

Driving While Indigenous

300 East Lapotac Boulevard Enoch, Alberta T7X 3Y3, Canada

May 8

Speaker

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09:30AM - 10:30AM

Christian Wassana



Christian Wassana is a scholar from the University of Oklahoma, with a degree in business management. He is the founder of the motivational movement 'I am, I can, I will,' and is passionate about speaking to youth and young adults about drug and alcohol prevention, culture, mental health, and suicide prevention. Christian also works in TV and film as an actor and director's assistant, with one of his recent projects being Paramount Network's Yellowstone.

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Jenn Harper	Speaker Image Image not found or t
<p>Jenn Harper, award-winning social entrepreneur and founder of Cheekbone Beauty Cosmetics Inc., is reshaping the beauty industry with her Sustainable Socially Conscious Beauty brand. Featured on CBC's Dragons' Den in 2019, Cheekbone Beauty inspires Indigenous youth to see their value while creating products rooted in Life Cycle Thinking (LCT). Beyond building a thriving brand, Jenn educates audiences about the impacts of the Residential School System, sharing her family's story of generational trauma. She speaks widely to students, entrepreneurs, and organizations—including Apple Canada and First Nations groups—on social entrepreneurship, empathy, and Indigenous history.</p>	

Entertainment

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12:30PM - 01:00PM

Big Eddy Kookum - Greg Personius	Speaker Image Image not found or t
<p>Greg Personius aka BIG EDDY KOOKUM hails from Opaskwayak Manitoba. Greg is a singer, comedian, Emcee, music teacher, father and all around entertainer. Greg is a father to daughter Roselyn and is also battling kidney failure. Making people laugh is medicine for him and his daughter, music and making people laugh is what keeps him going!</p>	

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Kendal Netmaker	Speaker Image Image not found or t
<p>Kendal Netmaker is known as one of Canada’s most accomplished entrepreneurs with over 25 awards in business to date! Kendal was recently named one of Canada’s “Top 40 Under 40”, the country’s most coveted award for young business leaders. Each year, Kendal speaks to thousands of people worldwide on resilience, leadership, and Indigenous values. In addition to being a sought-after speaker, Kendal has authored the bestselling book, Driven To Succeed: From Poverty to Podium. He is also the founder of Neechie Gear, a lifestyle clothing company that empowers youth through sports. Each year, they donate thousands of dollars to helping youth take part in sports. Kendal’s keynotes, workshops, and consulting programs have inspired thousands around the globe and his goal is to inspire YOU to become who you were born to be!</p>	

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Don Burnstick	Speaker Image Image not found or t
<p>Don Burnstick is a Cree motivational speaker, comedian, and advocate for healing and wellness from Alexander First Nation. After overcoming his own struggles with addiction and alcoholism in his youth, he has dedicated over 30 years to a healing movement, using humor, performance, and a holistic approach to help others. He has a background in holistic youth development and counseling, and he performs a one-man play titled "I Am Alcohol - Healing the Wounded Warrior".</p>	

Featured Speaker

03:00PM - 04:00PM

Tantoo Cardinal



Tantoo Cardinal is an award-winning actress who stars with Robert DeNiro, Lily Gladstone, and Leonardo DiCaprio in Martin Scorsese's Killers of the Flower Moon.

Her recent TV series work includes playing Sue Lynn Blackbird in the ABC Television Network series Stumptown. Or opposite Alfred Molina in the series 3 Pines on Amazon (produced by the same producers of The Crown). As well as the new Marvel series, Echo.

A Canadian native, she has appeared in over 120 film and television projects over the course of her 50-year career. Multi Award winning performer, including the Earle Grey Award (a lifetime achievement award by the Canadian Screen Awards), is a Member of the Order of Canada and is a CBC/Playback Hall of Fame inductee and a recipient of the 2020 Governor Generals Artistic Achievement Lifetime Achievement Award–Broadcasting and Film (awarded in 2021). She has Honorary Doctorates from 5 Universities.

Her credits include numerous plays, television programs, and feature films, including the features: Legends of the Fall, Dances with Wolves, Black Robe, Falls Around Her, Wind River, The Grizzlies, Where The Rivers Flow North, Maina, Chasing Shakespeare and Eden. Television credits include: SEE, Westworld, Longmire, Mohawk Girls, Frontier, Blackstone, Lonesome Dove, Nobody's Girls, Godless and Penny Dreadful among others.

Theatre work includes playing Gertrude in Hamlet, Regan in the production of King Lear and the role of Pelajia in a production of The Rez Sisters". She was Awarded the Theatre Critics Award for Best Supporting Actress for her work on "The Inheritance" at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles.

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2025 Speakers

Ashley Callingbull is an actress, model, host and First Nations activist from the Enoch Cree Nation. She is an actress on Blackstone, Tribal, The Great Salish Heist and was a contestant on the Amazing Race Canada. Ashley is also an international motivational speaker and has been a keynote speaker at Harvard University, TED Talks and WE Day.

For her community work Ashley received the Role Model Award from the United Nations on Global Dignity Day. On the 70th Anniversary of Her Late Majesty, Ashley was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal for her dedication of public service to family, community and her country.

This past year Ashley was announced as the first Indigenous First Nations woman to become a Sports Illustrated Model. Ashley is currently an In Game Host for the Canadian Football League, the National Lacrosse League and the National Hockey League.

Ashley made history as the first Indigenous woman to win the title of Miss Universe Canada and represented our nation at the Miss Universe 2024 pageant in Mexico.

Gala

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06:00PM - 12:00AM



Greg Personius - Emcee
Deadly Uncle Vibes
Nigel Settee
CWeed Band
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