



INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES

Indigenous Experiences – OFFSITE - Performances & Catering

Indigenous Experiences

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 roots-proud and roots-driven organization has been presenting Indigenous Peoples culture, history, food, and arts to mainstream audiences in the form of invited performers to numerous festivals, special events, national and international conferences, and as well as in-school presenters for elementary students.

Our ongoing partnerships within the Canadian Indigenous community and our vast network of entertainment and cultural resources have contributed to our position to provide you with the best in Indigenous Performances and entertainment.

Our Entertainment at your Event

Indigenous entertainment has wide appeal for both Canadian and international audiences, which can add a unique dimension to your next event. Indigenous Experiences brings together Indigenous talent from across Canada to perform for school, corporate, and public audiences of over 50,000 annually.

Why Choose IE to program your next event:

- Authenticity: All of 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.
- 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 entertainment services for major tourism and corporate events have helped to establish us as leaders in the industry.

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



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MAKE YOUR EVENT COMPLETE WITH INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES:

We want to ensure that your time with us is the best experience possible and exceeds all expectations. When booking with IE, please considering adding any of our customized programs and options to provide your guests with a more memorable Indigenous Experience.

Please note these options are offered a la carte so that you can build a program and experience, that supports your groups interests and time available.

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.

Approx. 10 - 15 minutes.

Ambassador Welcome - \$ 400 + HST

Invited Elder Opening - \$ 600 + HST

Introduction to Indigenous Culture

Indigenous Experiences is primarily located on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. One of the beautiful things about this region is our urban Indigenous community is diverse. This workshop will be led by our team of Indigenous cultural ambassadors- and they will introduce the participants to the rich diversity of our nations, the common beliefs and way of life among our community's and some of the most common questions they receive. This introductory hour will end with an opportunity for the guests to engage with our ambassadors and any questions they may have.

Approx. 1.0 hour with introduction and questions

\$ 750 + HST

2 Ambassadors – Presentation style



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PERFORMANCES



Indigenous Experiences - Drum Group and First Nation Dancers

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 told through the recorded narration, or live emcee available upon request.

Styles available in this region are 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 20-40 minutes depending on the number of dancers and time available in your itinerary.

Prices for performances included, but are not limited to:

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| 3 Dancers (different styles) w/ recorded narration & song | \$1,100 + HST |
| 4 Dancers (different styles) w/ recorded narration& song | \$1,300 + HST |
| 5 Dancers (different styles) w/ recorded narration& song | \$1,500 + HST |
| Hoop Dancer (as additional performer to above troupe) | \$500 + HST |
| Add – on Drum Group | \$1,500 – 2,000 + HST |



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Other Talented Indigenous Artists! - We are happy to invite other First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Artists to be part of your event. Here are some suggestions:

Metis Jiggers – Prairie Fire

\$1,500 + HST

A talented and energetic performance done by a fun family dance group! – Prairie Fire, this lively and interactive group also aims to teach audiences about Metis culture through demonstrations of some of the most challenging jig dances.

Inuit Throat Singers - Sunsdrum

\$1,500 + HST

Siqiniup Qilauta (Sunsdrum) presents Inuit cultural performances that include throat singing, drum dancing and singing traditional Inuit songs (ayaya). This talented group of youth has been actively performing since 2001, to both national and international audiences including Prince Charles and the Prime Minister.

We have hundreds of diverse traditional and contemporary Indigenous Artists from around the country in our database. We have compiled a few recommendations that have worked well in the past. Please contact us if you are interested in these other options!

Including:

- Powerful performances by Canadian icon Susan Aglukark
- World Champion Hoop dancers (Dallas Arcand and Lisa Odjig)
- Multiple award-winning flute musician and carver, David Maracle.
- DerRic Starlight, talented comedian and puppeteer with over 275 unique voices
- Metis hypnotist Scott Ward, an amazing performer for crowds of all ages
- Indigenous fashion shows featuring Indigenous designers and youth models
- Juno nominated and award-winning contemporary music acts that span the musical genres from blues to world music and folk to rock such as Digging Roots, Derek Miller, Eagle and Hawk, Burnt Project 1, Andrea Menard and many more.



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CATERING

Indigenous Experiences is proud to provide impressive catering services featuring traditional Indigenous foods served in a contemporary style that can range from a casual summer barbeque to a formal native fusion dinner buffet and everything in between.

Our professional team of Indigenous chefs, cooks and servers are proud to serve fresh, high-quality food with a friendly service that is reflective of our culture and hospitality. We use local options in our farm to table catering options. We can provide catering services, (when available) from our two resident Indigenous Chefs for groups of 50 or more.

Please Note: At this time our menus will be indigenous themed and sourced using seasonal products customized to your group and budget - please contact us for details!

MEET OUR RESIDENT CHEFS

CHEF PAUL OWL



Anishinaabe Chef Paul Owl from Serpent River, First Nation creates unique and memorable meals inspired by nature around us with wild and foraged ingredients. Most well known locally for his traditionally smoked meats and his popular traditional teas with Tea Tree Brewing, we are excited to welcome Paul to create some memorable farm and forest to table culinary experiences for our guests.

CHEF TRUDY METCALFE-COE



One of southern Canada's few Inuit chefs, Chef Trudy Metcalfe- Coe has impressed groups with her fusion of north and south in her signature dishes. She has prepared impressive meals including curried caribou stew to over 500 on Parliament Hill and always creates unique menus that blend new Indigenous flavours with some of our favourite dishes.