene – The Human Epoch (Canada, 2018)

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SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Sunrise Ceremony with Franklyn McNaughton

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

6am | The Backyard | FREE

Procession of Nations

Beginning on St. Paul Street, the route of an ancient and enduring Indigenous trail, let us proudly walk together and honour our Nations in this special ceremony.

10am | The Backyard | FREE

Wolf: A Transformation with Jerry Longboat

An interpretive performance that honours acts of respect, knowledge sharing and spiritual transformation as Human and Wolf.

11:30am | Backyard Stage | FREE

Curtain Call Artist Talk with Lilly Otasevic and Tim Johnson

A conversation with artist Lilly Otasevic about her vision and process in creating the permanent public art work for the Carlisle Street side of the FirstOntario PAC.

12nn | Joy Williams Lobby (Upper Main Lobby) | FREE

Rez Blues Workshop with Elaine Bomberry and Murray Porter

Explore the hidden history and musical truth of Indigenous peoples and the origins of the blues.

12nn | Robertson Theatre | FREE

Niagara Adapts: Contending with Climate Change

An innovative partnership that brings together seven Niagara municipalities — Grimsby, Lincoln, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, St. Catharines, and Welland — with Brock University's Environmental Sustainability Research Centre to address what has been called the defining issue of our time.

12nn | The Film House | FREE

Introduction to Birch Bark Biting with Chantal Rochon

Engage in an ancient art, widely practiced through North America for centuries and discover how to bite shapes into the birch bark creating symmetrical 2-D designs.

12nn - 1pm | MIWSFPA 156 | FREE

Beaded Strawberry Workshop with Mary Clause

Make your own pin beaded strawberry or felt bird.

12:30pm - 2pm | MIWSFPA 256 | \$10 | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Brothers Wilde

An Anishinaabe country act from Kettle and Stony Point First Nation that recently won the '2019 International New Country Duo of the Year' at the North American Country Music Association's International Finals.

12:30pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

Coming Full Circle: Nation to Nation Alliance

Nehiyaw Pwat, Cree, Assiniboine, Chippew, Michif Iron Confederacy – Commemorate and honour the spirit of our ancestors, alliances, their traditions, culture, language and community with Anthony (Richard) Lafromboise, Chippewa Knowledge Keeper and Sun Dance Maker.

1pm | The Recital Hall | FREE | In honour of the memory of Stephen Souter

The Story of the Tamarack with Tobias Clarke

Join a young Métis girl named Rosette as she is told The Story of the Tamarack by her moushoun. A story about how selfishness is transformed into selflessness.

1:30pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

Jace Martin Songwriting Workshop

Learn about artist development, songwriting, live performance, studio recording and more in this engaging songwriter workshop.

1:30pm | Robertson Theatre | FREE

Birch Bark Baskets with Nikki Shawana

Participants will learn traditional uses for birch bark, how to say words related to birch bark making in Anishinaabemowin and will complete their own simple birch bark basket to take home. Ages 10+

2pm - 4pm | MIWSFPA 243 | \$10 | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Protected Areas - Plenty Canada - Cross Cultural Partnerships with Mother Earth

This one-hour session will highlight the initiatives of four partner organizations aimed at building cross-cultural understanding, literacy and relationships as a foundation for collective action in protecting lands.

2pm | The Film House | FREE

Butterfly Spirit Drum

First created in 2017, with the inception of "Creator's Drum," 10 friends and family spent six days creating, building and birthing this Big Drum. The group's vision is to create unity, peace, and love amongst all nations, creeds, religions and peoples.

3pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

Corn Husk Dolls with Mary Clause

This artistic experiential workshop will offer a unique opportunity for learners to actively engage with Indigenous traditional teachings while constructing their own Haudenosaunee Corn Husk Doll.

3pm - 4:30pm | MIWSFPA 256 | \$10 | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Coming Full Circle: The Michif Song, Understanding the Context

The Michif Song: Understanding the context, how it came about, the search for the song, the story behind the Many Eagles Set Thirsty Dance Song and the giving of the song to Tony Belcourt who then brought the song to the drum in a Nation-to-Nation ceremony between the Métis Nation and the Anishenabek Nation at Kettle and Stony Point First Nation.

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Dwayne LaForme

For over 30 years Dwayne LaForme has been living, breathing, sleeping and playing the blues. Growing up between Mississauga of the Credit First Nation and Six Nations of the Grand River meant LaForme's deep musical roots came from both sides of his family.

4pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

The Empathic Poetry Café hosted by Janet Marie Rogers

A showcase featuring Indigenous artists from diverse nations performing storytelling and poetry styles addressing unique Indigenous perspectives involving empathic traditions and environmental consciousness.

4pm | Robertson Theatre | FREE | Sponsored by Niagara Duty Free

Canadian Biosphere Reserves Shorts Program

This series of short films reveals the participation of Indigenous peoples in UNESCO-designated biosphere reserves across Canada as they work to protect and preserve the natural world. Presented by the Canadian Biosphere Reserves Association, representing Canada's 18 biosphere regions, these short films highlight Indigenous efforts to maintain the wondrous beauty and breathtaking features nature has bestowed upon the land from coast to coast to coast.

4pm | The Film House | FREE | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Jace Martin

A six-time Aboriginal award-winning recording artist who has performed solo and as a singer, writer and producer with The Wolfpack, The Backroads Blues Band and TruRez Crew.

5pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

Weengushk Student Shorts Program + Pikutiskaau (Mother Earth)

+ Q&A with Shirley Cheechoo

Weengushk Film Institute Shorts: A selection of student shorts from Weengushk Film Institute, an organization dedicated to unlocking the creative potential of Indigenous youth.

Pikutiskaau (Mother Earth) Directed by Shirley Cheechoo. 52 min.

A feature-length documentary tracing the Cree philosophy of Mother Earth and the responsibilities of the Cree people to honour her and those who continue to give life to the Cree people. Followed by Q+A with Shirley Cheechoo.

6:30pm | The Film House | \$7 / \$9.50

Unsettled Scores: RADAR & Contraries

RADAR (premiere) is a new work for oboe, bassoon, horn, bass trombone, guitar and timpani that explores the conceptual idea of a palindrome, and the notion of being targeted while invisible. This piece is a musical response to the violence experienced by Indigenous people, particularly Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, and Trans-identified persons.

Contraries: a chamber requiem tells the story of a little boy and his quest to relearn his gifts. After escaping the grip of a tyrannical schoolmaster, he embarks on a journey to fulfill his heroic destiny and transform into a sacred being.

7:30pm | Partridge Hall | \$20



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SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Sunrise Pipe Ceremony

Elder Tony Belcourt, Chief Nelson Toulouse, and Elder Anthony Richard LaFromboise hold a pipe ceremony. All pipe carriers are welcome to participate. All are welcome.

6am | The Backyard | FREE

Coming Full Circle: Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850

Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850, Metis Alliance at Sault Ste. Marie and the impact of the Robinson-Huron Treaty on the Recognition of Metis Rights in the Supreme Court of Canada case of R v. Powley with Nelson Toulouse.

10am | The Recital Hall | FREE | In honour of the memory of Stephen Souter

Indigenous Perspectives Docuseries - Fort Erie Friendship Centre Shorts Program

Written and directed by Michael Summers

Part 1: War of 1812 | Part 2: Residential Schools

10am | The Film House | FREE | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Drum and Rattle Making

Construct your very own Cree-style hand drum and rattlesnake shaker with local musician, Phil Davis and Gary Parker who will offer teachings about the drum and reflect on the value of song and music in communities.

10am - 1pm | MIWSFPA 256 | \$50 | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Science as a Human Right

Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits" (UN, 1948). In November 2017, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) unanimously adopted the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers, which replaced the former recommendation of 1974. This includes a stronger link between science and society and aims to ensure that research outcomes can best support sustainable development and a more just world. Presentations followed by Q&A.

10am | MIWSFPA 156 | FREE

Aboriginal Symbols with Chantal Rochon

Participants will paint the background of thin layers of paint, trace symbols and apply the masking solution creating a beautiful and unique work of art.

10am - 11am | MIWSFPA 505 | \$10

Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt

The co-founders of the Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt, Celeste Smith and Jodielynn Harrison offer a decolonized reading of the experiences at Short Hills Provincial Park during the annual Haudenosaunee deer harvest.

11 am | The Film House | FREE

Nicole Joy Fraser – Drum Teachings

Nicole will share her journey through hand drum songs while giving opportunity for participation and for repetition to learn. Participants are encouraged to bring First Nation hand drums and shakers for this session.

11 am | Backyard Stage | FREE | Sponsored by Niagara College

Baby Moccasins with Tobias Clarke

You will be guided through your pre-cut deer hide moccasin kit where you will be able to walk away with a pair of beautiful baby moccasins to keep or gift to a loved one.

11 am - 2pm | MIWSFPA 243 | \$20 | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

The Lydia Ruth Project: Unity Bracelets

Participants learn about and work with disparate materials-from lava to crystal, to semi-precious stones. Everyone leaves with a bracelet as unique as they are, yet connected by the circle. Led by April Mitchell-Boudreau.

11:30am | MIWSFPA Lobby | \$10 | Sponsored by Gales Gas Bar

The Lightning Lacrosse Zone

Over the past ten years, the Iroquois Lacrosse Program has reached over 108,000 students/young participants through their interactive cultural experiences. Join them for teachings on Haudenosaunee Stick Ball Games, Wooden Stick Teachings, Origins of the Game Teachings.

12pm – 1:15pm	Interactive Lacrosse Workshop
1:20pm – 2pm	Interactive Doubleball Workshop
2:05pm – 2:55pm	Stories And Teachings On Stick Ball Games
3:05pm – 4pm	Lacrosse Demonstration With Audience Participation

12pm – 4pm | St. Paul St. in front of PAC | FREE | Sponsored by District School Board of Niagara

Living in the Anthropocene

What are the avenues of solutions to reduce the current pressure we have put on Mother Earth? What actions do participants feel can be undertaken in our communities?

12:30pm | The Film House | FREE

WillPowr

William Baisely, better known as WillPowr is an Aboriginal-Canadian Hip Hop artist getting his feet wet in the Christian rap genre. Now, as a motivational speaker with the goal to uplift and enrich the lives of others through his music, Will is determined to create a sound that echoes action.

12:30pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

Coming Full Circle - History of the emergence of the Métis with Mitch Case

Métis historian, Mitch Case will recount the history of the emergence of the Métis Nation in the Upper Great Lakes; the history of resistance against Canadian expansion by these communities and the relations between them.

12:30pm | Robertson Theatre | FREE | In honour of the memory of Stephen Souter

Indigenous Diet Through Indigenous Language – Anishnaabemowin Language Lab

In this workshop, participants interactively explore Anishnaabemowin (the Ojibwe language), learning food words and Indigenous nutrition.

1pm - 2pm | MIWSFPA 156 | FREE

The Great Niagara Escarpment Indigenous Cultural Mapping Project

Official Premiere of a multimedia online resource containing stunning photography, captivating video, and contextual information that identifies important Indigenous historic, cultural, and natural world locations along more than 725kms from Niagara Falls to the western region of Manitoulin Island.

2pm | Partridge Hall | FREE

Ohnia:Kara

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

3pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

Michif Song workshop and teachings

Michif Song workshop and teachings with Tony Belcourt, Chief Nelson Toulouse, Anthony LaFromboise, and Mitch Case. Join in as they teach the Michif Song at the Drum. Bring your drum and/or rattle.

3:30pm | Backyard Stage | FREE | In honour of the memory of Stephen Souter

Bringing Sacred Michif Song to the Drum

The Michif Song, a historic song from the early 1800s passed down through generations and gifted to the Métis Nation to use in nation-to-nation ceremonies, will be brought to the Celebration of Nations drum.

4pm | Backyard Stage | FREE | In honour of the memory of Stephen Souter

Rekindling Nation-to-Nation alliances: Métis and First Nations bring their songs to the Drum

4:15pm | Backyard Stage | FREE | In honour of the memory of Stephen Souter

Closing Round Dance - All Are Welcome!

4:30pm | Backyard Stage | FREE

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ABOUT CELEBRATION OF NATIONS

Celebration of Nations is 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 that promotes all Nations walking together, in parallel, with respect, compassion and understanding to cultivate an inclusive community for our shared future.

Kakekalanicks's mission is to promote Indigenous art and artists to broad-based audiences and acts to educate the public about the deep-rooted beauty and uniqueness of each Nation's culture, heritage, and traditions through the medium of the Arts.

The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre aims to provide meaningful opportunities to bring our community together in a place of mutual understanding, empathy and respect through the arts.

Artistic Director – Michele-Elise Burnett (Métis/Algonquin)

Artistic Producer – Tim Johnson (Mohawk)

Advisory Council Members – Phil Davis (Mohawk), Jennifer Dockstader (Oneida, Haudenosaunee), Brian Kon (Métis), Gary Parker (Townawanda Seneca Territory)

Venue Information

FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre – 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Backyard – Mann Raceway Plaza (Behind the Performing Arts Centre)

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

Box Office

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Box Office Regular Hours

Monday – Friday: 10am to 6pm | Saturday: 10am to 2pm | Sunday: closed

*Outside of posted hours, the Box Office and lobby will **also be open one hour prior to the start of all events and films** and remain open 30 minutes past start times.

Parking

On-site parking is not available at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre; however, there are more than 1,000 spots available in nearby parking garages, surface lots and on city streets within a five-minute walk to the PAC. Please visit www.stcatharines.ca/Parking for a complete list of parking locations.

We recommend the multi-level covered garage on Garden Park with 595 spaces and 26 accessible spaces. (Please note that the address of this garage is 71 Carlisle Street, but the public entrance is off of Garden Park)

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Mînowin

The Dancers of Damelahamid

A stunning multimedia dance work by the celebrated troupe from Northwest British Columbia following their world premiere at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

Tues 1 Oct 7:30pm | Partridge Hall



Jeremy Dutcher

Winner of the prestigious 2018 Polaris Music Prize, this classically trained operatic tenor and composer blends his Wolastoq First Nation roots with classical, traditional and pop music to form something entirely new and breathtaking.

Thurs 3 Oct 7:30pm | Partridge Hall

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Gord's Legacy

Walking the Path of Reconciliation

Featured artists will include **Royal Wood, Tom Wilson, Dala, Twin Flames** and more.

Funds raised will go directly to The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund.

Fri 18 Oct 7:30pm | Partridge Hall



HUFF

By Cliff Cardinal

With his signature biting humour and raw, vivid imagery, Cliff Cardinal expertly portrays over a dozen characters in his captivating, award-winning solo theatre performance.

Thurs 21 Nov 8pm | Fri 22 Nov 8pm

Sat 23 Nov 2pm + 8pm | Robertson Theatre

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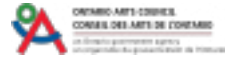
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