

# Aboriginal Music & Arts Festival

3700 - 2nd Avenue West, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6W 1A2



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## *Aboriginal Music and Arts Festival Awakening the Nation!*

The City of Prince Albert and the Province of Saskatchewan is excited again this year to feature the Waniskâ: National Aboriginal Music & Arts Showcase on *Friday October 10th* at the EA Rawlinson Performing Arts Centre. The 2008 Waniska featured performers are:

- **Host MC: Gordon Tootoosis** inspirational role model for aboriginal youth, recipient of the Order of Canada, a veteran actor he has portrayed memorable characters in movie and television productions in Canada and the United States
- **Violet Naytowhow** is a Woodland Cree singer and songwriter based here in Prince Albert and a Juno Nominee
- **Digging Roots:** Juno nominees, and nominated for the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Awards for Best Blues CD, Best Duo Group and Aboriginal Entertainer of the Year.
- **Derek Miller:** winner of the Best Aboriginal Recording of the Year at the Juno's and Best Album of the Year from NCI—FM, he also won the Blues Jazz Single of the year from the Native American Music Awards. Derek is a superb performer singer songwriter and musician
- **C Weed Band:** Multi Juno Award nominee, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards

### **Waniska Gala Banquet**

**Art Hauser Center Thursday October 9: 6:00PM**

Honoured Guest Gordon Tootoosis, Hosted by Larissa Burnouf of MBC: Entertainment provided by Digging Roots and Friends.. Gala will kick off the weekend events.

### **Northern Spirits Concert**

**25** Aboriginal youth will create, produce and perform in Northern Spirits after participating in structured workshops that will hone skills in set design, graphics, broadcasting, singing, instrument clinics, audio-visual.

### **Northern Lights Casino Pow Wow 10th Annual Sharing Our Song**

**Art Hauser Centre Saturday to Monday October 11, 12, 13th**

An international Pow Wow held annually on Thanksgiving

**Two Story Café Prince Albert Arts Centre and Art Gallery**

**For further information please contact  
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"My people will sleep for one hundred years, but when they awake it will be the artists that give them their spirit back!" ~Louis Riel~ July 4th, 1885

