



WOODLAND
CULTURAL CENTRE

Onkwehón:we Festival celebrates the vibrancy of Six Nations artists and culture.

Brantford / Six Nations, ON (June 12 2019) – The Woodland Cultural Centre is thrilled to announce the Onkwehón:we Festival to be presented June 28-30, 2019.

Join us as Haudenosaunee artists and other Indigenous nations from across Turtle Island come to celebrate and showcase their artistic gifts. The festival has become a destination for artists and audiences alike.

The Onkwehón:we Festival celebrates contemporary and traditional Haudenosaunee (People of the Longhouse) artistic performances. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in unique and vibrant traditions that have been practiced for generations. Performances and events include storytelling, dance, music, theatre, visual arts, film and workshops. On Sunday Jun 30th there will be a special performance from the Siquah Family Dance Troupe, an Indigenous dance troupe of the Hopi/Tewa/Choctaw Nations from northern Arizona, as well as a Smoke Dance contest.

Thanks to support from the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, Celebrate Ontario, and the Department of Canadian Heritage, admission to the festival, as well as to our museum and galleries will be free throughout the weekend.

WHO: Woodland Cultural Centre

WHAT: The Onkwehón:we Festival (free admission), featuring traditional art, performances, workshops, vendors, and delicious food by Haudenosaunee / Six Nations artists, and Indigenous artists from across Turtle Island.

WHEN: Friday June 28, social singing and dancing starting at 6pm; Saturday June 29 12pm-9pm; Sunday June 30 12pm-6pm. Festivities all day Saturday & Sunday. Smoke dance competition 4pm-6pm on Sunday June 30th.

WHERE: The grounds of the Woodland Cultural Centre: 184 Mohawk St, Brantford ON

VISUALS: The festival features Haudenosaunee artistic and cultural practices in both contemporary and traditional forms. There will be opportunities to film dances and to take photos of art and other cultural practices and celebrations. Interviews with artists and participants can also be requested.

The Woodland Cultural Centre (WCC) has been a leader in the field of First Nations museology, artistic endeavours, research, language revitalization, and cultural programming for almost 50 years. WCC is also home to the Mohawk Institute - one of the oldest and longest running Residential Schools in Canada. WCC hosts educational programming, cultural interpretation, and exhibitions celebrating traditional and contemporary Indigenous art and culture throughout the year.

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