



## 2021 PROGRAM DETAILS

The Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival (SSIF) will again be bringing Education Days to you virtually in 2021. We are very honoured to be able to continue supporting Indigenous artists and performers by offering Education Day programming to teachers and students across Canada.

Programs will be delivered live on Tuesday and Thursday during the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival June 1st - 21st, 2021. All live programming will begin at 1:00 pm EST and will run for 45 minutes - 1 hour.



Most programs will be pre-recorded and debut live at a specific date and time. Following the video, the artist/presenter will be live to answer questions. This will give the students the opportunity to interact with the artist/presenter. In most cases, after the debut of the live event, the video will be accessible until the end of the festival on June 21st. The video can be paused and replayed but the artists will only be live to answer your questions during the scheduled time of the event.

For each program for which you register, you will receive an info package prior to the airdate/time. Along with information about the artist/presenter and description, you will also receive a Youtube link. We suggest that the teacher set up a virtual meeting using Google Meets, Teams, Zoom, or the platform your school is using, so that the class can watch the program together and the teachers can ask questions on behalf of the class using the chat function.

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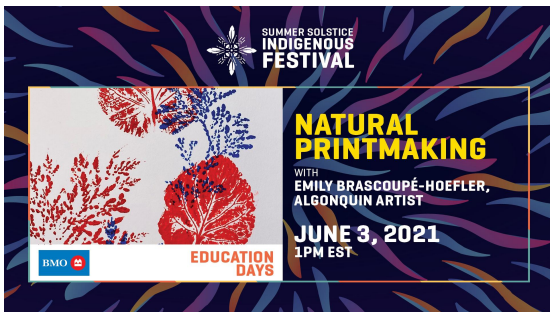
## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS



**Presenter; Sunshine Tenasco**

**Recommended for grades K-4**

Nibi's Water Song- Authors Reading and teachings on water. Nibi's Water Song is a story about a young girl's search for Clean Water. Schools can participate in the signing of petition and letter writing if they wish.



**Presenter; Emily Hoefler-Brascoupé.**

**Suitable for all grades levels**

Enjoy making beautiful art from natural materials with Emily Hoefler-Brascoupé. Collect leaves, twigs, grass, flowers, pebbles and other found objects from nature. Check Emily's artwork paddle, "Rabbit Moon" which is featured on the Algonquin Canoe, at the Pimisi LRT Station, Ottawa. She learned about Algonquin culture from her grandfather.



**Presenter; Arctiq**

**Recommended for grade 6+**

Arctiq, Circus without borders documentary performance 25 minutes followed by a bilingual Q & A. An introduction to the youth involved in this project which used circus skills to eliminate suicide in this community. A French link will be sent in the info pack to teachers.



**Presenter; Simon Brascoupe**  
**Suitable for all grades levels**

A stencil print workshop which will include storytelling of the summer birds. Simon's Grandmother would tell him and his brothers the story of the summer birds, where a giant head kept birds in a large cage preventing spring and summer from coming. Three children went South to release the birds and the story is about their adventure and dangers. Simon will provide you with step by step instructions and encouragement in a 30 minute video and 15 minute artist discussion following the workshop.



**Presenters; Prairie Fire Jiggers, Tarniriik, Indigenous Experiences**

**Suitable for all grades levels**

Prairie Fire aims to teach audiences about Metis culture and the joy of the jig. Tarniriik continues to share and perform Inuit throatsinging. Indigenous Experiences has been proudly presenting Pow Wow dance performances for schools and public events for over 20 years.



**Presenter; Phyllis Webstad**  
**Recommended for grade 5-8**

Every year on September 30th, we wear orange shirts to honour residential school survivors. *Orange Shirt Day* grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day at residential school. Her story, told for the first time in May 2013, became Phyllis' first children's book. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually and an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

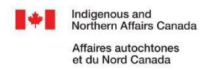
**\*\*this program is only available live at the date/time of airing. There will be no recording of this program to access at a later date.**

Attached is the registration form, you can register individually as a class, or as an entire school.

Please share this registration form to colleagues/principals who may be interested. We will send out further instructions about the programs you are interested in closer to the programming date, including the link to access the program.

## Click this link for the registration form: [2021 SSIF Education Days Registration Form](https://summersolsticefestivals.ca/)

Make sure to check out our Website (which is still being updated regularly with new programming). <https://summersolsticefestivals.ca/>. We have some great family programming for the festival including a colouring contest, movie nights, culinary and creation workshops, learning about the Ojibwe Spirit Horses, and so much more. Keep up to date with programming by following us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/SolsticeFestivals/>



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