



Red Lake Woodland Arts Festival:

A Tribute to Norval Morriseau and the Woodland Artists

July 4-6, 2008 Red Lake, Ontario

This summer, Red Lake will host the first ever **Red Lake Woodland Arts Festival: *A Tribute to Norval Morriseau and the Woodland Artists***. The festival will take visitors on a special journey as they discover the untold story of the artist's life, from 1959 when he arrived in Red Lake to work as a miner, to when he left the area around 1973. The father of seven children, Morriseau has gained international recognition as the founder of the *Woodland School of Art*, and has been frequently referred to as the "Picasso of the North".

Morriseau was inspired by the Ojibwa medicine society birchbark scrolls and by the pictographs and petroglyphs found throughout northern Ontario. Today about 400 artists have become Morriseau acolytes, adopting the style to their own visions. During his career Morriseau is believed to have created approximately 10,000 pieces of art.

The festival will feature a variety of activities that will celebrate the Aboriginal culture, including story-telling, guided walking tours, plays, dance performances and art workshops. Also planned is an art fair, an art exhibition, audio-visual presentations and panel discussions. In addition, there will be ample opportunities for young people to meet the guest artists informally.

Organized by the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre, in collaboration with local Aboriginal organizations and artists from across Ontario, the festival will also bring together senior, mid-career and emerging Aboriginal artists, family members, art lovers, collectors, gallery owners, writers, art historians and many others.

Art Fair Information

A major component of the Festival is the **Anishinaabe Art Fair** which will be held at the Red Lake District High School gymnasium Saturday July 5th from noon - 4:00pm.

If you would like to exhibit and sell your work at the Art Fair visit on our website at www.redlakemuseum.com and follow the link to the Woodland Arts Festival page where you can download an application Package. You can also obtain application packages at the Heritage Centre.

To be eligible, you must be an Anishinaabe artist who was influenced by Norval Morriseau and/or the Woodland Art movement and your art must be original.

Application deadline: Friday April 11th, 2008

For more information about the Festival including guest artists, who is coming, schedule of events and more visit our website or call us at (807)727-3006

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