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OFFSITE Workshops & Performances

INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES

(Formerly Aboriginal Experiences Arts & Culture) has built a solid reputation for creating authentic experiences that showcase culture, history, food, music, art, fashion, dance and even entrepreneurship that is reflective and respectful of Canada's diverse Indigenous heritage.

For over 25 years, our organization has been playing an active role in the path to reconciliation bringing Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities together to share, learn and celebrate. We proudly immerse mainstream audiences within our culture through performances of Indigenous artists, workshops with traditional knowledge keepers and introduction to Indigenous foods. We are the go-to organization in the National Capital Region to incorporate Indigenous culture and teachings to events ranging from school performances to conferences and large festivals including producing the official welcoming for the Royals and PM on Parliament Hill for Canada's 150th celebrations.

Our ongoing partnerships within the local communities and Canadian Indigenous community and our vast network of entertainment and cultural resources have contributed to our position as Indigenous tourism and event experts. IE also produces and coordinates many other Indigenous events and festivals across Ontario. Our event expertise ranges from booking entertainment to providing catering for 4,000 guests, to planning and managing all aspects of multi-day events for up to 50,000 people.

Although there are other Indigenous event planners, we stand apart with the most extensive experience in sharing our Indigenous culture with dignity and pride in an authentic and professional way.

OUR EVENT SERVICES:

Indigenous performances have wide appeal for both Canadian and international audiences, which can add a unique perspective and recognition of local cultures to your next event. We have our own in-house troupe of talented Indigenous Cultural Ambassadors who can offer land acknowledgements, dance performances and cultural workshops. We also have access to bring together Indigenous talent from across Canada to perform for school, corporate, and public audiences of over a million annually.

Please see below for a detailed list of available programming offered by Indigenous Experiences – At your location of choice!

CORPORATE/EVENT SERVICES:

- End to end festival and event management
- Cultural program development
- Culinary programs
- Catering services
- Entertainment programming
- Artist/Talent booking,
- Technical production & logistics



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WE PLAN AND MANAGE INDIGENOUS PROGRAMMING FOR:

- Major cultural and tourism events and festivals
- Corporate conferences and events
- Employee celebrations and retreats
- Domestic and international tour companies (seniors, students, families, and professionals) seeking Indigenous programming in Ottawa-Gatineau or across Canada

SOME OF OUR PAST EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Producers of Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival (and Competition Pow Wow)
- Producers of Tagwagi, Pibon and Sigwan Festivals at Madahoki Farm
- Canadian Tulip Festival
- Winterlude
- Canada Day on Parliament Hill including Canada 150 official celebrations for Royals.
- Rendez Vous Canada - International Tour & Travel - Marketplace
- Producers Award Winning – National Day Truth and Reconciliation Event for Indigenous Tourism Ontario
- Westboro Fuse Street Festival
- Aboriginal Pavilion at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games held in Vancouver (Exclusive Caterers) and performers.

WHY CHOOSE IE TO PROGRAM YOUR NEXT EVENT:

- **Authenticity:** All our Indigenous cultural programming and artistic performances are developed and delivered by our talented community of Indigenous artists.
- **Proven Success:** We have a stellar track record in planning and implementing Indigenous cultural events within public venues, which are open and welcoming for the public, but respectful of Indigenous culture and protocol.
- **Talented Team:** Our Indigenous team of professional event planners is available to tackle all of the detailed logistical, artistic and administrative areas of the event.
- **Ongoing Partnerships:** We have access to many local and national level Indigenous artists, including a current database of over 350 Indigenous artists of all disciplines available for performances and events along with proven networks to discover and profile new talent.
- **Established Administration and Support:** Your project is supported by a comprehensive infrastructure including reception, phone/fax, book-keeping, computer reservation systems and more.

IE's innovative programming and professional Indigenous entertainment services for major tourism and corporate events have helped to establish us as leaders in the industry.

For all local schools in the National Capital Region, please contact MASC Artists in the Classroom at masconline.ca to learn more about our touring educational artist programs including:

- Introduction to Indigenous Culture
- Feel the Heartbeat
- Indigenous Hoop Dance
- Sky Woman Falls to the Earth
- Spirit of Dance



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MAKE YOUR EVENT COMPLETE WITH AN INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCE:

We want to ensure that your group's time with us is the best experience possible and exceeds all expectations. As our client, you can rest assured that you will be presenting an authentic Indigenous experience with a team of professional and impressive Indigenous artists. Please note these options are offered a la carte so that you can build a program and experience, that supports your audience and the time available within the event. It is important to note that we respect the cultural protocols surrounding protection of our sacred items around drugs and alcohol. An event serving alcohol does limit what and when we can provide in terms of cultural programming to ensure we are respectful of our elders, dancers, regalia and all cultural protocols so please advise in advance.

TRADITIONAL OPENING AND WELCOME

Invite one of our Cultural Ambassadors (or a local elder) to welcome your group in a traditional manner with a personal introduction, Algonquin Land Acknowledgement, and welcome song. Approximately 10 minutes.

AMBASSADOR WELCOME - \$ 400 + HST

INVITED ELDER OPENING - \$ 600 + HST



PERFORMANCES

INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES POW WOW DANCE AND DRUM PERFORMANCES

Our talented group of Pow Wow drum and dancers have shared their traditions and talent with millions of visitors from around the world. Sure to be a highlight of any event. You can feel the heartbeat of Mother Earth through the drum, witness the vibrance, resilience and beauty of our culture through these dances which have been passed on through the generations and continue to inspire our future generations. Each dance style shares important insight to our culture, teachings, and beliefs as shared by our Emcee (pre-recorded narration available in French, German, Japanese upon request)



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Our troupe can include the following styles: Men's Traditional and Grass, Women's Traditional, Fancy and Jingle as well as talented hoop dancers -both traditional and contemporary.

The full performance can range from 10-40 minutes depending on the number of dancers and time available in your itinerary; each dance style will last approximately 5 minutes with introductions. Please note the earlier Prices for performances included, but are not limited to:

2 DANCERS (different styles) w/ pre-recorded song **\$1,200** + HST

3 DANCERS (different styles) w/ pre-recorded song **\$1,400** + HST

4 DANCERS (different styles) w/ pre-recorded song **\$1,700** + HST

5 DANCERS (different styles) w/ pre-recorded song **\$1,800** + HST

HOOP DANCER (as a solo performance) **\$ 750** + HST

HOOP DANCER (as additional performer to above troupe) **\$ 500** + HST

ADD A LIVE DRUM GROUP for the full energy and impact **\$1,500 – 2,000** + HST

To represent the diversity of Indigenous Cultures in Canada be sure to include cultural performances from the talented Metis and Inuit artists:

METIS JIGGING **\$1,500** + HST

This lively and interactive performance aims to teach audiences about Metis culture through demonstrations of some of the most challenging jig dances. Can be 10 to 30 minutes.

INUIT THROAT SINGERS **\$1,500** + HST

Traditional Inuit songs / vocal performance including throat singing and ayaya songs which aims to introduce Inuit culture. Can be 10 to 30 minutes.

We have hundreds of diverse traditional and contemporary Indigenous Artists from the region and across Canada in our database. We are happy to book and take care of all arrangements for them. Some of the tremendous local Indigenous talent to consider:

TWIN FLAMES – a multi- award winning Metis and Inuit Folk/Roots Duo

THELAND AND RISE - a young Cree/Potawatomi singer and global dancefloor mixologist

LED HOOP DANCE PERFORMANCE – Aki Kicknosway

FIDDLEGROUND with multi-instrumentalist David Finkle and Fiddler Anthony Brascoupe



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INTERACTIVE & EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS CULTURE

Led by our team of Indigenous cultural ambassadors- they will introduce the participants to the rich diversity of our nations, the common beliefs and way of life among our communities and some of the most common questions they receive. This introduction to our diverse Indigenous cultures will end with an opportunity for the guests to engage with our ambassadors with any questions.

PROGRAM DURATION: Approximately 1.0 hour with introduction and questions

\$1,000 + HST - Includes 2 ambassadors and table w/ artifacts or visual power point presentation style

FEEL THE HEARTBEAT WORKSHOP

Explore our strong connection to one another through the heartbeat of mother earth. Visitors and guests will explore “good medicine” – through musical connections. This interactive workshop will connect our guests with a better understanding of our strong connection to Mother Earth through her “Heartbeat” while learning a new song and exploring musical “instruments”. This workshop is interactive where the audience create their own music by participating with rattles and a stomp dance. Led by one of our ambassadors.

PROGRAM DURATION: Approximately 30 minutes to 1.0 hour

Full Day of Workshops (max. of 3 groups) - **\$1,000** + HST

½ Day of Workshops (max. 2 groups) - **\$750** + HST

MAKE-AND-TAKE CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

DREAMCATCHERS

Make your own dreamcatcher to bring home! Led by one of our ambassadors, this workshop will have your guests making their own dreamcatcher and learning about the traditional origin story of dreamcatchers.

Animated workshop by one of our Ambassadors.

PROGRAM DURATION: Approximately 1.0 to 1.5 hours

\$1,000 + HST - Includes 2 ambassadors and table w/ artifacts or visual power point presentation style

Workshop Hosting Cost - **\$500** + HST

Each kit is an additional - **\$10** per person + HST

CORN HUSK DOLLS

Make your own Corn Husk Doll to bring home! Led by one of our ambassadors, this workshop uses the husks from corn to create a traditional no face doll. In Haudenosaunee traditions – these dolls have no face, and you will learn the meaning behind that. Animated Workshop - By one of our ambassadors

PROGRAM DURATION: Approximately 1.0 to 1.5 hours

\$1,000 + HST - Includes 2 ambassadors and table w/ artifacts or visual power point presentation style

Workshop Hosting Cost - **\$500** + HST

Each kit is an additional - **\$10** per person + HST



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RATTLE WORKSHOP

Enjoy the traditional stories and historical knowledge as you are guided through the process of crafting a traditional rattle! Using traditional materials, you will weave deer skin around a birchwood frame with the leather lacing provided and add corn inside before tying off to dry overnight. Animated Workshop - By David Finkle.

PROGRAM DURATION: Approximately 1.0 to 1.5 hours

Workshop Hosting Cost - \$500 + HST

Each kit is an additional - \$50 per person + HST

HAND DRUM WORKSHOP

Enjoy traditional stories and historical knowledge (and don't hesitate to ask questions) as you are guided through the process of crafting your own Traditional Hand Drum! Using traditional materials you will weave deer skin around an Ashwood frame with the leather lacing, before tying off to dry overnight. Animated Workshop - By David Finkle.

PROGRAM DURATION: Approximately 3 hours to 3.5 hours

Workshop Hosting Cost - \$500 + HST

Each kit is an additional - \$110 per person + HST

ACTIVATED SPACES & ANIMATIONS

RARE OJIBWE SPIRIT HORSES

Witness the beauty and hear the stories of the Rare Ojibwe Spirit Horses. Indigenous Experiences are proud to welcome our new herd of the rare and endangered Ojibwe Spirit Horses to the Mādahòkì Farm. These horses really share their own story on the sacred connection to the Ontario lands where they roamed free for thousands of years. You will have a chance to see these special little horses and hear their stories through the work of Artist Rhonda Snow with a painted series of stories she collected from the Elders across Turtle Island on their memories of this once wild horse.

Animated Booth Space - By our ambassadors includes stories and display

FULL DAY - \$1,000 + HST

Meet and interact with our Spirit Horses (includes 1 - 2 Spirit Horses & Pen)

FULL DAY - \$2,000 + HST

MAPLE HARVEST EXPERIENCE

Ideal for our spring and fall groups, this animation package includes an interactive fireside demonstration on the traditional methods of preparing maple syrup over the campfire. This animation is typically done outdoors in an area where we are allowed to make a fire. Ideal for camps, or events with outdoor programming.

Animated Booth Space - By our ambassadors includes stories and display

FULL DAY - \$1,000 + HST



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TRADITIONAL TEA AND BANNOCK BY THE FIRE

Enjoy traditional Indigenous teas and cooking your own Bannock over a rustic bonfire.

One of our most popular “Indigenous Experiences”. Our team will have you rolling up your sleeves to prepare and cook your own Bannock over the open fire. Then relax around the fire and enjoy some of our traditional teas! Spend time with your cultural ambassadors as we share some of our traditional teachings and share stories. Animated By one of our Team Members.

FULL DAY OF WORKSHOPS (max. 50 samples) - \$1,000 + HST

HALF DAY OF WORKSHOPS (max. 25 samples) - \$750 + HST

Additional fee per person for Bannock & Tea - \$5.00

TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOPS

ELDERS TEACHINGS & TALKING CIRCLE

Invite an elder to do a traditional First Nation land acknowledgment and opening prayer. Each opening ceremony varies – as each elder chooses to share their wisdom in their own words to help start the meeting in a good way. In addition to their participation in an official opening, the elder could lead a talking circle to discuss an area of interest for your group or company. (Must be mentioned at time of Booking as we will confirm the Elders comfort with the subject). This tradition includes an opportunity for each voice to be heard, recognized, and valued as part of the process, with the traditional passing of a sacred object. Alternatively, the elder could introduce the rich teachings of the medicine wheel in a cultural awareness workshop.

Approx. 1.5 hours with opening and talking circle - \$900 + HST

(can be separated in agenda but must be within same 3 hour window)

DREAM CATCHERS

Groups create their own dream catchers, as part of a team! This activity does not just introduce our guests to the teachings and story behind each craft, it’s a lesson in team leadership and communication. Once broken down into smaller groups, team members will take a turn retrieving directions on the next part of the process in creating their own dreamcatcher.

They will return to the table and relate the instructions to their team; teaching each of them how to complete it before the next member returns to the instructor for the next step. You can be sure that each team will create unique and memorable dream catchers, no two will be alike! (Includes all equipment and supplies in kit cost)

Approx. length is 1 to 1.5 hours

Workshop Host Cost - \$500 + HST

Each craft kit is an additional - \$10 + HST



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OTHER - INTERACTIVE ARTIST STATIONS

Having interactive artist stations, where artisans are working on their craft or art has proven to be a very popular way to “bring the culture to life.”

The cost per artist may vary (from **\$550** to **\$900** + HST) for demonstrations and some can be interactive stations with make & take opportunities for your guests. We have listed some of the following local talented makers we can invite:

- Inuit Seal Skin or Caribou Antler Earrings Crafting (demonstration or make & take)
- Birch Bark Canoe Building
- Snowshoe Building
- Interactive community art workshops (demonstration or make & take)
- Soap Stone Carving
- Hand Drum Creation
- Traditional Medicine Teachings
- Beading Styles and Process
- Traditions of Making Maple Syrup
- Teaching Circles on various topics including the medicine wheel, medicines, health, culture, environment, or other topics of interest from an Indigenous perspective
- Traditional smoking and cooking demonstrations

