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OF YUKON'S DIVERSE
AND DISTINCTIVE
FIRST NATIONS
ARTS AND CULTURE.

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FESTIVAL PROGRAM

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GREETINGS

Government of Yukon

On behalf of the Yukon government, I offer you a warm welcome to the 2012 Adäka Cultural Festival.

This year, the festival is being held in the newly-opened Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on the banks of the Yukon River. I'm certain that all those who take part – performers, artists, Elders, youth and all audience members – will enjoy the festival, especially in such strikingly beautiful surroundings.

People and relationships make Yukon strong and never more so than when we gather with pride to celebrate our shared cultures, traditions and heritage.

We thank all those who have supported and contributed to the Adäka Cultural Festival. This event will entertain, engage and educate all those who attend, offering a rich Yukon First Nations experience steeped in cultural excellence.



Signature of Mike Nixon

Mike Nixon,
Minister of Tourism
and Culture

City of Whitehorse

The City of Whitehorse would like to welcome participants and patrons of the 2012 Adäka Cultural Festival.

It is festivals like this that help to make Whitehorse the vibrant community that its residents love and appreciate, and its visitors admire.

On behalf of Mayor and Council, we hope you enjoy the festival as well as the many amenities our community has to offer.



Bev Buckway,
Mayor,
City of Whitehorse

Canada Council for the Arts

The Canada Council for the Arts is proud to contribute to the rich and varied programming of the second annual Adäka Cultural Festival through its support for Spirit of the Drums. Within a diverse, vibrant arts scene in which all Canadians can take pride, this international exchange is a valuable forum at which Elders can share their knowledge and technique with the North's emerging singers and drummers, cross-cultural affinities can be identified and explored, and public showcases and performances draw out enthusiastic crowds, igniting the Whitehorse waterfront with the warmth of the Yukon spirit. Congratulations to all the artists, organizers and volunteers who have contributed to making the Adäka Cultural Festival a reality.

Photo: Martin Lipman



Robert Sirman,
Director & CEO

Signature of Robert Sirman

Yukon First Nations Tourism Association

The Yukon First Nations Tourism Association (YFNTA) is proud to partner with the Adäka Cultural Society (ACS) to present the 2012 Adäka Cultural Festival! Many strong ties exist between tourism, arts, and culture making this partnership well suited for a Festival that is sure to flourish well into the future. YFNTA looks forward to building our relationship with the ACS as it continues to grow providing exemplary opportunities for Yukon First Nations people. On behalf of the YFNTA Board of Directors I wish all the artists, performers, visitors, volunteers an inspiring and memorable experience!



Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency– Government of Canada

The Government of Canada is proud to support the second annual Adäka Cultural festival in Whitehorse. This festival offers local residents and visitors a chance to experience Aboriginal culture first hand, to interact with artists, and to learn about the richness and diversity of Yukon First Nations arts and culture.

The Adäka festival draws tourists to the North, strengthens and diversifies the local economy, and provides new opportunities for emerging artists, vendors and local businesses.

Congratulations to all the organizers and participants who worked so hard to make this event a success.

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq,
Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency and Minister of Health

Agence canadienne de développement économique du Nord – gouvernement du Canada

Le gouvernement du Canada est fier d'appuyer le deuxième festival culturel annuel Adäka, à Whitehorse. Ce festival offre aux habitants de la localité et aux visiteurs la chance d'expérimenter la culture autochtone, d'interagir avec des artistes et de se familiariser avec la richesse et la diversité des arts et de la culture des Premières Nations du Yukon.

Le festival Adäka attire les touristes dans le Nord, renforce et diversifie l'économie locale et offre de nouvelles possibilités aux artistes émergents ainsi qu'aux entreprises et aux marchands locaux.

Félicitations à tous les organisateurs et aux participants qui ont travaillé avec diligence pour que cet événement soit couronné de succès.

L'honorable Leona Aglukkaq,
ministre de l'Agence canadienne de développement économique du Nord et ministre de la Santé



FRIDAY
JUNE 22

REDDNATION CONCERT & DANCE 7:00 PM – Mainstage

Co-presented by:
B.Y.T.E. & Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth Program

ReddNation is one of North America's most famed and distinguished Native American hip hop groups. As one of the longest active Aboriginal hip-hop groups in Canada they have toured across the nation making a positive impact in Aboriginal communities. Drawing from their Aboriginal roots, they use hip hop as a way to not only create a unique sound, but to promote a positive image of First Nations people. ReddNation strives to be more than a "rap or hip hop group". They make every conscious effort to raise awareness about issues affecting today's youth. It's that mentality that enables them to be positive role models and inspire others.



SPIRIT OF THE DRUMS GALA PERFORMANCE 4:00 PM – Firepit

DIRECTED BY ALEJANDRO RONCERIA

Funded by: Canada Council for the Arts & Culture Quest

SUNDAY
JUNE 24

Join us on June 24 to witness the spellbinding energy and passion of 60 traditional dancers and drummers in this spectacular Spirit of the Drums performance. Over two days, 8 traditional drumming groups from across the North will gather to take part in collaborative workshops and exchanges—gaining inspiration, sharing knowledge, and learning the different drumming styles from their respective regions. Their experience will culminate with a performance highlighting with a show highlighting each of the groups involved, as well as showcasing new songs created during the 2 day period. This highly anticipated project will surely "wow" you in more ways than one!



THROUGHOUT
THE FESTIVAL



ROCK & BLUES NIGHT 7:00 PM – Mainstage

Get ready to dance the night away to performances by Dennis Allen & the Hellhounds, Wayne Lavalée, and 2012 Juno award winner Murray Porter!

Dennis Allen's blend of blues and humorous story-telling has endeared him to many fans across the North. Wayne Lavalée is a prolific singer-songwriter with several Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards to his name, including "Best Male Artist". His acoustic folk roots weave into blues, rock and Cree chanting with a sense of artistic freedom that transcends categorization. With a 2012 Juno under his belt for "Aboriginal Album of the Year", Murray Porter is a self-taught blues singer, songwriter, and musician. He has shared the stage with artists like B.B. King, the late Etta James, and The Funk Brothers! You don't want to miss this show!

SATURDAY
JUNE 23

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



RAVEN SPIRIT DANCE PRESENTS

GATHERING LIGHT 7:00 PM – Mainstage

Gathering Light – (Choreographed by Michelle Olson) is a contemporary dance work for three dancers. "From seed to flower, from girl to woman, from structures that do not support our own truths to ceremonies that support our full bloom, **Gathering Light** explores the impulses rooted in our bodies and that travel through us to find the light." The Adäka Cultural Festival is truly honored to host Raven Spirit Dance as part of this year's lineup. The artistic vision of Raven Spirit Dance Society is to create, develop and produce exceptional Aboriginal contemporary dance. Raven Spirit values how indigenous expression is realized through contemporary dance, and values creating an environment for dialogue and critique and values pushing the boundaries of the work and our cultural selves.

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 27

COMMEMORATING OUR PAST, CARVING OUR FUTURE

A Northern Cultural Expressions Society Project

Under the mentorship of Tlingit Master Carver Wayne Price, the Carvers at Northern Cultural Expressions Society will be carving a 34ft healing totem in honor of residential school survivors and their families throughout the summer of 2012. The healing totem will stand on First Nations traditional territory as a permanent memorial to honour and validate the healing and reconciliation of former students and their families, all of whom have been affected by the residential school experience.

If you have been affected by residential school you are welcome to join us on this healing journey.



Northern Cultural
Expressions Society

AT A GLANCE

MAINSTAGE PERFORMANCES

Longhouse
Times vary—see detailed schedule

Taking place in the magnificent cedar Longhouse, the Mainstage will come alive throughout the week of the Festival with a spectacular array of Yukon and guest performers, storytellers, dancers, and singers.

GALLERY EXHIBITION & SALE

Multi-Purpose Room
10 AM–8 PM, daily

The Exhibition Gallery will showcase a glorious collection of work from all participating visual artists. The exhibit will change daily as the artists complete work in the Artist Studio, so please visit us often.

ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

Artist Studio
10 AM–5 PM, daily

The Artist's Studio is where art happens! Participating artists will be working on site throughout the week, creating new masks, tufting, quillwork, paintings, and more! Come immerse yourself in the creative process and watch as raw materials are transformed into beautiful works of art.

CAMPFIRE TALKS & CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

Firepit and surrounding area
12 PM–3 PM, Monday–Thursday

Immerse yourself in First Nations culture and heritage as you listen to stories told by elders, witness Arctic and Dene sports and games demonstrations, examine traditional trapping tools, and sip tea by the fire.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Studio and Classrooms
10 AM–5 PM, daily
6 PM–8 PM, weekday evenings

There are workshops scheduled throughout the week. Try your hand at tufting, beading, carving, painting, and more! Workshop registration is available at the information booth located in the entrance of the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

COMMUNITY FEAST CELEBRATION

June 24 – 5:30 PM

Everyone is invited to join us for our community feast! Marvel at the beauty of the Yukon River as you enjoy a bowl of bison chilli and a piece of hot baked bannock in the company of friends and family. This event is free for the public, and we encourage you to bring your own dishes and utensils, if possible!



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PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS, YOUTH & KIDS

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 11

Visit WWW.ADAKAFESTIVAL.CA for detailed information & registration form.

Onsite registration is available during the festival at the information booth located in the entrance of the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

1 PM – 4 PM	Intro to Moose Hair Tufting (Drop In Basis) Nancy Hager, Mayo	\$25
1 PM – 4 PM	Intro to Beading (Hide Keychain) Shirlee Frost, Old Crow	\$35
1 PM – 5 PM	Baby Fur Moccasins Lena White, Whitehorse	\$60
2 PM – 4 PM	YOUTH Medicine Necklace (Choker Style) Mariah Andrews, Whitehorse	\$35
3 PM – 5 PM	YOUTH Music Creation & Production From Home Reddation, Alberta	Free

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

10 AM–1 PM	Beginner Stained Glass Amy Tessaro, Whitehorse	\$45
10 AM–5 PM	Knife Making George Roberts (Bandit Blades), Whitehorse	\$225
1 PM – 3 PM	YOUTH Beaded Earrings (Drop In Basis) Dolores Anderson, Dawson	\$25
2 PM – 4 PM	Button Blanket Sampler & Lecture Hazel Cruise, Vancouver	\$30
2 PM – 3 PM	Raven's Tail Weaving / Chilkat Spinning Lecture Ann Smith, Whitehorse & Bev Morris, Teslin	Free
1 PM – 4 PM	KID'S Story Necklaces (Drop In Session, ages 5–10) Vanessa Epp, Whitehorse	\$10
1 PM – 4 PM	Fish Scale Art Dawna Hope, Mayo	\$35
3 PM – 5 PM	Songwriting Workshop Murray Porter, Vancouver	Free

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

9 AM – NOON	Bentwood Box (Part 1 of 4) Wayne Price, Haines	\$250
10 AM–4 PM	Beaded Home Tanned Business Card Holder Lena Sanford, Tok	\$60
10 AM–4 PM	Intro to Raven's Tail Weaving (Keychain) Charlene Baker, Tagish	\$60
11 AM–2 PM	Intro to Watercolor Painting Jeneen Njootlie, Vancouver/Old Crow	\$30
NOON – 4 PM	Beaded Earrings (Drop In Session) Dolores Anderson, Dawson	\$25
1 PM – 4 PM	YAC KIDS KREATE Mono Printing on T-shirts or Paper	\$5
1 PM – 4 PM	Intro to Moose Hair Tufting (Drop In Session) Nancy Hager, Mayo	\$25

MONDAY, JUNE 25

9 AM – NOON	Bentwood Box (Part 2 of 4)	
10 AM–5 PM	Stroud / Fur Mitts Dolores Anderson, Dawson	\$85
10 AM–5 PM	Traditional Spoon Carving Dean Heron, Victoria	\$85
10 AM–1 PM	Mixed Media Painting Jackie Olsen, Dawson	\$35
1 PM – 4 PM	YOUTH Watercolor Workshop Jeneen/Stanley Njootlie Vancouver/Old Crow	\$25
1 PM – 4 PM	Fish Scale Art Dawna Hope, Mayo	\$35
2 PM – 4 PM	Oral Storytelling Workshop Duncan Mercredi, Manitoba	Free
6 PM – 8 PM	Medicine Necklace Mariah Andrews	\$35
6 PM – 8 PM	Artist Lecture: Present, promote and sell your art successfully. Hazel Cruise, Vancouver	Free

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

9 AM – NOON	Bentwood Box (Part 3 of 4)	
10 AM–5 PM	Seal Skin Mitts Lena White, Whitehorse	\$180
10 AM–5 PM	Drum Making (16" hide) Joe Migwans, Whitehorse	\$195
10 AM–5 PM	Knife Making George Roberts, Whitehorse	\$225
1 PM – 4 PM	Beginner Stained Glass Amy Tessaro, Whitehorse	\$45
1 PM – 5 PM	Intro to NW Coast Design & Painting Richard Shorty, Vancouver	\$35
6–7:30 PM	Artist Talk: Freda Deising School of NW Coast Art Dean Heron, Victoria	Free
6 PM – 8 PM	Fish Scale Art Dawna Hope, Mayo	\$35

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

9 AM – NOON	Bentwood Box (Part 4 of 4)	
10 AM–4 PM	Intermediate Stained Glass Amy Tessaro, Whitehorse	\$85
10 AM–5 PM	Copper Jewellery (Pendant or Earrings) Mathew Nuqingaq, Iaqluit	\$100
10 AM–5 PM	Intermediate Porcupine Quill Fred Johnstone, Whitehorse	\$75
10 AM–5 PM	Leather Sheath (for knives made in earlier workshops) George Roberts, Whitehorse	\$100
2 PM – 5 PM	YOUTH Silk Screening–T-shirts Alano Edzertza, Vancouver	\$25
1 PM – 4 PM	Mixed Traditional Media (Quill, Moose Hair, Fish Scale) Nancy Hager, Mayo	\$45
6 PM – 8 PM	Intro to Beading (Key Chain or USB holder) Shirlee Frost, Old Crow	\$35
6 PM – 8 PM	Going Digital With Your Designs Using Corel Draw Jonathan Wurtak, Whitehorse	\$10

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

10 AM–1 PM	Kid's Hide/Fur Mitts Lena White, Whitehorse	\$75
1 PM – 4 PM	Beginner Porcupine Quill Work Fred Johnstone, Whitehorse	\$45
1 PM – 3 PM	Hudson Bay Trade Pouch Hazel Cruise, Vancouver	\$25
1 PM – 4 PM	Medicine Necklace Mariah Andrews, Whitehorse	\$35

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY JUNE 22

10 AM – 8 PM	Gallery Exhibition & Sale
10 AM – 3 PM	Drum Making Demonstration
10 AM – 5 PM	Artist Demonstrations
NOON	Opening Remarks <i>Please join us for our opening prayer and welcoming remarks by guest and dignitaries</i>
Northwestel YOUTH/EMERGING ARTIST SHOWCASE	
12:45 PM	Dehcho Drummers
1:10 PM	Jerry Alfred & Shun Dun
1:35 PM	Mathew Nuqingaq
1:55 PM	Dakhká Khwáan Juniors
2:20 PM	Starr Drynock
2:45 PM	Kwanlin Dün Dancers
3:10 PM	Les Walker
3:35 PM	Brian Ladue
7:00 PM	Groundwork Sessions
7:15 PM	Warren Strand & Nigel Boyle
7:40 PM	Reddnation
9:00 PM	Reddnation Dance

SATURDAY JUNE 23

10 AM – 8 PM	Gallery Exhibition & Sale
10 AM – 3 PM	Drum Making Demonstration
10 AM – 5 PM	Artist Demonstrations
NOON	Inuvik Drummers & Dancers
12:25 PM	Rising Sun Singers
12:50 PM	Taku Kwaan Dancers
1:15 PM	Diyet
1:40 PM	Miracle Drummers & Dancers
2:05 PM	Common Knowledge
2:30 PM	Kaska Dena Drummers
2:55 PM	Dakwákāda Dancers
3:20 PM	Ta'an Kwäch'an Dancers
7:00 PM	Dennis Allen & the Hellhounds
8:00 PM	Wayne Lavallee
9:00 PM	Murray Porter

SUNDAY JUNE 24

10 AM – 8 PM	Gallery Exhibition & Sale
10 AM – 3 PM	Drum Making Demonstration
10 AM – 5 PM	Artist Demonstrations
12:05 PM	Hän Singers
12:30 PM	Dakhká Khwáan Dancers
12:55 PM	David Serkoak
1:20 PM	Ta'an Kwäch'an Dancers
1:45 PM	Dakwákāda Dancers
4:00 PM	Spirit of the Drums Gala Performance <i>directed by Alejandro Ronceria Join us to witness this spellbinding spectacle as 8 traditional drumming groups from across the North come together in an incredible show not to be missed!</i>

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Alaska Pipeline Project COMMUNITY FEAST

5:30 PM	All Welcome! <i>Please bring your own plate and utensils, if possible!</i>
7:00 PM	Community Drumming Circle <i>All Welcome! Join us to celebrate community, culture, and the power of drumming!</i>

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MONDAY JUNE 25

10 AM – 8 PM	Gallery Exhibition & Sale
10 AM – 5 PM	Artist Demonstrations
FILM SCREENINGS	
NOON	Tu Tla (The Headwaters) <i>created & directed by Brian Ladue, Ross River, YT, 2011, 25 min. Combining the stories and wisdom of Kaska Elders, this documentary film examines the Kaska Dena people's use of the South Nahanni watershed area. Respected elders speak of traditional use of the area and the importance of preserving the headwaters. Produced in partnership with Parks Canada, Ross River Dena Council, and Golden Eagle Productions.</i>
1:00 PM	Here are the News: A Crow's Eye View: The Life of Miss Edith Josie <i>produced by Cathleen Smith</i>
A Canadian film offering an intriguing look into the accomplishments of Yukon journalist Edith Josie, Miss Josie, part of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation from Old Crow, started writing columns for the Whitehorse Star in 1953, becoming an iconic cultural figure over the next several decades.	
3:00 PM	Smokin' Fish <i>directed by Cory Mann, Juneau, AK, 2011, 80 min The unusual story of Cory Mann, a quirky Tlingit businessman, and the untold history of his people interweave with the process of preparing traditional food as Mann struggles to pay his bills, keep the IRS off his back, and keep his Juneau based business afloat.</i>
5:00 PM	People of a Feather <i>directed by Joel Heath, BC/Nunavut, 2011, 90 min Featuring breathtaking underwater and time lapse photography from seven winters in the Arctic, People of a Feather takes you through time into the world of Inuit on the Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay.</i>
CAMPFIRE TALKS & CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS	
NOON	Regalia Talks <i>Join Gary Johnson as he shares his knowledge of cultural regalia from across the Territory.</i>
12:30 PM	Language Talks – Yukon Native Language Centre <i>Join Linda Harvey as she discusses the range of First Nations languages in Yukon and the work of the Yukon Native Language Centre.</i>
AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING	
7:00 PM	Carrie Carty
7:15 PM	Tammy Josie
7:40 PM	Doris McLean
8:05 PM	Ida Calmegane
8:30 PM	Sharon Shorty
8:55 PM	Duncan Mercredi

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TUESDAY JUNE 26

10 AM – 8 PM	Gallery Exhibition & Sale
10 AM – 5 PM	Artist Demonstrations
CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS	
NOON – 1 PM	Dene Games Demonstration <i>Presented by the Yukon Aboriginal Sports Circle (YASC). Come watch Dene games athletes show off their skills in stick pull, finger pull, and more! Or try it yourself.</i>
2:00 PM	Stick Gambling Demonstration <i>Join Jared Kane for an interactive demonstration of this popular hand game.</i>

OUR VOICE: AN EVENING WITH YUKON SINGER/SONGWRITERS

7:00 PM	Art Johns
7:25 PM	Daniel Tien
7:50 PM	Common Knowledge
8:15 PM	Dena Zagi
8:40 PM	Ben Charlie
9:05 PM	Kevin Barr

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 27

10 AM – 8 PM	Gallery Exhibition & Sale
10 AM – 5 PM	Artist Demonstrations
CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS	
NOON – 1 PM	Arctic Sports Demonstration <i>Presented by YASC. A full hour of leg pull, sledge jumping and more!</i>
NOON – 3 PM	Traditional Knowledge Day <i>A special day to recognize our elders and the knowledge they keep and share with us.</i>
NOON – 1 PM	Randall Tetliichi–Traditional Knowledge <i>A talk exploring the meaning and importance of traditional knowledge.</i>
7:00 PM	Raven Spirit Dance presents "Gathering Light" <i>From seed to flower, from girl to woman, from structures that do not support our own truths to ceremonies that support our full bloom, Gathering Light explores the impulses rooted in our bodies that travel through us to find the light.</i>

THURSDAY JUNE 28

10 AM – 8 PM	Gallery Exhibition & Sale
10 AM – 5 PM	Artist Demonstrations
CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS	
NOON	Soapberry Ice Cream Making Demonstration <i>The perfect afternoon treat—prepared by Doris McLean and Frances Neumann.</i>
1 PM – 2 PM	Arctic Sports Demonstration <i>Presented by YASC. A full hour of leg pull, sledge jumping and more!</i>
2:00 PM	Cultural Resource Management in Kluane National Park <i>Join Mary Jane Johnson, Cultural Resource Management Advisor for Kluane National Park & Reserve, as she discusses current affairs in cultural resources of the area.</i>

Air North, Yukon's Airline JIGGING CONTEST

5:00 PM	Two-step your way to some great prizes by showing off your jigging skills! Two categories. Registration starts at 2:00 PM at the Information Booth. Gerald Edzerza Boyd Benjamin Ben Charlie Bruce Charlie Kaska Dene Dancers
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Alaska Pipeline Project ARTIST AWARDS CEREMONY

6:00 PM	Join us to recognize the talent and dedication of our Festival participants. Be sure to cast your vote for the Audience Choice Award. Ballots available in the Gallery.
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CLOSING CONCERT

7:00 PM	Boyd Benjamin and Friends <i>Celebrate the end of an amazing week by dancing your heart out to fun, fiddling reels and more!</i>
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ASSOCIATED PROGRAMMING

READINGS OF WHERE THE BLOOD MIXES June 26 & 28, 8:00 PM <i>presented by:</i>	
Savage Society <i>in association with the Adäka Cultural Festival The Governor General's Award-winning play about residential school legacies and redemption in the heart of the Fraser Canyon. Written and directed by Kevin Loring With original music by Jason Burnstick Featuring Sam Bob, Margo Kane, Tom McBeath, Billy Merasty, and Queleima Sparrow</i>	



FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Building on the dazzling success of Yukon First Nations artists and performers at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics (Project YFN 2010), the Adäka Cultural Festival was launched in July 2011 with a mission to develop and deliver a world-class, iconic festival that showcases, celebrates, and fosters the development of Yukon's diverse and distinctive First Nations arts & culture.

For the artists and performers, the Festival is about inspiration, collaboration, and skill development. For local, national and international visitors, this event offers a rare opportunity to experience and participate in the richness and diversity of Yukon First Nations culture.

For all Yukon communities, the Festival will support the revitalization of our arts and culture, which in turn will contribute to the economic strength and cultural mosaic of the territory.

We thank you for joining us in this celebration!!

INFORMATION BOOTH

The information booth will be located inside the main entrance to the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. This is the place to register for workshops, sign up to volunteer, pick up your Festival Programs, purchase Festival T-shirts, and get all your questions answered.

PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE FESTIVAL

Please ask permission of the artists in attendance before taking their photographs and respect their wishes if they say no. Professional photographers planning to publish their images must check with the Festival administration for permission. In all cases, all rights and permissions lie with our artists and performers.



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ARTIST LISTING

FESTIVAL TEAM

Co- Executive Producers
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Artistic Director/Spirit of the Drums
Alejandro Ronceria

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Caili Steel

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PERFORMING ARTISTS & PRESENTERS

ALASKA
Miracle Drummers &
Dancers (10)

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Taku Kwann Dancers (6)
Wayne Lavallee
Murray Porter
Raven Spirit Dance
Carrie Carty

NWT
Dehcho Drummers
Inuvik Drummers &
Dancers

NUNAVUT
Mathew Nuqingaq
David Serkoak, via Ottawa

ALBERTA
Reddnation (4)

MAINITOBA
Duncan Mercredi

YUKON
Burwash Landing
Diyet van Lieshout

Carcross/Tagish
Ida Calmegane
Art Johns
Kevin Barr
Gary Sidney Johnson

Dawson City
Hän Singers (8+)

Haines Junction
Warren Strand &
Nigel Boyle
Dakwākāda Dancers (10+)
Alex Vanbibber
Mary Jane Johnson

Pelly Crossing
Jerry Alfred &
Shun Dun (6)

Old Crow
Tammy Josie

Ross River
Brian Ladue
Kaska Dena Drummers (7)
Dena Zagi (4)
Kaska Dene Dancers (6)

Watson Lake
Gerald Edzerza

Whitehorse
Dakhkā Khwāan
Juniors (10+)
Starr Drynock
Kwanlin Dün Dancers
(10+)

**Les Walker &
Common Knowledge (5)
Groundwork Sessions (6)
Rising Sun Singers (3)
Ta'an Kwāch'ān
Dancers (6)
Doris McLean
Ben Charlie
Bruce Charlie
Frances Neumann
Dennis Allen &
the Hellhounds (4)**

**Daniel Tlen
Ben Charlie
Bruce Charlie
Frances Neumann
Dennis Allen &
the Hellhounds (4)
Boyd Benjamin
Dakhkā Khwāan
Dancers (10+)
Randall Tetlich
Sharon Shorty**

VISUAL ARTISTS

ALASKA
Haines
Wayne Price.....Wood Carvings, Jewellery, Prints

Tok
Lena Blair SanfordTraditional Craft

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Haida Gwaii
Carrie Carty Raven's Tail Weaving

Victoria
Dean Heron.....Wood Carvings, Jewellery, Prints

Vancouver
Richard ShortyPrints
Jeneen Njootli.....Watercolour Paintings
Hazel Cruse.....Jewellery, Traditional Craft

NUNAVUT
Iqaluit
Mathew NuqingaqSilver & Copper Jewellery

YUKON
Carcross
Dwayne Johnson.....Carvings, Paintings

Carmacks
Dean Charlie.....Moose Hair Tufting

Dawson City
Dolores Anderson.....Traditional Craft, Fashion
Jackie Olsen.....Mixed Media Paintings
Sara McHugh.....Traditional Craft

Mayo
Nancy HagerMoose Hair Tufting
Dawna Hope.....Fish Scale Art
Velma Anderson.....Jewellery
Diane Olsen.....Jewellery
Mark Lang.....Carvings, Paintings

Old Crow
Stanley Njootli.....Paintings
Shirlee Frost.....Traditional Craft

Pelly Crossing
Eugene Alfred.....Carvings, Prints

Ross River
William Atkinson.....Carvings
Gordon Peters.....Carvings
Dennis Shorty.....Carvings, Copper Jewellery

Tagish
Charlene BakerRaven's Tail Weaving

Teslin
Jean Taylor.....Paintings
Bev Morris.....Traditional Craft, Chilkat Weaving
Calvin Morberg.....Carvings
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MIKE GOUCHIE
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10:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:00 PM

1:00 PM

Drumming Procession and *Spirit of Awakening* Canoe Launch at Rotary Park

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1:00 PM	Kaska Dena Drummers	2:05 PM	Miracle Drummers & Dancers	3:40 PM	Ben Charlie
1:20 PM	Dakhká Khwáan Dancers	2:20 PM	Jerry Alfred	3:55 PM	Dehcho Drummers
1:40 PM	Boyd & Kevin	3:00 PM	Mathew Nuqingaq	4:15 PM	Kinnie Starr
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