



## Adäka Program Highlights 2019

### **Friday, June 28 – Opening Ceremony: Kädzenet'ádē Nadzühili – All Together, We Drum**

The Longhouse will be bursting with energy from the Kaska Dene Drummers, joined by the Tlicho Drummers of the Northwest Territories! This impressive opening ceremony will include all Yukon First Nations, Elders, leaders, artists and guests. Reception and refreshments to follow.

### **Saturday, June 29 – Sharing Our Spirit Celebration**

Experience the power and pride of traditional dance and drum from across the Yukon! Traditional dance groups will join together to celebrate the diversity and strength of our songs and dances across the Yukon with guest performances. Everyone is welcome!

### **Sunday, June 30 – The Strength Of Our Women: A Community Gathering to Honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**

Women are standing in unity to bring about balance in the world. This Community Gathering is to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and will showcase powerful women sharing their song, dance, stories and awareness and healing journey. This evening will feature Starr Drynock, M'Girl, an Aboriginal women's musical ensemble, followed by dancer, drummer, singer/songwriter Laura Grizzlypaws and Yukon's Women drum group - Women of Wisdom!

### **Monday, July 1 – Canada Day, Old Crow Style with a Métis Twist**

Celebrate Canada's birthday with live music, traditional dance, storytelling, artist demonstrations and workshops all day long! Our exciting evening program includes the Old Crow Dancers, and jigging and square dancing with a Métis twist. The Acuhko Simowuk Collective, a Métis traditional and contemporary dance group, will take the main stage by storm. Old Time Dance to follow, bring your moccasins!

### **Tuesday, July 2 – We Are The Stories We Tell: Digital Storytelling Night**

We Are The Stories We Tell will be hosted by Ryan McMahon and feature local Indigenous Youth using animated stories for digital media and storytelling. This project provides a platform for celebrating, investigating, questioning, and broadening Indigenous worldview and teachings through digital media and storytelling. The evening will also include long ago stories by international renowned traditional storyteller Louise Profeit-LeBlanc from the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun! This program is in partnership with Jordan's Principle and Stories North.

### **Wednesday, July 3 – Electric Pow Wow**

This electrifying evening, co presented with The Yukon Arts Centre will feature local youth hip-hop artist, Jeremy Parkin, the Dakhká Khw'an Dancers & DJ Dash and headliner, A Tribe Called Red! Tickets are \$35.00 on sale soon at [www.yukontickets.ca](http://www.yukontickets.ca)

### **Thursday, July 4 – Nyēn Nzhän - Sing Your Song**

Adäka will produce our first Indigenous Language and Song Celebration, showcasing as many Yukon First Nations languages possible. With support from mentors, Indigenous musicians and composers will create songs written only in a YFN language and launch them at this celebration! This program is funded by Tides Canada and in partnership with the Council of Yukon First Nations and Northwestel Community TV.

