

Daily Events

Friday February 12

- Opening Ceremonies of 2010 Winter Games

Sunday February 14

- First People's Performance featured at We yah hani nah Coastal First Nations Dance Festival 2010 at 8 pm, Centennial Theatre, 2300 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver

Tuesday February 16

- Premiere of *One Word: The Yukon Experience* at Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Wednesday February 17

- *New Songs New Voices* concert, Gordie Tentrees at 8 pm, Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver

Thursday February 18

- Ivan Coyote featured at Vancouver International Writers Festival and Winterruption at 7:30 pm, Performance Works, 1218 Cartwright Street, Vancouver and February 23 at 10 pm, The Candahar, Playwrights Theatre Centre, Granville Island, Vancouver

- New Traditions: YFN 2010 Exhibition Opening Reception 2 pm, Inuit Gallery of Vancouver, 206 Cambie Street, Gastown

- YukonFest 2010 featuring Root Sellers, Soir de Semaine, Spring Breakup, Sophisticated Cavemen, Sasquatch Prom Date, 8 pm - 3 am, Railway Club, 579 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver

Friday February 19

- YukonFest 2010 featuring Root Sellers, Soir de Semaine, Spring Breakup, Sophisticated Cavemen, Sasquatch Prom Date, 8 pm - 3 am, Railway Club, 579 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver

- *From Darkness to Light* Pan Northern Showcase 3 - 7 pm, featuring Yukon, NWT and NU artists with Traditional Sport demonstrations, Surrey Celebration Site, Holland Park, Corner of King George Highway and Old Yale Road, King George Hwy Skytrain Station, Surrey

- Sasquatch Prom Date featured at West Vancouver Atrium, 6:30 - 9 pm, West Vancouver Spirit Square, 2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

Saturday February 20

- Air North 2010 Yukon Special Charter welcome reception, Canada's Northern House, 602 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

- *One Word: The Yukon Experience*, Yukon Day Victory Ceremony Performance, 6:30 pm, BC Place Stadium featuring Yukon and headliner Stereophonics

- Sophisticated Cavemen featured at West Vancouver Atrium, 6:30 - 9 pm, West Vancouver Spirit Square, 2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

Sunday February 21

- Soir de Semaine featured at West Vancouver Atrium, 6:30 - 9 pm, West Vancouver Spirit Square, 2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

- Root Sellers with Yukon Urban Dance Ensemble at Vancouver Live Site in David Lam Park, 200 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver

- Yukon Performances at Vancouver and Whistler Athletes Villages

- Yukon First Nations Day at the Aboriginal Pavilion, Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza, West Georgia Street & Hamilton Street, Vancouver, 11 am - 3 pm

Monday February 22

- Yukon First Nations Showcase, 6:30 - 9 pm West Vancouver Atrium, West Vancouver Spirit Square, 2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

- Yukon Performances at Vancouver and Whistler Athletes Villages

Tuesday February 23

- Canada's North Day, Richmond O Zone, *From Darkness to Light* Pan Northern Showcase 3 - 7 pm, featuring Yukon, NWT and NU artists, with Traditional Sport demonstrations, 7191 Granville Street, Minoru Park, Richmond

- *Sewing Our Traditions: Dolls of Canada's North* Opening Reception at 7:30 pm, Gateway Theatre, 6500 Gilbert Road, Richmond

Thursday February 25

- Root Sellers with Yukon Urban Dance Ensemble youth performance, 6:30 - 9 pm, West Vancouver Atrium, West Vancouver Spirit Square, 2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

Sunday February 28

- Closing Ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Games

Friday March 12 - Sunday March 21

- 2010 Paralympic Winter Games

YUKON

at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games



Greetings from Yukon



As Yukon's Minister of Tourism and Culture, it's my pleasure to welcome you to Yukon at 2010.

Yukon performances, art exhibitions, Arctic Sports and Dene Games demonstrations, musical extravaganzas and youth ambassador hosts will inspire those who share in Yukon's spirit as a great place to live, invest and visit.

Yukon's northern beauty, way of life and truly unique experiences presented at celebration sites throughout the Games offer Olympic athletes, volunteers, visitors and Vancouverites a wide range of activities rich with Yukon culture, traditions and history.

Congratulations to event organizers, participants, Canada's Northern House, the Aboriginal Pavilion, and the many others who are making an inspired contribution to Yukon's creative presence at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Elaine Taylor
Minister of Tourism and Culture



It is with great pride and excitement that CYFN is taking Yukon First Nations to the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games. Our Project, YFN 2010, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for 70 Yukon First Nations in visual and performing arts, youth, elders and business. It is an investment in the development of our people, their skills, talents and legacy plans for all Yukon First Nations beyond this major February event.

I would like to thank Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) and the Yukon Government for their support and vision of the Project YFN 2010. Please visit www.yfn2010.org for all Project details.

Andy Carvill
Grand Chief of Council of Yukon First Nations

Ongoing Events

Thursday January 14 - Sunday April 11

- Art of Craft featuring Lyn Fabio, Helen O'Connor and Paul Gort, Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, Tuesday to Sunday 10 am - 5 pm, and Thursdays 10 am - 8 pm

Tuesday January 19 - Sunday March 7

- Hans Gatt/Gattsled featured in High Performance, Evolution and Innovation in Canadian Design, Charles H. Scott Gallery, Emily Carr University, Granville Island, 1399 Johnston Street, Vancouver

Friday January 22 - Sunday March 21

- Endlessly Traversed Landscapes featuring Hannah Jickling and Valerie Salez. Billboard installations of their snow shoveling performances on Transit Shelter faces

Thursday February 4 - Monday March 8

- Joseph Tisiga featured in *Monster*, West Vancouver Museum 680 - 17 Street, West Vancouver

Monday February 8 - Friday March 5

- Ted Harrison Exhibition, *Painting Stories*, Daily, West Vancouver Ferry Gallery, 1414 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver

Friday February 12 to Wednesday February 17

- Yukon Canada International Snow Sculpting Team at Whistler Olympic Park

Friday February 12 - Sunday February 28

- *Sewing Our Traditions: Dolls of Canada's North* Exhibition, Daily, Gateway Theatre, 6500 Gilbert Road, Richmond

Wednesday February 17 - Sunday February 21

- Wednesday February 17 - Monday February 21 Yukon First Nations Booth, Four Host First Nations Artisan Market, 10 am - 10 pm, Vancouver Community College, 250 West Pender Street, Vancouver

Wednesday February 17 - Friday February 26

- Pan Northern performances at Grouse Mountain featuring Yukon, NU and NWT performers with Traditional Sport demonstrations

Wednesday February 17 - Friday February 26

- Yukon Performances, Daily at Canada's Northern House, 602 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

- Arctic Sports and Dene Games featuring Yukon, NU and NWT athletes, Daily, Various venues throughout lower mainland

Thursday February 18 - Thursday March 11

- New Traditions: YFN 2010 Exhibition: Inuit Gallery of Vancouver, 206 Cambie Street, Gastown, Daily with open house/reception Thursday, February 18

Sunday February 21 - Tuesday February 23

- Talking Stick Festival, 7 pm, Roundhouse, Yaletown, directly across from Yaletown Sky Train Station, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver, solo performances by Yukon First Nation performers

Tuesday February 23 - Sunday February 28

- Visions of the North Artisan Market, Richmond O Zone, 7191 Granville, Minoru Park

Friday February 26 and Saturday February 27

- Cultural Olympiad presents Soir de Semaine, Winterruption Picnic Pavilion, Granville Island, Vancouver, at 11 am and 12:30 pm

Wednesday March 17 and Thursday March 18

- Daniel Janke (Alice and Other Heroes) at 9 pm, Performance Works, 1218 Cartwright Street, Vancouver

The "Spring Breakup & John Wort Hannam" Tour

- Tuesday January 26 - Northern Arts and Cultural Centre Northern Performers Festival, Yellowknife, NWT
- Wednesday February 10 - The Folk Exchange Winnipeg Folk Fest, Winnipeg, MB
- Thursday February 11 - The Exchange, GrassRoots, Regina, SK
- Friday February 12 - The Esplanade Studio Theatre, Medicine Hat, SK
- Saturday February 13 - Amigos Cantina, Saskatoon, SK
- Sunday February 14 - The Old Firehall, Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, YT

Public Events

- YukonFest 2010 February 18 and 19 at the Railway Club, 579 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver. Tickets available at the door!

- Tickets for Yukon Day Celebration February 20 at BC Place Stadium - go online to VANOC www.vancouver2010.com

- Yukon First Nations Day February 21 at Aboriginal Pavilion, Georgia Street & Hamilton Street, Vancouver. No charge!

Celebration Sites at Vancouver, Richmond, West Vancouver and Surrey are all free of charge!

Other Events

- Monday, February 15 through to Friday, February 26, West Van Day Camp workshops/performance featuring Root Sellers, Soir de Semaine, Sophisticated Cavemen, Urban Yukon Dance Ensemble and Visual Artists, West Vancouver Community Centre

- Monday, February 15 through to Friday, February 26, Visual Art installations/workshops featuring Meshell Melvin and Nicole Bauberger, West Vancouver Community Centre

Grab it and go! On-going daily events

- Canada's Northern House, 602 West Hastings Street, Vancouver
Programming and entertainment Friday February 12 through to Sunday February 28 from 11 am - 8 pm daily
Public Welcome!

www.canadasmnorth.com
A full schedule for the programming of Canada's Northern House and activities hosted by Canada's North during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

www.gov.yk.ca
Log onto Government of Yukon website to check for updates

www.yfn2010.org
For the most up to date information on Yukon First Nations programming

www.yukonartscentre.com/culture2010.htm
Yukon Arts Centre has a full schedule of cultural events happening in and around the Games



Scheduling information subject to change. Please see relevant websites to ensure you have the most up to date information available.

Yukon Performers



Boyd Benjamin and Hevin Barr

Whitehorse

Boyd is a member of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and a recipient of a National Youth Aboriginal Achievement Award. He began fiddling at an early age and has performed at many national and local events showcasing his Gwich'in style of fiddling and jigging. Kevin is a Juno nominated Yukon singer/songwriter with an extensive touring and recording history where he's played with the likes of KD Lang, Willie P. Bennett and many others.

Dakwākāda Dancers

Haines Junction



Beginning in 1992, the dance group includes 40 dancers of all ages from the Southern Tutchone, Tlingit, Kaska, Tahltan First Nations. They have shared their traditional Southern Tutchone songs, stories and dance with audiences from across North America.



Diyet van Lieshout

Composer, Singer, Burwash Landing

Diyet has always been drawn to popular music. She has written songs for individual artists and television productions in Canada, Europe and Japan. In 2005, she returned to her home Yukon village where life in a rural First Nations community became the storyboard for her upcoming debut album, "Home."

Dakhka Khwaan Dancers

First People's Performances

Carcross



The group began in May of 2007 and is based in Carcross, Yukon, focusing their traditional stories through dramatization, song, dance, drumming, storytelling and multi-media. Performing at many festivals and events throughout Yukon and BC has given them added exposure and confidence that delights all audiences.



Jerry Alfred and Shun Dun

Pelly Crossing

Jerry is a member of the Northern Tutchone Crow Clan of the Selkirk First Nation in Yukon. At birth, he was named Keeper of the Songs. Self taught, Juno award winning Jerry began playing guitar at an early age, writing hundreds of songs over the years. His talents have taken him across Canada and around the world.

Rootsellers

hip hop



Root Sellers' music is friendly to their audience's intellect and their dancing feet. The brothers create an energetic and stimulating atmosphere combining real-time electronic sequencing, hip hop vocals and instrumental performance in live settings.



Ross River Drummers

Ross River

The group has travelled internationally to perform their highly distinctive and engaging Dene singing and drumming known for its powerful and hypnotizing rhythm.

Sharon Shorty

Whitehorse



Voted one of the "Top 10 Yukoners to Meet" in Up Here Magazine, Sharon Shorty is from Teslin Tlingit, Northern Tutchone and Norwegian heritage. Sharon is an award winning actor, a television story producer, and a playwright. Her popular character "Grandma Susie" tells the old stories as well as her adventures with Colonel Saunders and her trips to New York City. She performs with Duane Gastant/Aucoin to make an unforgettable duo "Grandma Susie and Cash Creek Charlie."



Soir de Semaine

Francophone dance band

A strong rhythmic force unifies Soir de Semaine's folk, funk, rock, reggae and roots style, creating a distinctive sound that has audiences dancing ecstatically in the Yukon and beyond.

Ta'an Kwach'an Dancers

Whitehorse



The dance group showcases the traditions of the southern Yukon with songs and dances that have been passed down to them by the elders. The songs and dances are rooted in traditional Southern Tutchone history, culture and language.



Celia McBride

artistic director - One Word: The Yukon Experience

Celia McBride is an award-winning playwright, performer and filmmaker whose work has taken her around the world. As a keynote speaker, workshop facilitator and coach, Celia's energetic leadership inspires others to push past their self-imposed boundaries and to cultivate courage and hope.

Daniel Tlen

Whitehorse



Singer/Songwriter Daniel Tlen has been making music for more than 40 yrs. He sang Canada's national anthem at the opening ceremonies of the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. His love of music and culture has been a driving force in his life, and he performs both traditional and contemporary music inspired by his First Nations history, knowledge and language.



Duane Gastant Aucoin

Whitehorse

Duane Gastant Aucoin is a Wolf/Yanyedi member of the Teslin Tlingit Council. He received training from his elders as the lead singer/drummer/dancer for the Deeslin Khwaan Dancers and has performed with them throughout Canada and the US since 1996. He is currently performing solo and as 'Cash Creek Charlie' along with Sharon 'Grandma Susie' Shorty in the stand-up comedy routine 'Susie & Charlie' at venues across Canada.

Gordie Tentrees

country/blues



Gordie and his band members Ken Hermanson and Jennie Sosnowski have toured North America, Europe and the UK, building an international buzz in the roots music scene. With three albums under their belts, and performances that include CBC's Saturday Night Blues, they are captivating and entertaining.



Raven Spirit Dance Society

Raven Spirit Dance Society's mandate is to create, develop and produce contemporary dance that is rooted in traditional and contemporary aboriginal worldview. By sharing this work on local, national and international stages, the society's aim is to reaffirm the vital importance of dance to the expression of human experience and to cultural reclamation.

Rising Sun Singers

Whitehorse



This trio of aboriginal women, Patti Boss, Lacey Scarff and Viola Papequash have grounded their traditional songs of healing, honour and celebration through the reflection of generations of aboriginal warrior women committed to the overall preservation of their culture and traditions.



Sasquatch Prom Date

rockabilly

Sasquatch Prom Date's old-time rockabilly jive comes alive with retro guitars, ribbon mics and Keevil's 1950s upright bass. Vocal yelps, walking basslines, a groovy backbeat and scorching guitar riffs evoke images of drag strip races, beehive hairdos and soda fountains.

Sophisticated Cavemen

folk/rock/reggae



The Sophisticated Cavemen have lived in the Yukon since the time when great herds of mastodons ran wild over this land. Since emerging from the cave in 2004 with the release of their first CD "Music to Evolve to," the Sophisticated Cavemen have been a regular attraction on the Yukon music scene. The band has gained a reputation as one of the Yukon's finest "get out of your seat and dance" bands.



Spring Breakup

folk duo

Spring Breakup is the lovely but unlikely marriage of Yukon singer-songwriter Kim Barlow and Mathias Kom, singer and songwriter for Ontario folk-orchestra The Burning Hell. With tongues only partially in their cheeks, this banjo and ukulele duo write pretty little folk songs about the inevitable end of love, laugh at their repeated mistakes, and sometimes even cry - when nobody is looking. Spring Breakup is a new band with very old hearts.

Yukon Urban Dance Ensemble

This group of hip hop dancers will be performing in Yukon's Victory Celebration at BC Place Stadium on February 20. They will also be performing as part of From Darkness to Light - Yukon's Celebration Site performance, and at other events around Vancouver. Members: Michelle Fisher, Valerie Herdes, Jessica Hickman, Melissa Kwok, Tellyse Parent, Jada Powell, Jordan Reti, George Rivard, Alex Robinson, Ben Robinson, Nick Robinson, Grace Simpson-Fowler, Riley Simpson-Fowler.



Visual Artists and Exhibits



Art of Craft

Visual artists Lyn Fabio, Paul Gort and Helen O'Connor characterize Yukon in the Art of Craft, three exhibitions presented by the Vancouver Museum. The exhibits feature the republic of Korea and showcase 173 works from Canada.



Ann Smith

weaver

Ann Smith is of Tutchone and Tlingit ancestry. She is a member of the Wolf Clan, and makes her home in Whitehorse, Yukon. Ann's name is synonymous with the weaving of Raven's Tail regalia, robes, aprons, and bags. Ann refers to herself as a contemporary weaver whose work is based on traditional knowledge.

Bev Morris

beadwork



Bev Morris is of Teslin Inland Tlingit ancestry. She is a member of the Dak'awedi (Eagle/Killer Whale) Clan and makes her home in Teslin, Yukon. While Bev is highly skillful in a variety of traditional Tlingit crafts, including button blankets, birch-bark baskets, cedar bark and Chilkat weaving, she is best known for her beading.



Sewing Our Traditions: Dolls of Canada's North

Dolls of Canada's North is a collection of hand-made dolls created by Inuit and First Nations from Northern Canada. The dolls represent the historical and contemporary perspective of Northern traditions, fashion, and culture. Inuit and First Nations women used dolls to teach their daughters the important skills of cutting and sewing hides and furs. Today, the art of traditional doll making is alive and vibrant where modern doll makers continue to pass their knowledge on to new generations.

Jean Taylor

painter



Jean Taylor is a member of the Dak'awedi (Eagle) Clan of the Teslin-Tlingit First Nation and has lived in Teslin, Yukon all her life. Painting with acrylic on canvas, Taylor uses colours that have a strong cultural significance. Her figurative paintings come out of her fascination with human interactions and are representations of Tlingit people adorned with the button blankets, masks and beaded moccasins that are emblems of many First Nations cultures.



Ken Ingemund Anderson

carving, sculpture, painting, printmaking

Ken Ingemund Anderson is of Teslin-Tlingit and Scandinavian ancestry and a member of the Kukhitta (Raven) Clan. He was born and resides in Whitehorse, Yukon. Working in the traditional Tlingit style, Ken is adept at working with various mediums and seeks the "rhythm of the material." Not bound by one discipline, his work encompasses carving, sculpting, painting and printmaking.

Nancy Hager

moose hair tufting



Nancy Hager is from the Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation and is a member of the Crow Clan. She was born and raised in Mayo, Yukon. In 1990, Hager began to teach herself moose-hair tufting by looking at pictures, asking questions and experimenting with moose and caribou hair. Nancy's pieces often depict Yukon flowers and are made utilizing both dyed moose hair and natural "off the hide" moose hair.



Shirlee Frost

beadwork

Shirlee Frost is from the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and is a member of the Wolf Clan. Originally from Old Crow, Yukon, she has lived in Whitehorse, Yukon most of her life. The traditional beadwork techniques and floral patterns that her grandmother and mother passed on to her became the foundation for Frost's colourful, 3-dimensional contemporary beadwork.



Eugene Alfred

carver

Eugene Alfred is Tlingit and Northern Tutchone from the Selkirk First Nation. A member of the Crow Clan, he resides in Pelly Crossing, Yukon. Eugene carves birch, alder, and cedar, which he carefully harvests and cures. Using an array of over two hundred hand tools, he carves masks, bowls, rattles, and panels. He believes that his art defines him and the respect he has for the land.

Keith Wolfe Smarch

carver



Keith Wolfe Smarch is a member of the Eagle Clan of the Inland Tlingit First Nation and resides in Carcross, Yukon. Working in the Tlingit style, Smarch is committed to staying within traditional boundaries and forms, respecting the design considerations of interconnecting shapes and colour. Smarch is not a purist and "uses anything that works," to carve wood, antler, horn and other materials, into regalia for potlatches and artwork for galleries and commissions.



Meshell Melvin

visual artist

Meshell has developed her own unique style and technique of working with textile, hand in hand with "the Universal Movement Machine" a rare industrial chain-stitch embroiderer that she uses as a drawing tool. She has exhibited widely in solo and group exhibitions within the Yukon and in Public Galleries across Canada. Her work has been featured in newspapers, magazines on CBC Radio and Television and has been the subject of a short documentary film.

Nicole Bauberger

visual artist



In her words, Nicole paints the dialogue between the land and the sky. She paints dresses, ravens and landscapes in oils, acrylics and encaustic. Her 100 Dresses projects take her to various locations where she paints the landscape by making 100 little encaustic paintings of dresses inspired by the experience of that particular time and place.



Vernon Asp

carver

Vernon Asp is from the Tahltan First Nation and is a member of the Wolf Clan. Asp was raised in the Northern Tutchone tradition and resides in Carmacks, Yukon. Asp's artwork is of the Gitskan-Tsimshian style, which is more realistic than the strict symbolism of Northwest Coast style. Vernon's work encompasses carving, painting and printmaking.

Also Appearing

Arctic Sports and Dene Games

Traditional Games originated from the time when northern aboriginal people were semi-nomadic. Played for both fun and survival, these games developed strength, endurance and resistance to pain so that the people could prepare for the hard life on the land. Today, the games are played in competition and to celebrate culture between different regions of Canada's North.



Yukon Canada Snow Sculpting Team

As part of the Cultural Olympiad, Yukon's 4-man team will be in the Whistler area from February 12 to 18. Team members will be carving two winter themed snow sculptures. Known nationally and internationally for their strong dynamic and emotionally charged sculptures, team members Don Watt, Mike Lane, Gisti Balzer and Shai Baxendale will continue their quest to delight and thrill audiences.

Elders

- Alex VanBibber, Champagne/Aishik First Nation
- Doris McLean, Carcross/Tagish First Nation
- Lena Johnson, Klwane First Nation
- Francis Woolsey, Ta'an Kwach'an Council

Youth Ambassadors

- Brittney Greer, Lia Johnson, Andrew Craigen, Janna Tait, Klwane Ademak, Tara Klippert, Kendra Poulin, Amanda Brown, Bruce Warnsby, Erin Pauls, Isiah Gilson, Karrie Brown, Kevin Mendelsohn, Stephanie Brown, Chantal Rondeau