

## National Music Centre celebrates Aboriginal Music Day at Studio Bell on June 21

On-site programming to honour legacy of Indigenous musicians.

(Calgary, AB — June 13, 2017) Join the National Music Centre (NMC) as it celebrates Aboriginal Music Day at Studio Bell on June 21 with live music programming and educational tours that explore the legacy of Canadian Indigenous music icons and the importance of music to the community today.

Aboriginal Music Day at Studio Bell will coincide with celebrations happening across the country in honour of National Aboriginal Day and Aboriginal Awareness Week.

Studio Bell will be open on Aboriginal Music Day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with on-site activities and entertainment that celebrates Indigenous culture. Programming includes:

- Live music from Cree singer-songwriter Walter Macdonald White Bear, Métis roots artist Dorothy Walker, and more.
- Traditional Indigenous dance performances from Thundering Nations, and more.
- Specialized tours and storytelling that focus on the impact of Indigenous artists at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

NMC is also pleased to partner with Aboriginal Awareness Week Calgary to honour and recognize the distinct heritage, cultural practices, and outstanding musical contributions of Indigenous Peoples.

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"While the country is coming together to recognize Canada 150, this is also an opportunity to look beyond the anniversary of Confederation and explore the role of music to support truth and reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous Peoples," said Adam Fox, NMC's Director of Programs. "We look forward to welcoming Indigenous and non-Indigenous visitors to Studio Bell to enjoy a day of music and culture."

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To support accessibility on Aboriginal Music Day at Studio Bell, the National Music Centre will be extending free admission on June 21 to visitors who identify as Indigenous. Reception will accept identification or declaration upon entry.

For more details please visit [studiobell.ca/whats-on](http://studiobell.ca/whats-on) or call 403-543-5115.

### About Studio Bell

Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, is a new state-of-the art facility designed by Brad Cloepfil of Allied Works Architecture (Portland/New York). An international hub for music and technology, Studio Bell is the first national cultural institution of its kind dedicated to celebrating music in Canada in all of its forms. More than a museum, Studio Bell rises in nine interlocking towers, clad in glazed terra cotta in the heart of Calgary's East Village. The 160,000 square-foot building includes five floors of exhibition space, a 2000+ piece collection of artifacts, instruments and music technology, and other features including recording facilities, workshops, classrooms, an event space, and a 300-seat performance hall. For more information, please visit [studiobell.ca](http://studiobell.ca).

### About the National Music Centre

The National Music Centre (NMC) is a national catalyst for discovery, innovation and renewal through music. NMC will preserve and celebrate Canada's music story and inspire a new generation of music lovers through programming that includes on-site and outreach education programs, performances, artist incubation, and exhibitions. For more information, please visit [nmc.ca](http://nmc.ca).

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