

BIOGRAPHIES



Ryan McMahon

is one of the most dynamic Aboriginal/Native American Comedians working in Canada and the United States today. **He's one of the FIRST Native graduates of the prestigious Second City Conservatory (Toronto)** - the same place where comedians like John Candy, Martin Short, Mike Myers & Eugene Levy studied. His show is a loose, fast paced, silly but always honest look at society from the perspective of a "Native dude." **Ryan's comedy is irreverent and boundry pushing as he focuses his attention on the good, the bad & the ugly of the collision between Indian Country and the mainstream.**



Tasheena Sarazin

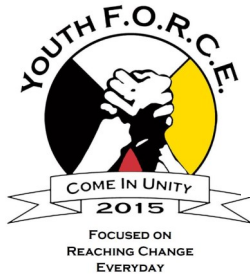
is a 26 year old Ojibway/Algonquin woman from Pikwakanagan reserve. Living in North Bay Ontario where she is a mother of 3 young boys all under 10. Tasheena has a long list of performing and community involvement as her mother laid the grounds for the next generation of story tellers. Employed with a community arts studio Aanmitaagzi she has been actively involved in arts of varying types such as : modern movement, theatre arts, improv, visual arts, story weaving, spoken word, giant and small scale puppetry, costume creating, prop building and large and small scale theatrical performances. She is also employed with a local school board bringing cultural awareness and unity to all ages and abilities through song and dance. A powwow dancer since the time she could walk and singing since the age of 13, Tasheena has been a apart of the powwow circuit over a decade and is passionate about weaving culture and art for a better tomorrow.

Martha Loon:

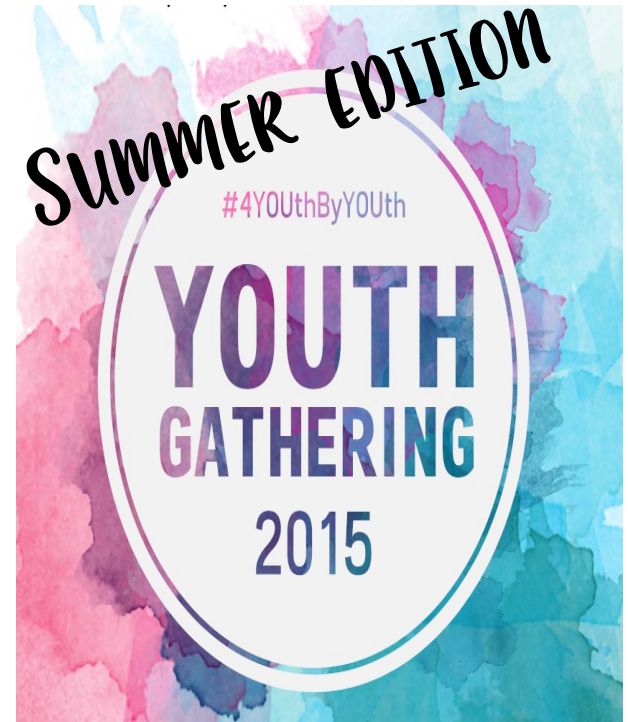
I am the Public Legal Education & Communications Officer for Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services, for 5 years now. I travel to NAN communities throughout the year to bring legal education, i.e. legal rights & obligations, to both youth and adults. I take care of communications for the organization, e.g. website, radio shows, resources, and promotions. I am Anishinabe from Mishkeegogamang Ojibway Nation but live and work in Thunder Bay. I speak my language which is very helpful in working with people.



A Tribe Called Red are a Canadian electronic music group, who blend instrumental hip hop, reggae and dupstep influenced music with elements of First Nations music. Based in Ottawa, the group consists of 3 DJs: DJ NDN, Zoolman, and Bear Witness. The band is involved in activism as they are supporters of the Idle No More movement. In 2014, they won a Juno award for "Breakthrough Group of the Year."



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What:

A 3-day Summer Gathering for Youth 12-29 years old

When:

August 20, 21, & 22, 2015

Where:

Moose Factory

Why:

To empower & celebrate youth

How:

Organized by youth + youth service providers FOR youth

YOUTH F.O.R.C.E GATHERING

“FOCUSED ON REACHING CHANGE EVERYDAY”

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Thursday, August 20, 2015

12:30pm Transportation to MF begins*

- 1pm** Registration
Information Booth Scavenger Hunt
@ JRDYC
- 2pm** Welcoming & Review Schedule
Keynote: “Two Moccassins, Two Worlds - Culture & Land For Youth Resurgence” - Ryan McMahon
@ DDECS GYM
- 3pm** Nutrition Break / Ice Breakers
- 4pm** “Cyberbullying” By Martha Loon
@ DDECS GYM
- 5pm** Catered Supper
@ DDECS GYM
- 6pm** Live Entertainment
@ BIG RIVER STAGE
6:15 Comedy Show “UnReserved”
By: Ryan McMahon
7pm Contemporary + Powwow
performance By: Tasheena Sarazin
7:30 Youth Showcase
- 9pm** Transportation back to MSNE*

Friday, August 21, 2015

12:30pm Transportation to MF begins*

- 1pm** Welcoming/Review Schedule
Icebreakers
@ DDECS GYM
- 1:30pm** “Bedaabin” By Tasheena Sarazin
@ DDECS GYM
- 2:30pm** Nutrition Break
@ DDECS GYM
- 3pm** A Tribe Called Red
Motivational Workshop
@ ARENA PAD
- 5pm** Catered Supper
@ DDECS GYM
- 5:30pm** “Your Voice, Your Story”
Ryan McMahon
@ DDECS GYM
- 7pm** Live Entertainment
@ BIG RIVER STAGE
- Youth Performers
- A Tribe Called Red
Community Performance
- 9pm** Transportation back to MSNE*

12:30pm Transportation to MF begins*

1pm Meet @ CCIC Shaptwaan
Review Schedule

1:30-4:15pm

Youth will be categorized by age & will have a chance to participate in 5 of the following cultural activities.

- **Traditional Games using Cree Language**
By: Hilda Jeffries & Caroline Trapper
- **Fish Net Making Demonstration**
By: Eric Cheena
- **Bannock on a Stick Making**
- **Tamarack Bird Craft Demonstration**
By: Katie Visitor
- **Dream Catcher Craft Making**
- **Fish Fillet Demonstration**
- **Traditional Feast Preparation**
(Sugabon/Geshtabon)

4:30pm Traditional Feast

5pm Closing Circle
Evaluation Forms
Prize Draws

6pm Transportation back to MSNE*

TRANSPORTATION:

- MSNE youth are to meet at MSNE docks at respective times each day for free boat transportation to MF and will be transported from MF docks to venue via van.
- At the end of the day, MSNE youth will be transported via van to MF docks at respective times for free boat transportation back to MSNE.
- Youth are responsible for arranging their own ride home from MSNE docks each day.
- MSNE Youth 12-16 MUST catch boat back to MSNE each day unless parental permission has been granted otherwise