

## 2007 Northern Spirits Workshop



Northern Spirits 2007 has been a huge success, an incredible collaboration of northern region partners bringing youth together to showcase their outstanding talent and natural ability. The success and support from 2007 has been so strong that plans for the 2008 Northern Spirits are already being laid out to provide a valuable experience for everyone involved.

Northern Spirits is a partnership between Musqua Entertainment / Voices of the North, the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District and Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC). Together, we worked with Northern Communities to reach and attract creative and talented youth, ages 12 – 18, who are interested in all forms of the arts – music, visual arts, technical support, drama etc. Sessions covered topics such as self esteem building, team building, stage presence, song writing clinics, clinics in drums, guitar, piano etc., stage and set design, master of ceremonies, tours of the facilities in the arts and MBC, inspirational speakers from the areas of music, visual arts, broadcasting, politics and loads of fun! The workshop was an opportunity for participants to share their talents in a mini- show which will be shared with parents, chaperones, etc. From the three day workshop, 25 participants were selected to return to Prince Albert to present a Northern Spirits /Voices of the North Showcase Performance. The E A Rawlinson Arts Centre was the venue. The youth had the following roles: producer, stagehands, set designers, performers and emcees. The Northern Spirits Showcase had a live Voices of the North band and back up singers. The youth were mentored and supported throughout the entire process.