

# FESTIVAL PROGRAM

KWANLIN DÜN CULTURAL CENTRE  
WHITEHORSE, YUKON

*adäka*  
Cultural Festival

*adäka*  
**10**  
YEAR  
CELEBRATION

Alistair Maitland Photography



PRESENTED BY:  
Yukon First Nations  
**CULTURE & TOURISM**  
Association



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  
**KWANLIN DÜN**  
CULTURAL CENTRE

**JUNE 29 – JULY 5**

**2022**

**NORTHERN CONNECTIONS**

# Pre-Festival Programming

## Dreaming Roots

Yukon Arts Centre

June 26

Two showings: 2:00PM & 7:00PM

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PREMIERE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
yukontickets.com



*Dreaming Roots* is a spectacular, inspiring performance journey by and about Yukon First Nations people, from long ago into the future. It weaves together new work from 50+ Yukon Indigenous artists in dance, music, drumming, theatre, storytelling and more, in traditional and contemporary forms. It also features stunning imagery, sound design, lighting, regalia, costumes, and props.

*Dreaming Roots* is directed by internationally acclaimed Indigenous artists Alejandro Ronceria and Diyet van Lieshout with a collaborative team, guided by knowledge keepers in a culturally grounded process.

**“*Dreaming Roots* is about how we see ourselves in the present, how we connect with our past, and how we dream of our future as Yukon First Nations people. This show explores questions such as: Where do we come from? How do we connect to the source? How do we reconcile and heal? What are our hopes and dreams?”**

**– Diyet van Lieshout**

DREAMING ROOTS CO-DIRECTOR

*Dreaming Roots* will be adapted and remounted for touring Yukon communities in 2022-2023, followed by a national and international tour.

### Creator-Performers:

Lenita Alatini  
Kevin Barr  
Dakhká Khwáan Dancers  
Dakwákáda Dancers  
Dena Zagi  
Hän Singers  
Christine Genier  
Erin Linklater  
Kaska Drummers  
Melissa Matheson-Frost  
Rising Sun Singers  
Gary Sidney Johnson  
Sean Smith  
Teechik Dancers  
Warren Strand  
Diyet van Lieshout  
Vision Quest

### Creative & Production Team:

Alejandro Ronceria  
CO-DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER  
Diyet van Lieshout  
CO-DIRECTOR & MUSIC DIRECTOR  
Katie Johnson  
PRODUCER  
Nyla Carpentier, Christine Genier,  
Gary Johnson, Melissa  
Matheson-Frost, Sean Smith  
WRITERS  
Lenita Alatini, Dena Zagi,  
Robert Hamilton, Diyet van  
Lieshout, Robert van Lieshout,  
Vision Quest, Warren Strand  
ORIGINAL MUSIC  
Kasey Rae Anderson  
PRODUCTION MANAGER  
Jennifer Stobart  
STAGE MANAGER

Victoria Parker  
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER  
Patti Flather  
DRAMATURGY, MENTORSHIP & TRAINING  
David Sweeney  
LIGHTING DESIGNER & VIDEO PROJECTION  
Jordy Walker  
SOUND DESIGNER  
Linda Leon  
PROPERTIES DESIGNER & BUILDER  
Lea-Ann Dorval  
COSTUME DESIGNER & LEAD SEWING  
Katherine Kellner  
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR  
Michelle Olson  
ADDITIONAL CHOREOGRAPHY  
Melaina Sheldon  
STYLIST



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# The YFNCT board welcomes you to the 2022 Adäka Cultural Festival

On behalf of the Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association Board of Directors and Staff, I am delighted to extend a very warm welcome to artists from all over our beautiful territory and to guests who are joining us from around the world.

There is no denying these past years have been challenging, pushing us to find different ways to connect and celebrate with our community. So, after a time of uncertainty, we are honoured to give Yukoners and visitors an opportunity to come back into the light together for the 10th Adäka Cultural Festival.

This year, the Festival immediately follows the Arctic Arts Summit, where we welcome artists and guests from all across Canada's North and other Circumpolar countries around the world. We celebrate our Northern Connections, with over 200 visual and performing artists gathering to showcase their arts, music, and cultures. Adäka welcomes you to take part in a packed seven days of rich programming, full of collaborative opportunities for learning, sharing, presenting, and cultural exchange.

Gunalcheesh, mahso cho, shäw nithän, and thank you to the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council for allowing us to host this celebration on their beautiful traditional territories.

We are proud to bring back this highly anticipated and important artistic and cultural community gathering this year.

Most importantly, we encourage all attending to enjoy yourselves, laugh lots, eat, dance, sing and soak in the good energy generated by the beauty of our cultures, our people and land.

**Gunalcheesh,**



**MARILYN JENSEN,  
YADULTIN**

PRESIDENT, YFNCT  
CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Teena Dickson** CHIPEWYAN

**Courtney Wheelton** TAHLTAN NATION

**Jessie Stephen** WHITE RIVER FIRST NATION

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**Joella Hogan** NORTHERN TUTCHONE

**Elizabeth Bosely** TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

# GREETINGS



On behalf of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council it is my pleasure to welcome you to our traditional territory, which we share, in part with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. As Adäka means

"coming into the light" in Southern Tutchone, this year we celebrate 10 years of highlighting our finest Indigenous artists and performers from across Canada's North. We know this festival won't disappoint. From June 29 to July 5, you will meet our Yukon artists, who will share with you our culture and traditions through dance, music, art and storytelling. You will meet our neighbouring performers and artists who have travelled here to join us in artists showcases, learning circles, workshops, and so much more. This is an event you must not miss. In today's world of uncertain times, Adäka gives us a way to break free of everyday pressures and let the creative forces surround, heal, and inspire us. We know our artistry is unique to the world, and we are enormously proud to be a part of this 10th Year Anniversary. We want to thank the organizers, volunteers, funders, artists and performers who will shine for us in the days to come!

Shäw nithän,

**Chief Amanda Leas**

TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL



After two years of cancellations, I'm excited to see the Adäka Cultural Festival finally celebrate its 10th anniversary. This is an important milestone for one of the most unique

and fascinating festivals in all of North America, and it provides us with the opportunity to celebrate our rich culture, Indigenous history and vast wilderness. Thank you to the festival organizers for making this beloved annual festival happen again. On behalf of City Council, we can't wait to see the performers and artists in their element, and we wish you a very successful festival.

**Mayor Laura Cabott**

CITY OF WHITEHORSE



Alistair Maitland

Dänch'ea! Welcome to the 2022 Adäka Cultural Festival taking place on our shared Traditional Territories.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation is proud to help lift up this vibrant vital Indigenous-focused cultural festival.

I have seen firsthand how important that cultural connection is for our people, especially when we are going through hard times.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I noticed how many people picked up the tradition of sewing or turned to cultural practices to find connection, community, and healing.

I hold my hands up in thanks to all of the organizers, performers, artists, partners and sponsors that have come together to make this festival happen year after year.

And I invite all Yukoners and visitors to listen, learn and find connection through this cultural gathering.

**Chief Doris Bill**

KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION



Alistair Maitland

I'm so pleased to see the return of the Adäka Cultural Festival in 2022. I applaud the Adäka team for their vision, dedication and commitment to bringing the festival back

with an even broader representation of northern Indigenous culture for audiences to enjoy along with our ever-expanding lineup of Yukon First Nations visual and performing artists. This year's event promises to be a memorable one with an exciting schedule of events, showcase performances and learning experiences to celebrate and enjoy our rich Yukon First Nations and northern Indigenous cultures. On behalf of the Council of Yukon First Nations, I wish all who participate a fun and rewarding festival experience.

Gunalchish,

**Grand Chief Peter Johnston**

COUNCIL OF YUKON FIRST NATIONS



As Yukon's Minister of Tourism and Culture I am pleased to help mark the return – and 10th anniversary – of the Adäka Cultural Festival.

After a two-year hiatus, it is wonderful to see this incredible festival taking place on the banks of the Yukon River once more. Immersing audiences in the land, language, art, tradition, songs, stories and crafts of the distinct First Nations of the Yukon, the festival truly connects people to place. This year is also special for the partnership with the international Arctic Arts Summit taking place immediately prior to Adäka, which will lend a unique circumpolar atmosphere and cultural exchange to this year's event.

On behalf of the Government of Yukon, I wish to thank the Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association, the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre and all the volunteers who make this event possible. Our thanks and congratulations to the artists, performers, and knowledge keepers for sharing their passion and talents and helping to bring us back into the light.

### The Honourable Ranj Pillai MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE



Canada Council for the Arts  
Christian Lalonde

The arts and cultures of Inuit, First Nations and Métis Peoples play a leading role in the truth and reconciliation process.

This is part of the reason why the Canada Council for the Arts is working to advance Indigenous cultural sovereignty and self-determination, as well as the Indigenous-led decolonization of the arts and culture sector.

The Council is proud to support the Adäka Cultural Festival and delighted to be able to count on the expertise of the Yukon First Nations Cultural and Tourism Association, one of the Arctic Arts Summit's key partners.

**Simon Brault, o.c., o.q.**  
DIRECTOR AND CEO,  
CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS



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Welcome to the 2022 Adäka Cultural Festival.

This year, we have much to celebrate as we come together again to experience the arts in person. This festival is a wonderful showcase of the many Indigenous cultures that enrich the Yukon. Through these artistic traditions and cultures, we can all learn about the many diverse voices that make Canada such a special place.

The arts bring communities together. That is why our government is proud to support artists and gatherings across the country, including Adäka.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to thank everyone involved in presenting this year's festival. Enjoy!

### The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE



On behalf of the Assembly of First Nations Yukon Region, I'd like to thank the sponsors and organizers of the Adäka Cultural Festival, whose hard work makes this important

cultural event so special year after year! After two difficult years, I am so thrilled that the Adäka Cultural Festival is coming back to the Yukon. This Festival continues to be an incredible celebration of the unique artistry, histories, languages and cultures of all Yukon First Nations, and I am excited for this year's showcase of Northern communities across Canada; their many shared commonalities and the things that make each Northern community distinct.

The past two years have been riddled with many challenges, and so I look forward to holding up the talents of First Nations communities, youth, Elders, and artists once again, as we celebrate the vibrancy that First Nations in the Yukon and across the North have to offer!

Gunalchéesh, Shawníthan, Mahsi Cho.

**Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Adamek**  
ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS



ADÄKA MEANS  
"COMING INTO THE  
LIGHT" IN THE  
SOUTHERN TUTCHONE  
LANGUAGE.



## Adäka History

Adäka means "Coming into the Light" in the Southern Tutchone language. Since 2011, the Adäka Cultural Festival has brought Indigenous visual and performing artists from every Yukon community and from around the world to their performance stages and world-class art gallery — shining a bright light on our vibrant cultures.

**Photos from the inaugural  
Adäka Cultural Festival in 2011.**



The festival is the proud legacy of the Yukon First Nations 2010 project that saw over 50 Yukon First Nations artists travel to Vancouver for the Winter Olympics to celebrate Northern Indigenous traditional and contemporary arts. Beaders, sculptors, carvers, and painters along with dancers, drummers and singers move audiences.

They ignited a flame in our hearts to continue celebrating our talented artists at home with our people and with visitors to our land. That fire burns brighter with each festival as young and emerging artists join Elders and established artists exploring old themes and new, giving voice and vision to our northern homeland. From the beginning they have placed a high value on excellence in production values for our performers and exhibition facilities for our visual artists. The festival also serves as a cultural hub connecting all generations to preserve and pass on our languages, stories, music and artistic practices.



The festival hosts landmark gatherings of esteemed masters and younger artists who exchange knowledge on ancient techniques, contemporary methods and wide-ranging ideas for cultural continuity.

In 2020 and 2021, the difficult decision was made to cancel the Festival, due to the impacts of the pandemic. This summer the Festival is back at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre for its 10th year, vibrating with energy and excitement of renewal as artists gather in Whitehorse on the banks of the Yukon River. Whether you are young or moving along in years, Indigenous or not, you are welcome within our circle.

The impacts of these past two years have been felt all across the territory, let alone the world, and the Adäka Cultural Festival is back, providing some much-needed light this summer.



The 10th anniversary of Adäka features storytelling, cultural presentations, workshops, and more. We will celebrate artists from across Canada's North and other Circumpolar countries around the world.

Impressive performances will be held on the Longhouse Main Stage and on the Taga Shāw Riverside Stage overlooking the Yukon River. Adäka's galleries will be full of jaw-dropping artwork where guests can peruse and walk away with timeless pieces.

Adäka embraces this moment in time as an opportunity to share stories and culture with pride and purpose to harness the spirit within and around all who are involved.



# ADĀKA-AT-A-GLANCE



## Cultural Presentations and Storytelling

Gather together with Elders and leaders to learn about our rich culture and heritage. The range of topics includes reconciliation, traditional knowledge, climate change, language revitalization, cultural revitalization, land protection, and more.

**TAGA SHĀW RIVERSIDE STAGE.** See schedule pages 14-26.



## Workshops

Over 60 Interactive visual arts workshops are available, tailored to beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Some are open to only Indigenous artists and others to the public. Try your hand at beading, tufting and more!

**Registration required.** See schedule pages 12-13.



## Artist Studio

Connect with the cultural community while observing and interacting with visual artists transforming raw materials into beautiful traditional and contemporary works of art in the massive artist studio tent. Mingle in this informal shared creation space, and learn first-hand about artists' materials, techniques, and inspiration in both traditional and contemporary styles.

**ARTIST STUDIO TENT.** Open daily, 10:00AM - 5:00PM



## Galleries

Visit our world-class galleries to see and perhaps take home some exquisite works of art and traditional fine craft by over 100 Indigenous artists from across Canada's North and beyond.

**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM & ARTIST STUDIO ROOM**



## Taga Shāw Riverside Stage

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Situated next to the Yukon River, this relaxing area is the place to gather and take in performances, cultural presentations, and storytelling. It features the Riverside Stage with 200 seats and is surrounded by picnic tables, a firepit and more.

### DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Opening prayer & handgames
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Country, soul, funk & rock performances
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Canada Day for the family!
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Spirit of the Drums performance
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Storytelling & poetry
<b>MONDAY</b>	Traditional watercraft & music
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Together Today for the Children Tomorrow panel discussions



## Longhouse Main Stage

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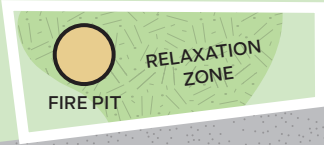
Surrounded by beautiful wood, the Longhouse is a professional stage hosting 300 seats. Take in world-class performances featuring artists from across Canada's North and other Circumpolar countries.

### DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Opening celebration
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Circumpolar Soundscape*
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Jigging - Adāka Community Dance
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Pamyua "Inuit Soul Music"*
<b>SUNDAY</b>	A New Way Forward: Next Generation concert
<b>MONDAY</b>	Spend the evening in the story circle!
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Dà Ze Tsān (From Our Hearts) Fashion Show*

\***TICKETS REQUIRED** Available at [adaka-festival.eventbrite.com](https://adaka-festival.eventbrite.com)

YUKON RIVER



MILLENNIUM TRAIL

HEALING CANOE PROJECT



CABINS

ARTIST STUDIO TENT

WORKSHOP TENT

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
ADĀKA GALLERY

GRANDMA TREESAW'S BANNOCK

FIRST PEOPLES COFFEE

ELDER'S SEATING AREA

FESTIVAL OFFICE

ARTIST HOSPITALITY ROOM

KIT'S KITCHEN

OUTHOUSES

ADĀKA GALLERY

ELDER'S LOUNGE

FOOD TRUCK

FOOD TRUCK



SITEMAP

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre  
1171 1st Ave., Whitehorse, Yukon



## Longhouse Main Stage

Daily programming,  
afternoons and evenings

Catch world-class performances every evening along with special afternoons performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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## Taga Shāw Riverside Stage

Daily, 12:00-5:00PM

Join us every afternoon for cultural presentations, performances, and storytelling beside the river.

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# FESTIVAL INFORMATION

## Feeling hungry?

Enjoy some fresh local food and beverages on our festival site!

### Inside:

*KDCC Café – operated by Kit's Kitchen*

### Outside

*First Peoples Coffee*

*Kits Kitchen Food Truck*

*Grandma Treesaw's Bannock*

*Shu hui Noodle Truck*

## Washrooms

### Indoors

**Women's and men's** - near library

**Accessible** - near entry

**Men's** - near Artist Studio

**Women's** - end of hallway past Multipurpose Room

### Outdoor

Outhouses are available in the Taga Shāw Riverside Stage area.

## Elders Seating

A tented seating area is available for Elders outside near the kitchen.

## Retail Galleries

Visit our professional retail galleries located in the Multipurpose Room and the Artist Studio! The finest multi-disciplinary Indigenous arts and crafts by over 100 artists from across Canada's North and Circumpolar countries are showcased.

## Volunteer opportunities

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### Do you want to volunteer at Adāka?

We ask that volunteers be a minimum of 14 years of age and contribute a minimum of 12 hours of their time to the festival. Volunteers receive a festival t-shirt and a \$2 credit for every hour worked, which can be used towards workshop registration fees or gallery/gift shop purchases. We require volunteers for hospitality, set up and take down, transportation, logistics, front of house, security, gallery sales, COVID safety team, and more. For more information and to sign up, visit the volunteer table at the KDCC entry, or visit [adakafestival.ca/volunteer](https://adakafestival.ca/volunteer).

## Social media

### Get social with Adaka!

Find us on Facebook and Instagram

 AdakaFestival

 @AdakaCulturalFestival

Share your festival photos with us using **#Adaka2022**

## COVID-Safety

Please follow the guidelines outlined by the Kwanlin Dūn Cultural Centre.



**We are working towards a zero waste festival.**

Look for the Zero Waste Stations on the festival grounds and do your share!

# ADAKA OFF-SITE

## Circumpolar Film Screening at Yukon Theatre

Take in shorts, animation, documentaries and feature length Indigenous films curated by the Yukon Film Society, the Arctic Arts Summit and the National Film Board. Films are being screened off-site at the freshly re-opened Yukon Theatre located just a few blocks east of the festival grounds. Film details available on pages 16 & 24.

Thursday, June 30, 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Monday, July 4, 4:00 PM - 5:20 PM  
Yukon Theatre. 304 Wood St.

TICKETS ONLINE BY DONATION.   
[yukonfilmsociety.com/schedule](http://yukonfilmsociety.com/schedule)

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## TETHER Art Exhibition

Daily, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Yukon Arts Centre  
300 University Dr.

*TETHER* is a visual representation of our communities and cultures. No matter where we are in the world, we are all tethered to our sense of place.

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PREMIERE

## VOICES ACROSS THE WATER

The NFB and  
Sagafish Media  
proudly present:

## Voices Across the Water FILM SCREENING

Monday, July 4, 6:00 PM  
Yukon Arts Centre, 300 University Dr.

TICKETS \$15 [YukonTickets.com](http://YukonTickets.com) 

There is a moment during the construction of a canoe when its true form is revealed. A hull drops into place. The elegant arc of a bow cuts forth. A similar process sometimes occurs in life, when a person finally discovers their true path.

The feature documentary *Voices Across the Water* follows two master boat builders as they practise their art and find a way back to balance and healing.

*This screening will be followed by a live Q and A with special guests.*

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# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

► **Register In-person**  
at the Festival Welcome Centre

► **Pre-Register Online**  
at [adakafestival.ca/workshops](http://adakafestival.ca/workshops)

*Workshops have limited availability.*

## PLEASE NOTE:

*Workshop schedule subject to change. Check online and at the Festival Welcome Centre for up-to-date details.*

### THURSDAY JUNE 30

10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Baby Moccasins</b> with Joyce Roberts	\$100
10:30AM - 4:30PM	<b>Mini Drum Making 4"</b> with Delores Scheffen	\$75
11:00AM - 2:00PM	<b>Beaded Hide Keychain</b> with Elizabeth Kyikavick	\$50
11:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>Intermediate Beaded Earrings</b> <small>INDIGENOUS PARTICIPANTS ONLY</small> with Tracey Simpson	\$90
12:00PM - 4:00PM	<b>Sealskin Bangle</b> with Sandra Rideout	\$75
1:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>Quillwork Earrings</b> with Lucy-Ann Yakeleya	\$65
1:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>Beaded Pom Pom Earrings</b> with Janelle Hagar	\$75
2:00PM - 4:00PM	<b>Cedar Weaving/Head Band</b> with Deb Michel	\$65

### FRIDAY JULY 1

10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Moosehide and Quill Bracelet</b> with Suzan Marie	\$125
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Caribou Hair Tufting</b> with Faye Chamberlin	\$135
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Drum Making 18" or 20"</b> with Wayne Carlick	\$225
10:30AM - 6:30PM	<b>Beginner Soapstone Carving</b> with Derrald Taylor	\$100
10:30AM - 12:00PM	<b>Caribou/Moose Hair Fur Dyeing</b> with Carmen Miller	\$20
11:30AM - 2:30PM	<b>Caribou Hair Tufting</b> with Maria Rose Sikyea	\$85
11:30AM - 3:30PM	<b>Beaded Moosehide Earrings</b> with Kimberly Gill	\$75
12:00PM - 2:00PM	<b>Ghost Bead Necklaces</b> with Antoine Mountain	\$30

### FRIDAY JULY 1 (continued)

12:30PM - 2:00PM	<b>Caribou/Moose Hair Fur Dyeing</b> with Carmen Miller	\$20
12:30PM - 3:30PM	<b>Joy of Beading for Children</b> with Randi Nelson	\$35
1:00PM - 3:00PM	<b>Cedar Weaving/Head Band</b> with Deb Michel	\$65
1:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>Animal Spirit Totem Painting/Acrylic</b> with Miranda Lee Lane	\$75

### SATURDAY JULY 2

10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Make your own Moccasins</b> with Samantha Fleshman	\$225
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Moosehide, Quill Earrings</b> with Suzan Marie	\$125
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Intermediate Beaded Earrings</b> with Julie Grenier	\$75
10:30AM - 5:30PM	<b>Medicine Bag</b> with Delores Scheffen	\$95
10:30AM - 4:30PM	<b>Bentwood Box</b> with Joanne Williams	\$200
11:00AM - 3:00PM	<b>Birch Bark Baskets</b> with Christine Sam	\$125
12:00PM - 4:00PM	<b>Fish Scale Framed Picture</b> with Dawna Hope	\$65
12:00PM - 4:00PM	<b>Copper Earrings</b> with Mathew Nuqingaq	\$85
12:30PM - 3:30PM	<b>Moose Tufting, Framed Picture</b> with Nancy Hagar	\$85
1:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>Sealskin Earrings or Keychain</b> with Ruth Modest	\$60
1:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>Dyeing Antler</b> with Tishna Marlow	\$60

## DAILY DROP IN FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Please refer to schedule at  
the Welcome Centre for  
up-to-date information.

### SUNDAY JULY 3

10:00AM - 2:00PM	<b>Beginner Stained Glass Heart</b> with Amy Tessaro	\$75
10:00AM - 4:00PM	<b>Beaded Heart Pendant with Stone Cabachon</b> with Diane Olsen	\$85
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Hunting Cover</b> with Dorothy Wright	\$200
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Beaded Brooch</b> with Marlene Tutcho	ADĀKA ARTISTS ONLY \$100
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Whalebone Carving</b> with Billy Merkosak	\$145
10:30AM - 2:30PM	<b>Quill Work Keychain</b> with Maria Rose Sikyea	\$75
10:30AM - 6:30PM	<b>Wood Carving/Spoon</b> with Dean Heron	\$125
10:30AM - 6:30PM	<b>Stencil Printmaking/Oil</b> with Andrew Qappik	\$95
11:00AM - 2:00PM	<b>Beaded Sealskin Solidarity Heart Pin</b> with Christina King	\$65
12:00PM - 3:00PM	<b>Make a Fire Flint with Antler Handles</b> with Montana and Delaney Prysnuik	\$85
2:30PM - 6:30PM	<b>Beginner Stained Glass Heart</b> with Amy Tessaro	\$75

### TATTOO SHOP

with Inuit Tattoo artist **Arsaniq  
(Ah-sa-nic) Keelan**

Arsanic Keelan will be available June 2-5 for tattooing including traditional stick and poke Inuit Tattoos. To learn more and make an appointment visit the Welcome Desk. Pricing for tattooing ranges depending on complexity of tattoo. Inuit Stick Poke style only available to Indigenous clients.

\$225 per hour

### MONDAY JULY 4

10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Trapper's Hat from Recycled Materials</b> with Leisa Thurmer	\$125
10:00AM - 6:00PM	<b>Sealskin Mittens/ Beaver Cuff</b> with Helen Iguptak	\$250
10:30AM - 6:30PM	<b>Intro to Soapstone Carving</b> with John Sabourin	\$100
10:30AM - 6:30PM	<b>Beginner Native American Star Blanket</b> with Dorothy Wright	\$200
10:30AM - 6:30PM	<b>Fireweed Caribou Tufted Ear Buds</b> with Randi Nelson	\$125
11:00AM - 1:00PM	<b>Watercolor Pencil on Canvas/My Totem Story</b> with Rhoda Merkel	\$65
11:00AM - 3:00PM	<b>Intermediate Stained Glass Feather</b> with Amy Tessaro	\$100
1:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>People Totem Acrylic Painting</b> with Miranda Lee Lane	\$85
1:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>Advanced Rainbow Sealskin Pride Pin</b> with Christina King INDIGENOUS PARTICIPANTS ONLY	\$65
2:00PM - 6:00PM	<b>Bead Painting on Canvas</b> with Rhoda Merkel	\$65

### TUESDAY JULY 5

10:00AM - 2:00PM	<b>Fish Skin Beaded Keychain</b> with Karen Wright Fraser	\$75
10:00AM - 2:00PM	<b>Quillwork Earrings</b> with Mary Elsie Canadian INDIGENOUS PARTICIPANTS ONLY	\$125
10:30AM - 2:30PM	<b>Antler Macreme Wall Hanging</b> with Laska Nerysoo	\$85
10:30AM - 2:30PM	<b>Sealskin Keychain</b> with April Allen	\$75
11:00AM - 3:00PM	<b>Beaded Brick Stitch Earrings</b> with Janelle Hagar	\$75
11:30AM - 3:30PM	<b>Advanced Caribou Tufted Keychain or Picture</b> with Carmen Miller	\$85

# WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

## Gallery

12:00PM Open all day! Browse world-class artwork. Shop the retail gallery to take a piece home!

- 8:00PM  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
& ARTIST STUDIO**

## Artists Studio Tent

12:00PM Observe and interact with visual artists as they transform raw materials into beautiful traditional and contemporary works of art!

- 5:00PM  
**OUTSIDE**

## Partner Programming

### 12:00PM **Bringing Back the Light**

- 5:00PM Healing Canoe Project aims to illuminate and uplift our young artists while passing down knowledge of First Nation arts through carving a traditional, 30ft red cedar dugout canoe.

**BEHIND CABINS**

PRESENTED BY



Northern Cultural  
Expressions Society

## Taga Shäw Riverside Stage

SUPPORTED BY



12:00PM **Opening prayer /  
lighting of the fire**

12:35PM **Storytelling**  
*with storytellers from the  
Circumpolar North*

1:25PM **Cultural Presentations**  
- 3:00PM **Hear Our Languages**

Join Elders and young language warriors to hear fluent speakers of northern languages including Dene, Inuktitut, Southern Tutchone, Tlingit and more.

3:00PM **Arctic Sports Demonstrations**

HOSTED BY



3:05PM **Sámi Music**  
*with Emil Karlsen, Norway*

3:30PM **Sámi Rap Music & Juggling**  
*with Ailu Valle & Aleski Nittyvuopio,  
Finland*

3:55PM **Traditional Handgames**  
- 5:00PM *with the Tlicho Drummers, NWT*



Alistair Maitland Photography



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## Longhouse Main Stage

# Hearts of our People

## ADĀKA OPENING CELEBRATION

6:00PM Doors open

6:30PM - 6:55PM Welcome & Opening Prayer

7:00PM - 9:00PM Performance

Adāka returns! Join us for the opening of Adāka 2022, with throat singing, dance, and more, as we welcome Indigenous artists from across the Circumpolar North in partnership with the Arctic Art Summit.

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### Welcome and opening prayer:

KDFN Elder Diane Smith,  
YFNCT Board and dignitaries

### Master of Ceremonies:

Joella Hogan and Shirlee Frost

### Performers:

Vision Quest, Hip Hop Music, Yukon  
ISAK, Electronic-joik Band, Norway  
PIQSIQ, Inuit style throat singers, Nunavut  
Sechile Sedare, Contemporary roots duo, NWT  
The Tlicho Drummers, NWT

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# THURSDAY JUNE 30

## Gallery

10:00AM - 8:00PM Open all day! Browse world-class artwork. Shop the retail gallery to take a piece home!  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
& ARTIST STUDIO**

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## Partner Programming

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## Taga Shäw Riverside Stage

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### 12:00PM Illuminating World Views Panel

By exploring and reflecting on the differences and commonalities of our histories, beliefs, and aspirations, we develop new capacities to create collaborative pathways towards potential futures.

### 1:35PM - 3:10PM Cultural Presentations

**The Land is Our Life/Zhi Näńka Je Sothan Huh (Northern Tutchone)**  
Meet dedicated Protectors of Land and Water. Hear how these Indigenous leaders are building on the dedication of past generations to safeguard the lands, waters and animals that sustain our lives.

3:15PM **Country/Blues**  
with Leanne Goose,  
singer/songwriter, NWT

3:40PM **Soul, Funk & Rock**  
with Qacung (Stephen Blanchett),  
Yup'ik singer/songwriter, Alaska

4:05PM **Sámi Joiking**  
with Åsa Simma, Sweden

4:30PM - 4:50PM **Inuk Folk, Pop & Rock**  
with Beatrice Deer,  
singer/songwriter, Nunavik



## Yukon Theatre

304 Wood Street

TICKETS ONLINE BY DONATION.   
[yukonfilmsociety.com/schedule](http://yukonfilmsociety.com/schedule)

5:00PM - 6:20PM **Indigenous films and media art from the Circumpolar North**

12 short films from Finland, Norway, Canada, Alaska and Greenland.

7:00PM - 10:00PM **Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner**  
*Dir. Zacharias Kunuk, 2002, Nunavut*

See Isuma Igloodik's remastered iconic and epic period drama on the cinema screen. *Atanarjuat* won the Golden Camera Award at Cannes and is regarded as one of the best Canadian films ever made! Screening includes a 10 minute intermission.

PRESENTED BY



## Longhouse Main Stage

### Circumpolar Soundscape

#### NEW NORTH COLLECTIVE

6:30PM Doors open  
7:00PM - 9:00PM Performance

Not to be missed, A Circumpolar Soundscape is an exquisite collaboration with internationally recognized Indigenous women singer/songwriters from across the North, featuring Greenland's Nive Nielsen, the Yukon's Diyet, Sylvia Cloutier — whose roots are in Nunavik, and Leela Gilday from the Northwest Territories. This latest incarnation features original music on the theme of North from these highly creative artists, backed by stellar international musicians from the New North Collective.



Heather Jones

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TICKETED EVENT 

Tickets: \$25, Elders (65+): \$15  
[adaka-festival.eventbrite.com](http://adaka-festival.eventbrite.com)

Master of ceremonies/Producer:  
Debbie Peters

Featuring performances by:

Diyet Van Lieshout, Yukon  
Leela Gilday, NWT  
Nive Nielsen, Greenland  
Sylvia Cloutier, Nunavik  
Lenita Alatini, Yukon  
Selena Savage, Yukon  
New North Collective

SUPPORTED BY **kobayashi  
+zedda**

# FRIDAY JULY 1

## Gallery

10:00AM - 8:00PM Open all day! Browse world-class artwork. Shop the retail gallery to take a piece home!  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM & ARTIST STUDIO**

## Artists Studio Tent

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**OUTSIDE**

## Partner Programming

9:00AM - 5:00PM **Bringing Back the Light**  
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## Taga Shäw Riverside Stage

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12:00PM **Pow Wow Dancing Demo**  
with Nyla Carpentier

1:05PM **Long Ago Storytelling**  
with Louise Profeit-LeBlanc,  
Na-Cho Nyak Dun,  
Shirley Adamson, Ta'an Kwäch'än

PRESENTED BY



2:40PM - 4:15PM **Cultural Presentations**  
**Long Ago Techniques & Traditions**  
We continue to explore and evolve the techniques passed down from our ancestors for building essential tools and decorative art. Learn how these practices enhanced their lives and ours.

4:20PM **Country & Classic Rock**  
with Madison Dixon,  
singer/songwriter, Yukon

4:45PM **Folk Music**  
with Jasmine Netsena,  
singer/songwriter, Yukon

5:10PM - 6:10PM **Handgames**  
with The Tlicho Drummers, NWT  
& Kaska Dene Drummers, Yukon





**Longhouse  
Main Stage Afternoon**

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- 12:00PM **Kwanlin Dágh̓taan  
K'e Dancers, Yukon**
- 12:25PM **Dakwākāda Dancers, Yukon**
- 12:50PM **Traditional Dance**  
*with Húcha Húdān Yelin, Yukon*
- 1:15PM **Traditional Song & Dance**  
*with the Hān Singers, Yukon*
- 1:40PM **Inuvik Drummers, NWT**
- 2:05PM **Dakhká Khwāan Dancers,  
Yukon**
- 2:55PM **Beat Boxing & Throat Singing**  
*with Nelson Tāgoona, Nunavut*
- 3:20PM **Hip Hop music**  
*with Vision Quest, Yukon*
- 3:50PM **Traditional & Contemporary  
Folk/Rock Music**  
*with Dena Zagi, Yukon*
- 4:20PM **Contemporary Roots Duo**  
*Sechile Sedare, NWT*
- 4:40PM **The Yukon Jack Band**  
- 5:00PM



**Longhouse  
Main Stage Evening**

**Fiddlers & Dancers  
Across the North**  
ADĀKA COMMUNITY DANCE

6:30PM Doors open  
7:00PM - 9:00PM Jigging and Dance

**Get your moccasins ready for some jigging!**

Our exciting program will feature Gwich'in, Dene and Métis fiddlers plus the quick-footed Teechik Dancers from Old Crow! This upbeat community dance, featuring old style and contemporary fiddlers, is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and a spring in your step.

**Master of ceremonies:**  
Joe Tetlichí

**Featuring performances by:**  
Kevin Barr, guitarist, Yukon  
Josh & Jamie Tetlichí, fiddlers & guitarist, Yukon  
Carl Carpentier, guitarist, Yukon  
Ben Charlie, fiddler, Yukon  
Helen Iguptak, accordion player, Nunavut  
Wesley Hardisty, fiddler, NWT  
Double the Trouble, Metis fiddlers, Manitoba  
Teechik Dancers, Traditional Gwich'in Dance, Yukon

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# SATURDAY JULY 2

## Gallery

10:00AM Open all day! Browse world-class artwork. Shop the retail gallery to take a piece home!

- 8:00PM

**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
& ARTIST STUDIO**

## Artists Studio Tent

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- 5:00PM

**OUTSIDE**

## Partner Programming

9:00AM **Bringing Back the Light**

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**BEHIND CABINS**

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Expressions Society

## Taga Shäw Riverside Stage

SUPPORTED BY



Yukon  
University

12:00PM **Long Ago Storytelling**

- 12:45PM

PRESENTED BY



Yukon  
University

12:50PM **Cultural Presentations**

- 2:50PM

**We follow the Seasons / Nän K'it  
Näats'et Dik (Upper Tanana)**

Our ancestors purposefully moved around on the land throughout the year. Learn how they successfully adapted to the seasonal rounds, about Nomadic Saami reindeer herding practices, how to make Indian ice cream and more.

## Spirit of the Drums

Directed by Alejandro Ronceria

3:00PM - 4:30PM

**LARGE FIRE PIT**

Experience the power and heartbeat of diverse drum dancing traditions of First Nations and Inuit peoples from across the North, with over 50 traditional Northern drummers and dancers around the KDCC Firepit for an afternoon of drumming, dancing and song. Join us for this spectacular once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to feel the excitement and passion of Spirit of the Drums!

**Performers:**

Dakhká Khwáan Dancers, Yukon  
The Tlicho Drummers, Yukon  
Inuvialuit Drummers, Yukon  
Rising Sun Singers, Yukon  
Sylvia Cloutier, Drummer, Nunavik  
Byron Nicholai, Drummer, Alaska

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## Longhouse Main Stage, Afternoon & Evening

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 Northwestel

12:00PM **Metis style fiddling**  
with Double the Trouble, Manitoba

12:25PM **Fiddle music**  
with Wesley Hardisty, NWT

12:50PM **Traditional Dance**  
with Húcha Húdän Yelin, Yukon

1:15PM **Tagish Dancers,**  
Yukon

1:40PM **Taku Kwaan Dancers,**  
British Columbia

2:05PM **Hän Singers,**  
Yukon

2:30PM **Inuk Folk Music**  
- 2:50PM with Nive Nielsen & Charlie Shapiro, Greenland

## Pamyua

6:30PM Doors open  
7:00PM - 9:00PM Performances

Pamyua showcases Inuit culture through music and dance performance. The show is a platform to share indigenous knowledge and history. Their style derives from traditional melodies reinterpreted with contemporary vocalization and instrumentation. Often described as "Inuit Soul Music," Pamyua has discovered their own genre featuring I Sing, You Dance, Byron Nicholai a Yup'ik musician from, Toksook Bay, Alaska.

**TICKETED EVENT**  Tickets: \$25, Elders (65+): \$15  
[adaka-festival.eventbrite.com](http://adaka-festival.eventbrite.com)

Join our Alaskan neighbors featuring performances by:  
Byron Nicholai, I Sing, You Dance  
Pamyua

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# SUNDAY JULY 3

## Gallery

10:00AM Open all day! Browse world-class artwork. Shop the retail gallery to take a piece home!

- 8:00PM

**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
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## Artists Studio Tent

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- 5:00PM

**OUTSIDE**

## Partner Programming

9:00AM **Bringing Back the Light**

- 5:00PM

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## Taga Shäw Riverside Stage

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12:00PM **Long Ago Storytelling**

- 1:30PM

PRESENTED BY  Yukon University

1:35PM **Cultural Presentations**

**The Land is Our Life – Fur**

Join both seasoned and young trappers and artists who are protectors and advocates of sustainable harvesting and use of fur in everyday life. Upholding cultural practices passed through generations.

3:15PM **Poetry & Joiking**

with Rawdna Carita Eira & Heaika Haetta, Norway

3:40PM **Traditional Drum Dancing**

- 4:00PM

Mathew Nuqingaq, Nunavut



Alistair MacLennan Photography

## Longhouse Main Stage

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### Dreaming Roots SHOWCASE

Join the cast for their solo performances from *Dreaming Roots*, a spectacular, inspiring performance journey by and about Yukon First Nations people. It weaves together new work from 50+ Yukon Indigenous artists in dance, music, drumming, theatre, storytelling and more, in traditional and contemporary forms.

12:00PM	<b>Introduction</b>
12:05PM	<b>Lenita Alatini</b>
12:25PM	<b>Sean Smith</b>
12:40PM	<b>Georgette Macleod Angie Joseph-Rear Victor Henry</b>
1:00PM	<b>Rising Sun Singers</b>
1:15PM	<b>Melissa Matheson Frost</b>
1:35PM	<b>Erin Linklater</b>
2:05PM	<b>Dakwākāda Dancers</b>
2:30PM	<b>Dakhkā Khwaán Dancers</b>
2:55PM	<b>Teechik Dancers</b>
3:25PM	<b>Dena Zagi</b>
3:55PM - 4:25PM	<b>Diyet &amp; the Love Soldiers</b>



### A New Way Forward NEXT GENERATION

6:30PM Doors open  
7:00PM - 9:00PM Performances

Where innovation meets tradition — a high-energy showcase of the next generation of performers in hip hop, electric and new media, hosted by Princess Melia. Be ready to dance, move and be inspired!

#### Featuring performances by:

Nelson Tagoona,  
Beat Boxer & Throat Singer, Nunavut  
Marissa Mills, Pow Wow Dancer, Yukon  
Vision Quest, Hip Hop Music, Yukon  
Quanah VanderMeer, Hip Hop Music, Yukon  
North Gold Entertainment,  
Hip Hop Music, Yukon  
Princess Melia,  
Multi-Stylet Singer/Songwriter, Yukon

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Council of Yukon  
First Nations

# MONDAY JULY 4

## Gallery

10:00AM - 8:00PM Open all day! Browse world-class artwork. Shop the retail gallery to take a piece home!  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM & ARTIST STUDIO**

## Artists Studio Tent

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**OUTSIDE**

## Partner Programming

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**BEHIND CABINS**

PRESENTED BY



## Yukon Theatre

304 Wood Street

**TICKETS ONLINE BY DONATION.**   
[yukonfilmsociety.com/schedule](http://yukonfilmsociety.com/schedule)

4:00PM - 5:20PM **New Indigenous Short films from the National Film Board**  
6 short and mid-length films: documentary and animation. Includes Arctic Song, Nalujuk Night, Evan's Drum and I Am Indian Again: Mary Two Axe Earley.

PRESENTED BY



## Taga Shäw Riverside Stage

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12:00PM - 2:25PM **Cultural Presentations**  
**Celebrating Traditional Watercraft of Canada's North**

Join master boat builders Wayne Price, Doug Smarch, Halin De Repentigny and guest Ashley Cummings. Absorb the perfect combination of exquisite beauty and functional purpose of traditional watercraft, including a birch bark canoe, moose skin boat, cedar dugout canoe, and Inuit Skin Qayak. Learn how they have used ancient traditions and resources from the land to build these pieces of art to carry people safely and swiftly across rivers, lakes and ocean waters. All four boats will be on display.

2:30PM **Folk/Rock Music**  
with Bria McLean,  
singer/songwriter, Yukon

2:55PM **Folk Music**  
with Sean Balsillie,  
singer/songwriter, Yukon

3:20PM **Country & Classic Rock Music**  
with Madison Dixon,  
singer/songwriter, Yukon

3:45PM **Country & Folk Music**  
Kevin Barr

4:10PM - 5:00PM **Kids Activity**  
with Parks Canada



## Yukon Arts Centre

300 University Drive

# Voices Across the Water FILM PREMIER

6:00PM

Fritz Mueller and Teresa Earle's feature documentary *Voices Across the Water* follows two master boat builders as they practise their art and find a way back to balance and healing.

For Alaskan Tlingit carver Wayne Price and young apprentice, Violet, fashioning a dugout canoe from a single massive red cedar tree is a way to reconnect to the Ancestral Knowledge of Indigenous craftspeople. Francophone artist Halin de Repentigny's handmade birchbark canoes recall the vessels once used by the voyageurs. Connected by their devotion to craft and the critical importance of succession, they carry forward the ancient art of navigating life's unexpected currents.

*This screening will be followed by a live Q and A with special guests.*

**TICKETS \$15** [yukontickets.com](https://yukontickets.com) 

### Featuring:

Wayne Price, Alaskan Tlingit  
Halin de Repentigny  
Violet Gatensby, Northwest coast Tlingit

### PRESENTED BY



## Longhouse Main Stage

SUPPORTED BY  
 Northwestel

# We Are the Stories We Tell

6:30PM Doors open  
7:00PM - 9:00PM Performances

Come into the story circle! Join world-renowned storyteller Louise Profeit LeBlanc as she hosts an evening of stories told by Elders and younger storytellers from across the Yukon. Fill your cup with laughter, tears and joy.

### Featuring stories and performances by:

Louise Profeit LeBlanc,  
Nacho Nyak Dun First Nation  
Shirley Adamson, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council  
Brandon Kyikavichik, Vuntut Gwitchin  
Bessie Cooley, Teslin Tlingit Council  
Luke Campbell,  
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

### Special performance by Michele Olson

*Frost Exploding Trees Moon* is a solo piece following the journey of a woman travelling her trapline. The piece tracks a physical human journey as well as a spiritual one, asking 'how does one house one's spirit? What keeps us close to earth and what makes us long for stars?'

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# TUESDAY JULY 5

## Gallery

10:00AM Open all day! Browse world-class artwork. Shop the retail gallery to take a piece home!

- 5:00PM

**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
& ARTIST STUDIO**

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- 5:00PM

**OUTSIDE**

## Partner Programming

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- 5:00PM

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Expressions Society



Alistair Maitland Photography

## Taga Shāw Riverside Stage

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12:00PM

- 2:00

### Cultural Presentations

#### Art from the Land

Our lands and waters provide a vast array of unique and beautiful materials for artists. Learn about the cultural significance and how they harvest and work with these materials.

*with Teresa Vander Meer-Chassé*

2:05PM

#### Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow Panel

Signatories and Negotiators share their journey from yesterday to today

3:10PM

#### Intergenerational Leadership - From Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow

*with Jocelyn Joe Strack, Indigenous Knowledge Research Chair, Yukon University*

3:30PM

- 4:30PM

#### Yukon First Nations Climate Action Fellowship

The YFN Children of Tomorrow share their vision of 'Reconnection is Climate Action — for the next 50 years'.

Alistair Maitland Photography



## Longhouse Main Stage

# Dà Ze Tsàn (From Our Hearts) Fashion Show

6:30PM Doors open

7:00PM - 9:00PM Fashion Show

Join us for a night of Fashion under the Northern Lights on the beautiful traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. The glowing evening will be filled with a perfect blend of contemporary and traditional chic fashion under the shining sky with some of the most talented northern fashion designers showcasing their new collections. The two-hour show will consist of collections from Northern Indigenous designers across North America from the Yukon, Nunavut, Alaska and the Northwest Territories. The catwalk will also showcase two vibrant special performances that truly showcase the euphoric beauty that is the circumpolar north.

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 Northwestel

TICKETED EVENT 

Tickets: \$30

[adaka-festival.eventbrite.com](http://adaka-festival.eventbrite.com)

### Produced by:

Skaydu.ù Jules & Chantal Rondeau

### Designers:

Arctic Luxe  
Brenda Asp  
Copper Caribou  
Dene Couture  
Inuk Chic  
Kadusné/  
Ursula Hudson  
Kaska Dene  
Designs  
Minnie Clark  
Randi Nelson  
Robyn Mcleod  
Taalrumiq/  
Christina King  
Victoria's Arctic Fashion

### Performers:

Sylvia Cloutier  
Princess Melia

### Hair:

Jamie Joy  
Fendrick  
Megan Easter

### Makeup:

Mary Bob



### SUPPORTED BY



Heather Johns



**Abalone and Silver  
Fox Necklace**  
Natasha Peter



**Small Tlingit  
Feast Dish**  
Duran Henry

# SHOP OUR ART

**Beautiful artwork created by Indigenous artists  
living in the Yukon.**

The online store will be closed from June 22, opening again on July 12.

These items and more are available  
at the Adäka galleries located in the  
Multipurpose Room and Artist Studio  
from June 29 to July 5!

**yfnarts.ca**



## PERFORMING ARTISTS, KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS & PRESENTERS

### YUKON

#### BEAVER CREEK

Quanah VanderMeer

#### BURWASH LANDING

Colsen Ford ..... *Presenter*

Diyet ..... *Folk/Roots*

Diyet & the Love Soldiers ... *Country/Folk/Roots*

Lenita Alatini ..... *Folk*

Marissa Mills ..... *Pow Wow Dance*

Mary Jane Johnson ..... *Traditional Knowledge*

#### CARCROSS

Dakhká Khwáan Dancers ..... *Traditional Drum/Dance*

Gary Sidney Johnson ..... *Traditional Dance*

Frances Neumann ..... *Traditional Knowledge*

Kevin Barr ..... *Country/Folk/Roots*

Tagish Nation Dancers ..... *Traditional Drum/Dance*

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Jamie & Josh Tetlich, Harold Frost .... *Fiddling*

Jasmine Netsena ..... *Folk*

Jocelyn Joe-Strack ..... *Presenter*

Kwanlin Dághātaan K'e Dancers ..... *Traditional Song/Dance*

Madison Dixon ..... *Rock/Country*

Melia Hudgin ..... *Alternative Folk*

New North Collective ..... *Jazz/Folk/Spoken Word*

Nick Johnson & Yudi Mercredi

(Vision Quest) ..... *Hip Hop/Rap*

Rising Sun Singers ..... *Drumming & Singing*

Shirley Adamson ..... *Spoken Word*

The Yukon Jack Band ..... *Country*

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Children of the Taku Society ..... *Language*

Taku Kwaan Dancers... *Traditional Drum/Dance*

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#### VANCOUVER

Michelle Deanne Olson ... *Contemporary Dance*

Melissa Matheson Frost ..... *Spoken Word*

Nyla Carpentier ..... *Pow Wow Dance*

Sean Balsillie ..... *Folk/Rock*

Wesley Hardisty ..... *Fiddling*

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## GREENLAND/DENMARK

Nive Nielsen & Charlie Shapiro (Deer Child)  
..... *Inuk Folk*

## NORWAY

Emil Karlson ..... *Folk*  
ISÁK ..... *Electronic/Joiking*  
Matti Aikio ..... *Sámi Traditional Knowledge*

## SWEDEN

Åsa Simma ..... *Swedish/Sámi Joiker*

## PRESENTING ORGANIZATIONS

### YUKON

Northern Cultural Expressions Society  
Parks Canada  
Yukon Aboriginal Sports Circle  
Yukon Film Society  
Yukon First Nations Climate Action Fellowship  
Yukon University

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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Joseph Tetlich Luke Campbell  
Shirlee Frost

## VISUAL ARTISTS

### YUKON

#### DAWSON CITY

Allison Scheffen ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Dolores Scheffen ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Faye Chamberlain ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Stormy Brady ..... *Traditional Arts*

#### HAINES JUNCTION

Brenda Asp ..... *Fashion/Jewellery*

#### MAYO

Dawna Hope ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Nancy Hager ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Velma Olsen ..... *Traditional Arts*

#### OLD CROW

Elizabeth Kyikavichik ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Ida Tizya ..... *Beading*

#### PELLY CROSSING

Kimberly Gill ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Nesta Hager ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Eugene Alfred ..... *Sculpture*

#### ROSS RIVER

Vashti Etzel ..... *Traditional Arts*

#### TESLIN

Doug Smarch ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Jean Taylor ..... *Painting*  
Minnie Clark ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Whitney Horne ..... *Traditional Arts*

#### WATSON LAKE

Brandy Tizya ..... *Jewellery/Fashion*  
Mary Caesar ..... *Painting/Poetry*  
Margaret Mitchell ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Miranda-Lee Lane ..... *Painting*

## WHITEHORSE

Ann Smith ..... *Raven's Tail Weaving*  
Amy Tessaro ..... *Stained Glass*  
Blake Lepine ..... *Sculpture/Jewellery*  
Carissa Waugh ..... *Jewellery*  
Calvin Morberg ..... *Sculpture*  
Delaney Prysnuuk ..... *Jewellery*  
Diane Olsen ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Elizabeth Bosely ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Gertie Tom ..... *Traditional Arts*  
George Roberts ..... *Jewellery*  
Heather Dickson ..... *Traditional Arts/Beading*  
Justien Senoa ..... *Wood-Painting/Sculpture*  
Kaylyn Baker ..... *Traditional Arts/Beading*  
Ken Anderson ..... *Sculpture*  
Leisa Thurmer ..... *Apparel*  
Lucy-Ann Carrol ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Mark Preston ..... *Jewellery*  
Maria Rose Sikyea ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Montana Prysnuuk ..... *Jewellery*  
Natasha Peter ..... *Fashion*  
Randi Nelson ..... *Jewellery*  
Samantha Fleschman ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Sarah Johnson ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Shirlee Frost ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Sharon Vittrekwa ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Teresa Vander-Meer Chassé ..... *Mixed Media*  
Taylor LaChapelle ..... *Mixed Media*  
Violet Gatensby ..... *Sculpture*

## ALASKA

Christine Sam ..... *Basketry/Traditional Arts*  
Drew Michael ..... *Sculpture/Fashion*  
Joyce Roberts ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Robin Lovelace ..... *Sculpture/Jewellery*

## ALBERTA

Alyssa Miller ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Carmen Miller ..... *Tufting*  
Suszan Marie ..... *Traditional Arts/Beading*  
Tanis Simpson ..... *Qiviut Wool*  
Tishna Marlowe ..... *Fashion*

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### ATLIN

Deb Michel ..... *Weaving*  
Joanne Williams ..... *Traditional Arts*  
Rhoda merkel ..... *Painting/Apparel*  
Wayne Carlick ..... *Carving*

### PRINCE GEORGE

Janelle Hager ..... *Traditional Arts*

### VICTORIA

Dean Heron ..... *Sculpture/Painting*

### VANCOUVER

Richard Shorty ..... *Painting/Printmaking*

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

### DELNE

Marlene Tutcho ..... *Traditional Arts*

### FORT GOOD HOPE

Antoine Mountain ..... *Painting/Literature*

## FORT SIMPSON

Catherine Blondin ..... Traditional Arts

## FORT SMITH

Ruth Modeste ..... Traditional Arts

## HAY RIVER

Hazel Salopree-Mackay ..... Traditional Arts

Mary Elsie Canadien ..... Traditional Arts

## INNUVIK

Laska Nerysoo ..... Traditional Arts/Macrame

## NORMAN WELLS

Dorothy Wright ..... Traditional Arts

## TSIIGENTCHIC

Margaret Nazon ..... Beading

## TUKTOYAKTUK

Taalrumiq/Christina King ..... Traditional Arts

## WHATI

Tracey Simpson ..... Traditional Arts

## YELLOWKNIFE

Derrald Taylor ..... Carving

John Sabourin ..... Carving

Karen Wright-Fraser ..... Traditional Arts

Lucy Ann Yakeleya ..... Traditional Arts

Sheena Yakeleya ..... Traditional Arts

## NUNAVIK (NORTHERN QUÉBEC)

Julie Grenier ..... Jewellery

Arsaniq Keelan ..... Traditional Tattooing

## NUNAVUT

### BAKER LAKE

Janet Nunglik ..... Traditional Arts

Salomon Pootoogook ..... Carving

### CAPE DORSET

Jamasee Pitseolak ..... Carving

### CAROL HARBOR

May Ningeongan ..... Traditional Arts

### GJOA HAVEN

Wayne Puqiqniak ..... Carving

### IQALUIT

Elisapee Tatigat Avingaq ..... Jewellery

Matthew Nuqingaq ..... Jewellery

### RANKIN INLET

Helen Iguptak ..... Traditional Arts

Victoria Kakuktinniq ..... Fashion

### PANGNIRTUNG

Andrew Qappik ..... Printmaking

Jaco Ishulutak ..... Carving

### PELLY BAY

Alina Tungilik ..... Carving

### POND INLET

Billy Merkosak ..... Carving

David Ford ..... Jessie Oonark Ltd.

Elena Akpialialuk ..... Uqqurmiut Arts & Crafts

Goretti Kakuktinniq

..... Nunavut Development Corporation

Mona Igutsaq ..... Taluq Designs Ltd

Sandra Nuviya ..... Ivalu Ltd.

Sherlyn Kadjuk ..... Kiluk Ltd.



## NUNATSIAVUT (NORTHERN LABRADOR)

April Humby ..... Jewellery

Sandra Rideout ..... Traditional Arts

## FESTIVAL TEAM

Executive Director/Co-Producer

..... Charlene Alexander

Director of Arts/Co-Producer

..... Katie Johnson

Associate Producer ..... Erin Symington

Visual Arts Coordinator ..... Marjie Cowell

Fashion Show Producers

..... Skaydu.û Jules & Chantel Rondeau

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YFN Arts Manager/Artist Liaison

..... Sharon Vittrekwa

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Gallery Sales ..... Shania Noksana

Gallery Installation ..... Blake Lepine

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..... Elaine Zimmer & Josee Laurion

Travel Coordinator ..... Samantha Burgis

Volunteer Coordinator ..... Mena Kaiser

Production/Volunteer Assistant ... Selina Pye

Stage/Production Manager ..... Kim Winniky

Stage Assistant ..... Willow Lacosse

Site Manager ..... Richard Firth & Riley Cardinal

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Spirit of the Drums ..... Alejandro Ronceria

Circumpolar Soundscape ..... Deb Peters

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WONDERFUL STAFF AT THE KWANLIN DÛN CULTURAL CENTRE!

# About the Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association

The Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association (YFNCT) is a non-profit organization that is committed to growing and promoting vibrant and sustainable arts/culture and tourism sectors.



Yukon First Nations  
**CULTURE &  
TOURISM**  
Association

## What we offer

### Arts development

Our programs and services include workshops and training skills, creative and professional development; branding and marketing support; an artist referral service, special events, tradeshow markets, one-on-one coaching and business support. We also connect YFN art and artists with local, national and international markets and audiences through our YFN arts brand, online store, presentations, exhibitions, artistic collaborative projects, and our flagship event — the Adäka Cultural Festival.

### Marketing and sales

Our marketing efforts focus on increasing the understanding, awareness and demand for YFN arts, culture, and tourism experiences within and beyond Yukon. We present and participate in a variety of special events, industry trade shows, conferences and forums. We work with our partners across

Yukon to promote YFN arts and tourism experiences through a variety of print publications, co-op advertising, web, social media promotion, and more.

### Tourism development

We work closely with entrepreneurs, communities and industry partners to support the development, promotion and delivery of authentic tourism experiences. This includes training, and one-on-one coaching in market and export readiness, access to information resources and funding, linkages to the tourism trade, and more.

### Networking, partnerships and advocacy

We connect and build partnerships between sector stakeholders to increase collaboration, leverage resources and



create new opportunities. We work to build a unified voice that can influence and advocate, on behalf of the arts, culture and tourism industries in Yukon First Nations communities.

## Events and conferences

We believe arts and culture unify and strengthen Yukon First Nations communities creating pride, renowned artists, and inspiring experiences that attract visitors from around the world. We host:

### Advancing Indigenous Tourism Conference (AITC)

This conference brings together Indigenous cultural entrepreneurs and tourism operators, and delegates from heritage and culture, tourism, and economic development sectors. [In December.](#)

### Bead, Hide & Fur Symposium

This symposium is for Indigenous fine craft artists who work with beads, hide, fur and other natural materials such as quills and fish scales. It explores a variety of topics, is a place to share information and ideas, identify challenges and opportunities within the sector, and determine ways to continue building a vibrant and viable Indigenous craft industry.

[In October 2022.](#)

### YFN 2022 – *Dreaming Roots*

*Dreaming Roots* is a spectacular, inspiring performance journey by and about Yukon First Nations people. It weaves together new work from 50+ Yukon Indigenous artists in dance, music, drumming, theatre, storytelling and more, in traditional and contemporary forms.

*Dreaming Roots* is directed by internationally acclaimed Indigenous artists Alejandro Ronceria and Diyet van Lieshout with a collaborative team, guided by knowledge keepers in a culturally grounded process.



## Meet the 14 First Nations of Yukon

A 52-page publication showcasing Yukon First Nations unique history and culture, language, community voices and top things to do in each community.

Pick up a copy at a Cultural Centre, Visitor Information Centre or onboard Air North, Yukon's Airline!

Order online or download:  
[travelyukon.com/en/guidebooks](https://travelyukon.com/en/guidebooks)

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**INTENTIONAL GIVING**  
 creates a platform for **COMMUNITY**  
 to come together in support of  
 Indigenous artists. We believe that a strong  
**CONNECTION** to place and culture will **LIFT**  
 artists to realize their potential and  
**GROW** into mentors and knowledge  
 holders for future generations.

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 Arctic Star  
 Black Bird Bakery  
 Boston Pizza  
 CKRW The Rush

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 G&P Distributing  
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The Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre is proud to be a presenting partner of the Adäka Cultural Festival. We look forward to hosting the festival from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> and working in partnership with YFNCT to support the development of the Arts and cultural sector here in Yukon.

This festival is now our premier arts and cultural event, and we are truly excited to see the amazing talents of all the visual and performing artists each year. They bring the best of northern arts and culture to our doorstep and we in turn are honoured to provide them with a world-class facility and services to ensure their art is showcased to the highest standards.

Our governance council is very pleased that the festival has an ongoing mandate to support youth and emerging artists as well as masters in all the various genres presented during the festival. We believe there is tremendous opportunity for healing and for reconciliation through arts and culture. That is one of the key reasons that Kwanlin Dün First Nation chose to invest in this centre and the festival absolutely fits within our vision to lift up our people through arts and culture.

**Adäka, congratulations on your 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and best wishes for a very successful festival.**

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# ESTABLISH yourself in the marketplace

Become a Registered Yukon First Nations artist

- » Increase the visibility for Indigenous artists in Yukon
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- » Sell your artwork through our online store

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# PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

KWANLIN DÜN CULTURAL CENTRE

JUNE 29 – JULY 5



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## WEDNESDAY

### Hearts of our People Adäka Opening Celebration

Throat singing, dance, and more, as we welcome Indigenous artists from across the Circumpolar North at the opening of Adäka's 10 year celebration.

## THURSDAY

### Circumpolar Soundscape New North Collective

An exquisite collaboration of Indigenous women singer/songwriters from across the North, featuring Nive Nielsen, Diyet, Sylvia Cloutand and Leela Gilday

## FRIDAY

### Fiddlers & Dancers Across the North Adäka Community Dance

Get your moccasins ready for some jigging! Featuring Gwich'in, Dene and Métis fiddlers plus the quick-footed Teechik Dancers from Old Crow!

## SATURDAY

### Pamyua "Inuit Soul Music,"

Traditional melodies reinterpreted with contemporary vocalization and instrumentation. Featuring Yup'ik musician I Sing, You Dance, Byron Nicholai.



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## SUNDAY

### Dreaming Roots Showcase

A spectacular, inspiring performance journey by and about Yukon First Nations people, featuring the solo performers from the cast of Dreaming Roots.

### A New Way Forward Next Generation

A high-energy showcase of the next generation of performers in hip hop, electric and new media, hosted by Princess Melia.

## MONDAY

### We Are the Stories We Tell

Come into the story circle to laugh, cry, and be mesmerized by stories from Elders and younger storytellers from across the territory. Including Raven Spirit Dance by Michelle Olson.

## TUESDAY

### Dà Ze Tsàn (From Our Hearts) Fashion Show

A glowing evening of contemporary and traditional fashion from the most talented northern designers across the Yukon, Nunavut, Alaska and NWT.