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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
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.
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.
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.

Summer Reverb: Talking Stick Festival Gala
Co-Presented By Talking Stick Festival And SFU Woodward’s Cultural Programs

📅 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 are celebrating Indigenous art and performance.
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+.*
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.

**DJ KOOKUM's Indigenous Day Eve**

Presented by Talking Stick Festival

**Date:** June 20, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 - late

**Location:** Performance Works
1218 Carwright St,
Vancouver

**Tickets:** $15 in advance

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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.

Date: June 21, 2023
Time: 7:00pm Doors Open
       8:00pm-11:00pm Performances
Location: Performance Works
         1218 Carwright St, Vancouver
Ticket: $20
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.
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.

**Date:** June 24, 2023  
**Time:** 8pm - Midnight  
**Location:** Ironworks Studio, 235 Alexander Street  
**Tickets:** $10 – $50
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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.

Date: June 27, 2023
Time: 5:30pm Doors
6:30pm Film Start
Location: Vancity Theatre
1181 Seymour St
Vancouver
Tickets: $20

Proud to support Talking Stick Festival 2023.

We are working together with Full Circle First Nations Performance. It’s just one way we are helping to open doors for a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow.

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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.

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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

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.

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