



ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

2023

Winter Gala

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TIME	ACTIVITY
6:15 pm	Networking Reception
6:20 pm	<p>Introduction of Keith Whiteduck / Reception Pianist</p> <p>Keith is a graduate of Cambrian College in Sudbury Ontario with a Music Performance diploma. He has performed in numerous festivals including "The Fringe" in Edinburgh, Scotland and the "Summer Solstice Festival" in Ottawa and has also composed music for radio commercials. At age 16, Keith went to Cambrian College as a guitar major and became inspired when he was introduced to Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century music. Being exposed to exotic sounds from around the world had a profound impact on the way he approached performing, learning and composing music. After attending a concert where he heard piano virtuoso Dr. Charlene Biggs, he developed a new love for the instrument. This led him to switch his major to piano and study under Dr. Charlene Biggs. Keith began music lessons with Olivier Hubert and Gontran Hubert, and has also studied with Kenneth Van Barthold in Scotland and with Dr. Ireneus Zuk at Queen's University in Kingston.</p>
7:00 pm	Doors open
7:15 pm	<p>Welcoming Remarks – Master of Ceremonies</p> <p>Brett Mooswa is a comedy skit artist, content creator, aspiring actor and a proud member of the Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation. As a husband and father, Brett finds time to spread humor and awareness through his social media videos. He's been featured on many news outlets in Canada and abroad continuing to break ground for himself. Brett gives awareness to his Cree culture in a way that people can connect and relate to. He has gained a significant following over all his social media. Brett has reached Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples across the nations. He is in his element when behind his camera. 'Love and Laughter' is the message he spreads.</p>

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7:20 pm	<p>Traditional Welcome to the Territory and Performance</p> <p>Rae-Anna Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg.</p>
8:15 pm	<p>Dance Performance by Notorious Cree</p> <p>Notorious Cree is a men's fancy powwow dancer and top 3 world hoop dancer who also plays the flute and hand drum. Notorious Cree blends traditional, modern and contemporary arts mixed with comedy to show a high energy performance. Some notable performances include the 2006 World Ski Cup Championship in Italy, 2010 Vancouver Olympics, 2014 Juno Awards, 2015 Pan Am Games, the 2015 Coachella Music Festival, and the 2015 Sydney Opera House.</p>
9:30 PM	<p>Dance to the music of the Armond Duck Chief Band</p> <p>Armond Duck Chief is a Canadian singer and songwriter of country music, who was a Juno Award nominee for Aboriginal Album of the Year at the Juno Awards of 2016 for his album The One. A member of the Siksika Nation from Alberta, he released his debut album Country Groove in 2011. In addition to the Juno Award nomination, The One was a winner for Best Country Album, and Duck Chief for Best Songwriter, at the 2015 Indigenous Music Awards.</p>

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