

Conference Key Note Speakers

Saturday Sept 26th, 2020 @ 9:30am

Lee Maracle



Prolific award winning author, esteemed speaker, Indigenous historian, cultural knowledge holder, teacher, feminist, Order of Canada, are all words that come to mind when we think of Lee Maracle of the Sto:lo nation. Join Lee Maracle and Senator Murray

Sinclair in conversation regarding where we are in Canada 5 years after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and what we need to do to make things right with Indigenous peoples. Ms. Maracle's knowledge, insight, indomitable spirit, and frankness in telling the truths of Indigenous peoples will remain in your heart and intellect long after hearing her speak. She will inspire listeners to do all they can to promote right relations and heal the Colonialist wrongs of the past and present through action, education and word.

Sen. Murray Sinclair



First Aboriginal Judge appointed in Manitoba and Canada's second, Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry in Manitoba and Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), Senator Sinclair is an expert regarding systemic racism and how it has impacted Indigenous peoples in Canada. This award winning, internationally known speaker will inspire you to create conditions for right relations with Indigenous peoples through his humble yet powerful words as he discusses, with Lee Maracle, where we are as Canadians in meeting the Calls to Action from the TRC, 5 years after the Commission. Learn from the Senator, who told us in 2015 that "education is the key to reconciliation," adding, "education got us into this mess, and education will get us out of this mess" (CBC, 2015).

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Pathways to Awareness & Understanding ... actions toward right relations

Online Conference

September 25th & 26th 2020

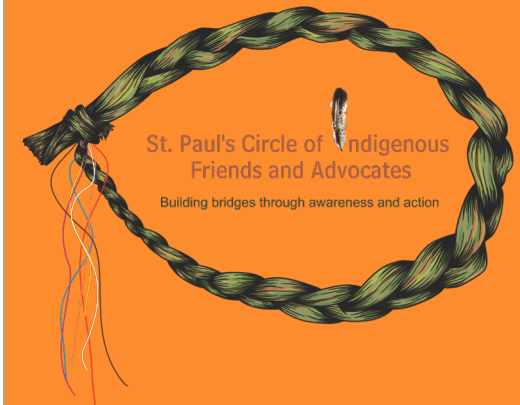
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Webinar Series

September 30th, October 7th,

October 14th, October 21st,

& October 28th 2020



Concert Performers

Friday Sept 25th, 2020 @ 7:00pm

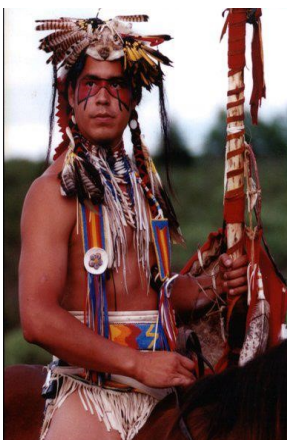
Twin Flames



Multi-award winning Indigenous folk artists, TWIN FLAMES, will take listeners on a musical journey across Canada and the Arctic, echoing the voices of their ancestors and depicting life on the land. The band combines the talents of husband and wife duo Chelsey

June, Metis (Algonquin Cree) from Ottawa, and Jaaji, Inuk and Mohawk from Nunavik. They honour their ancestors singing in English, Inuttut and French. They've been nominated for 24 awards including two Canadian Folk Award wins, two number 1 Hits on the Indigenous Music Countdown's Top 40. They have played more than 1000 plus shows throughout Canada, Greenland, the United States, France and Australia.

Travis Dugas Bellerose



last year's keynote speaker will be performing a traditional dance. Travis was born of Cree/ Dene descent and is a member of the Bigstone Cree First Nation in Alberta. Travis, also known as Nighthawk, is a Traditional dancer, storyteller, motivational speaker and actor.

Webinar Wednesday Events

Mathew Stevens (Sept 30th @ 7pm)



Mathew Stevens is an extremely knowledgeable and insightful bear clan member of the Shining Water and Serpent River Ojibwe. His combined webinar, with renowned dancer Nimkii Osawamick, will provide an informative and culturally rich experience. Mathew Stevens works closely with indigenous and non-indigenous people to dispel some of the myths surrounding First Nations people. As a cultural coordinator for the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation, he is responsible for creating positive environments that promote connection to indigenous cultures for Scugog Island First Nation members.

Nimkii Osawamick (Sept 30th @ 7pm)



He is a renowned award winning Anishinaabe dance artist from Manitoulin Island. He will be dancing and performing as part of a combined webinar with Mathew Stevens. Nimkii is a member of the Wolf Clan. Now an active community member in powwow circles, Nimkii is well-known as a lead singer, hoop dancer and champion powwow dancer in the Fancy Dance category.

Diane Montreuil (Oct 7th @ 7pm)



Let Diane take you through a guided workshop in which you will create a talking stick and learn the Indigenous understandings around the use of talking sticks to support respectful listening, learning, problem solving and deep understanding of the spoken word in a talking circle. Diane's inner longing for the traditional ways of her Indigenous culture was the beginning of an artistic adventure which has taken her on a journey of self-discovery and spiritual healing. Diane was designated by the TCDSB (Toronto Catholic District School Board) as their Knowledge Keeper/Elder in Residence, she is the Education resource person at the MNOC - Métis Nation of Canada, and she has been featured in numerous art exhibitions and shows in the Toronto area.

Webinar Wednesday Events

Dr. Dan Longboat (Oct 14th @ 7pm)



Also known as Roronhiakewen (He Clears the Sky), will offer a vision of hope and healing for the future. He will help us better understand the value and meaning of the sacred in human relationships. Professor Dan Long-

boat is a Turtle Clan member of the Mohawk Nation and a citizen of the Rotinonshon:ni (Haudenosaunee – People of the Longhouse). Dan is originally from the Ohsweken, the Six Nations community on the Grand River. Dr Dan Longboat is an Associate Professor in the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies at Trent University, founding Director of the Indigenous Environmental Science/Studies program and acting Director of the newly formed Indigenous Environmental Institute.

Chef Charles Catchpole (Oct 21st @ 3pm)



A qualified Indigenous chef will teach participants how to prepare a delicious Indigenous inspired three course meal. The list of needed ingredients will be sent to participants 2-3 weeks in advance. Chef Charles Catchpole is an Anishinaabe Chef and entrepreneur from Couchiching First Nation. He created CharGer Foods, a catering company which specializes in revitalizing traditional Indigenous cuisine.

Closing Speaker (Oct 28th @ 1pm)

Jesse Thistle



Jesse Thistle is an award-winning Metis-Cree author of the best-selling book From the Ashes, and an assistant professor at York University. He will speak to youth and adults about his journey from homelessness, alcohol and drugs to where he is today, telling about the challenges of growing up Indigenous in Canada and how he was able to overcome them. His sincere and profound way of expressing himself will leave listeners with a deeper understanding of how systemic racism impacts Indigenous peoples and move us to a place where we see that the only alternative is support initiatives that help to create healing and change for Indigenous Peoples in Canada.