



TALKING STICK FESTIVAL 2023

# SUMMER REVERB



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# TALKING STICK FESTIVAL 2023

## WELCOME!

As we begin National Indigenous History Month, we're excited to share our Talking Stick Festival, an annual event since 2001!

This year's theme is Summer Reverb and brings together the idea of amplified sound and amplified voices in musical performances, similar to the star and water ripples reverberating outwards.

We'll celebrate the many voices and artistic expressions from our communities and bring to light the stories, songs and dances of our many Peoples to uplift, inspire and educate. We appreciate the many partners who have helped us through the years and the new partners who are just joining us. The story of Kanata would not be complete without our Indigenous histories, languages and peoples.

Let us create paths to walk together. Let us come to know and respect each other. And let us Honor the many artistic expressions of our Peoples, as each performer 'holds the symbolic Talking Stick', to share what's near and dear to them.







**Dr. Margo Kane**

Artistic Managing Director

Full Circle: First Nations Performance





-  **Date:** June 1, 2023
-  **Time:** 7:30pm Show  
9:00pm-10:30pm Reception
-  **Location:** Historic Cultch Theatre,  
1895 Venables St, Vancouver
-  **Tickets:** Free

## Opening Reception

Following the 7:30pm showing of *The First Métis Man of Odesa*





Presented by Talking Stick Festival

Kick-start your summer and National Indigenous History Month on June 1st at the soft opening of Talking Stick Festival 2023: Summer Reverb! The evening commences with the captivating tale of the First Métis Man of Odesa, an extraordinary narrative interweaving love, resilience, and hope.

Celebrate the festival launch with a post-show gathering, featuring refreshments and entertainment. Join us in the lobby for energetic rhythms of traditional Ukrainian MUSIC with the Vancouver Folk Orchestra, Métis jigging and the soulful strains of fiddle music, marking the beginning of our festival. Be part of this unique cultural echo that will reverberate throughout the summer!

## The First Métis Man of Odesa

Presented by Punctuate! Theatre in association with rEvolver Festival and community partner Talking Stick Festival

-  **Date:** May 25 - June 4
-  **Time:** 7:30pm Showtimes Tues-Sat  
2:00pm matinee Saturday and Sunday
-  **Location:** Historic Cultch Theatre,  
1895 Venables St, Vancouver
-  **Tickets:** Start at \$25

**A true story about love in the face of a pandemic and an invasion.**

*By Matthew MacKenzie and Mariya Khomutova*  
*Presented in association with rEvolver Festival*

Discover the inspiring true story of “First Métis Man of Odesa” at the launch of the 22nd annual Talking Stick Festival. Witness Matt and Mariya’s extraordinary journey of love and resilience amidst a global pandemic and an invasion. Gain an intimate perspective on the war in Ukraine, as well as moments of joy and inspiration.





# TRUTH TELLING



*Seven Conversations about  
Indigenous Life in Canada*




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## Michelle Good: Truth Telling About Indigenous Life in Canada

Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival, Massy Books, Massy Arts And The Vancouver Public Library

-  **Date:** June 8, 2023
-  **Time:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm
-  **Location:** Central Library,  
350 West Georgia St.  
Vancouver

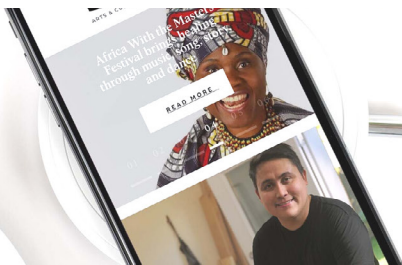
When the time for apologies and acknowledgements is over, do you know what the real, necessary steps towards Truth and Reconciliation must be? In *Truth Telling: Seven Conversations About Indigenous Life in Canada*, award-winning author Michelle Good presents an essay collection that asks non-Indigenous Canadians to reconsider what they think they know about Indigenous life and to confront the human cost of colonialism. Come hear Michelle Good in conversation with journalist Andrea Crossan.

This event will feature a performance by singer songwriter, Zofia Rose, organized by Talking Stick Festival along with books for sale and a book signing by the author.

This event is presented in partnership with Massy Books, Massy Arts, and the Vancouver Public Library.

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# Summer Reverb: Talking Stick Festival Gala

Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival And SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs



Melawmen Collective



Jeanette Kotowich



Fara Palmer




Michael Creber



Gillian Thomson

 **Date:** June 9, 2023

 **Time:** Doors Open 7:30pm,  
Gala starts 8pm

 **Location:** SFU Woodward's, Fei and  
Milton Wong Experimental  
Theatre, 149 W Hastings St,  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7

 **Tickets:** [\\$15 – \\$100](#)

We warmly invite you to the Talking Stick Festival's Summer Reverb Gala – an evening of vibrant entertainment and rekindling connections.

The evening will start with soulful piano stylings by Michael Creber, followed by talented singers Gillian Thomson and Fara Palmer sharing some of their favorite songs, and a performance by multidisciplinary contemporary dance artist, Jeanette Kotowich.

Our headliner artist, Melawmen Collective, will take centre stage to close the evening and showcase their unique blend of contemporary Indigenous Fusion that beautifully marries genres like hip-hop, rock, folk, and thick harmonies. The evening promises to be an unforgettable celebration of Indigenous art and culture.

We can't wait to celebrate with you.

## Celebrating Indigenous art and performance.

# A day in celebration of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Artists

Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival And Queer Arts Festival



-  **Date:** June 18, 2023
-  **Time:** Events Start at 3:00pm
-  **Location:** Roundhouse Community Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver
-  **Tickets:** \$20 – \$30

**ASL | Love After the End: An Anthology of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Speculative Fiction** is an exciting and groundbreaking fiction collection showcasing a number of emerging and established Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer writers, edited and compiled by acclaimed writer Joshua Whitehead. Whitehead joins us with fellow visionary authors Nathan Adler, jaye simpson, and Nazbah Tom for an afternoon that demonstrates how Queer Indigenous communities can bloom and thrive through utopian narratives.

**Cinq-à-Sept Reception | June 18 |**  
5 pm – 7pm | Roundhouse Exhibition Hall | Free

**Virago Nation Burlesque | June 18 | 7pm | Roundhouse Performance Centre | Ticketed**  
*Please note: this performance is 18+.*



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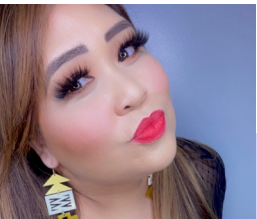
    



# DJ KOOKUM's Indigenous Day Eve

Presented by Talking Stick Festival

DJ Kookum



Suzette Amaya  
Emcee



Sekawnee  
Artist



Ms. Shellz  
Artist



Dem Rosé Boys

- Date:** June 20, 2023
- Time:** 9:00 - late
- Location:** Performance Works  
1218 Carwright St,  
Vancouver
- Tickets:** [\\$15 in advance](#)

Dive into the exhilarating world of hip-hop at “DJ KOOKUM's Indigenous Day Eve” an unforgettable night where creativity and cultural fusion take center stage. The dynamic lineup features exceptional Indigenous artists including Sakawnee, Ms Shellz, and Dem Rosé Boys. Explore the connection between Indigenous traditions and the powerful influence of hip-hop, as we honor the past, present, and future of this vibrant music scene.

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# Summer Solstice Celebration with Logan Staats

Presented by Talking Stick Festival



Logan Staats



Ila Barker



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Jordan Waunch  
Emcee

- Date:** June 21, 2023
- Time:** 7:00pm Doors Open  
8:00pm-11:00pm Performances
- Location:** Performance Works  
1218 Carwright St, Vancouver
- Ticket:** [\\$20](#)

Experience an unforgettable evening at “Summer Solstice Celebration with Logan Staats,” where Indigenous art and culture come to life. This captivating event features a diverse mix of ceremony, storytelling, dance, music, fashion, and more. Be moved by headliner Logan Staats’ soulful melodies and amazed by the talent of Ila Barker. Discover the powerful connections that unite us all, as inspiring performances celebrate the spirit of Indigenous cultures in a captivating blend of tradition and contemporary expression.





# Summer Sisters Sing: Indigenous Women's Music Circle

Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival And SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs

- Date:** June 23, 2023
- Time:** 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- Location:** SFUW WAC
- Tickets:** PRIVATE EVENT

Join us at "Summer Sisters Sing," a women's music circle celebrating the unity of music and sisterhood. Enjoy traditional Indigenous rhythms hosted by Pura Fé and share food, stories, and songs in a warm, welcoming environment. It's a unique event honoring traditions, embracing diversity, and harnessing the power of music to bring us closer.

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## West Coast Sounds: Pura Fé & Friends

Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival And Vancouver Coastal Jazz

 **Date:** June 24, 2023

 **Time:** 8pm - Midnight

 **Location:** Ironworks Studio, 235 Alexander Street

 **Tickets:** [\\$10 – \\$50](#)

Experience a night of music and fun at West Coast Sounds: Pura Fé & Friends. Revel in Indigenous talent with multi-award winning composer and performer Sandy Scofield, Christie Lee Charles' Musqueam language Hip Hop, Murray Porter's soulful keyboard, Pura Fé and family's melodic tunes, and Wayne Lavallee's energy. The night peaks with the vibrant Beaver Thomas Band featuring Shakti Hayes. Cheri Maracle, your host for the night, adds charisma to this lively celebration of music, community, and culture.



**Pura Fé**



**Cherie Maracle**  
Emcee



**Sandy Scofield**



**Wayne Lavallee**



**Beaver Thomas**



**Shakti Hayes**



**Murray Porter**



**Christie Lee Charles**



# YVR is proud to connect Indigenous artists to our community.

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## RUMBLE: THE INDIANS WHO ROCKED THE WORLD + A CONVERSATION WITH PURA FÉ

Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival And Coastal Jazz

 **Date:** June 27, 2023  
 **Time:** 5:30pm Doors  
6:30pm Film Start  
 **Location:** Vancity Theatre  
1181 Seymour St  
Vancouver  
 **Tickets:** [\\$20](#)

Exploring the profound influence of Native American music and musicians on rock and pop, this assertive and engaging doc (winner of the Audience Award and Best Canadian Film awards at Hot Docs) sets the record straight, with reference to Link Wray, Jimi Hendrix, Buffy Saint Marie, Robbie Robertson, and more.

Following the screening, please join us for a conversation with Indigenous singer-songwriter, activist, and storyteller Pura Fé, moderated by Doreen Manuel, a celebratory reception with a performance by M'Girl singers.



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## Re-Frame : Re-Name : Re-Make Three In-Person Roundtables

Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival,  
Primary Colours/Couleurs Primaires And  
Cultural Partner SFU Woodward's

 **Date:** June 27 - 29, 2023  
 **Time:** 11am-1pm | 1pm Lunch Provided  
 **Location:** SFU Woodward's, World Art  
Centre, 149 W Hastings St,  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7  
 **Tickets:** [\\$10 – \\$50](#)

Talking Stick Festival, Primary Colours/  
Couleurs primaires and Cultural Partner  
SFU Woodward's present a series of  
roundtables discussing the evolving  
Canadian art landscape, impacted by  
social justice movements, digital shifts,  
and new funding models.

IBPoC artists drive discourse and  
redefine the arts, while mainstream  
organizations seek reconciliation with  
Indigenous artists.



Topics include:

- IBPoC artists learning from each other
- Impact on the arts system
- Decolonial approaches in art
- DIE paradigm limitations
- Representation in cultural & social justice
- Lessons for mainstream organizations

Join us for engaging  
discussions, followed by  
lunch and conversation.

## The Seventh Fire

Co-Presented By Talking Stick  
Festival And Delinquent Theatre



Originally co-presented with Full Circle: First Nations Performance,  
and created with support from the PuSh International Performing Arts  
Festival. You are invited to connect to the medicine that lives within you  
with The Seventh Fire, an immersive audio performance inspired by  
ceremony. Drawing from Anishinaabe stories and oral traditions, artist  
Lisa Cooke Ravensbergen invokes sound and story as the somatic link to  
ancestral realms.

The audience enters Lobe Studio, free to stand, sit, lie down or move  
around according to their ability. As The Seventh Fire commences, the  
studio's 4D Sound System envelops all, serving as a portal to dreams and  
the story of sisters Daanis and Nimise and their grandmother Nokomis.

Cooke Ravensbergen's creation blurs time and space, bringing emotional  
and ancestral connection into being through deep collaboration with  
sound designer Mishelle Cuttler and a matriarchal creative team.

The Seventh Fire takes place in past, present and future, above and  
below the earth. It is the realm of the spirit, where a better future can be  
co-conceived.

 **Date:** June 27 - July 2, 2023  
 **Time:** Tues-Fri: 4pm, 6pm,  
8pm | Sat-Sun: 2pm,  
4pm, 6pm, 8pm  
 **Location:** Lobe Studio  
713 E. Hastings  
Vancouver  
 **Tickets:** [\\$20 – \\$50](#)

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