



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Brantford / Six Nations, ON (April 10, 2018) – **The Woodland Cultural Centre (WCC)**, a leader in the field of First Nations museum exhibitions, artistic endeavors, language, research facilities and cultural programming is thrilled to announce the **Onkwehón:we (The Original People’s) Festival June 15 - 17, 2018**.

The **Onkwehón:we Festival** will focus on current **Haudenosaunee** (People of the Longhouse) artistic and cultural practices in both **contemporary** and **traditional forms**. Attendees will have the opportunity to **witness** unique **traditions** that have been existent before contact. Performances and events will be multi-disciplined and of the highest caliber featuring **storytelling, dance, music, theatre, visual arts, film and workshops**.

We invite the public to celebrate and **explore Onkwehón:we talent and teachings** from across **Turtle Island**. The festival will take place on the grounds of the **Woodland Cultural Centre June 15 - 17, 2018** with lead up activities taking place at several partner sites around Six Nations and Brantford.

The **intent** of the festival is to provide a space for Haudenosaunee artists and other Indigenous nations from across Turtle Island to **showcase their artistic gifts**. The **vision** is to create and grow a festival within the community that will be a **destination** for **artists, audiences, organizations and presenters** to enjoy.

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