



Prince Albert Grand Council

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NORTHERN SPIRITS PARTICIPANTS SELECTED FOR OCTOBER SHOWCASE

PRINCE ALBERT- SK The past weekend was very exciting for seventy-one Northern Saskatchewan youth who participated in the Workshop portion of the 2009 Northern Spirits, a music, arts and personal development program for northern youth.

Participants aged 11-18 enjoyed three days of sessions including live band, self-esteem, set design, introduction to broadcasting and MBC tour, and how to be an emcee; as well as special guest presentations from artists, and mini-concerts both evenings.

At the conclusion of the weekend, organizers made the difficult decisions choosing twenty-five youth to produce and perform their own Northern Spirits Showcase on October 10th, 2009 at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert. Northern Spirits is part of the Prince Albert Aboriginal Music and Arts Festival.

The successful youth participants are:

Tristen Durocher, Air Ronge

Kara Hansen, Beauval

Kyle Alphonse, Black Lake

Chantell Shatilla, Buffalo Narrows

Matthew Pederson, Buffalo Narrows

Tanisha Ledoux, Buffalo Narrows

Amber Thompson, Buffalo Narrows

Ceanna Noltcho, Buffalo River Dene Nation/Dillon

Keitha Sylvestre, Buffalo River Dene Nation/Dillon

Asagewin Carriere, Cumberland House

Leonard Adam, Fond du Lac

Tristan Randhile, Fond du Lac

Cherina Adam, Fond du Lac

Ryan Desjarlais, Ile a la Crosse

Breton (Harley) Cook, La Ronge

Aileen Searson, La Ronge

Brittany Morin, Little Red River

Justin George, Pelican Narrows

Dorianna Michel, Pelican Narrows

Justine Antoine-Roy, Prince Albert – Producer

Savannah Clarke, Southend

Lauren Charles, Stanley Mission

Gordon McKenzie, Stanley Mission

Kendra Montgrand, Turnor Lake

Cody Hansen, Wollaston/Hatchet Lake

The youth will be mentored by Voices of the North in all aspects of producing and performing at the showcase.

The Northern Spirits Program is made possible by the following four partners: The Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District (NSCRD); Musqua Entertainment (Voices of the North); Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC); and Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) as well as Meadow Lake Tribal Council who is also part of the Northern Spirits Committee. Thank you to the sponsors: Government of Saskatchewan Prevention & Support Grant, Transwest Air, Athabasca Basin Development Limited Partnership – Points Athabasca Contracting Limited, Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC), Cameco, and Areva, and finally northern communities.

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