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WINNIPEG ARTIST LINE-UP



A TRIBE CALLED RED

From Ottawa, A Tribe Called Red is a producer/DJ crew influencing the global electronic scene. They've created a signature style called Pow Wow Step, mixing traditional Pow Wow vocals and drumming with cutting-edge electronic beats. The three members are two-time Canadian DMC Champion DJ Shub, DJ NDN and Bear Witness. Their self-titled album, released in 2012, was long listed for the prestigious *Polaris Music Prize*.



CRYSTAL SHAWANDA

Crystal Shawanda was born on the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island, Ontario. She grew up immersed in all styles of music, especially country. Her debut album *Dawn of a New Day*, released in 2008, was Billboard's highest charting album by an Aboriginal musician in history. In 2009, Crystal was named the *Canadian Country Music Association's Female Artist of the Year*. Last year, she released her latest album *Just Like You*.



DALLAS ARCAND

Dallas Arcand is a high energy entertainer from the Alexander Cree Nation in Alberta. He is best known as a world champion hoop dancer, as well as, a motivational speaker, flutist and musician. In April 2007, he released his debut CD *REZalationzzz...* and won an *Aboriginal Peoples Choice Award for Best Producer*. In April 2012, he released his fourth CD *Sacred Sweetgrass*.



GEORGE LEACH

George Leach is the real deal from the Sta'at'imx Nation of Lillooet, British Columbia. He has garnered international recognition, and become a respected singer-songwriter and guitarist. His debut album *Just Where I'm*, released in 2000, was awarded *Best Male Artist* and *Best Rock Album* at the *Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards*. His latest album *Surrender* promises no less.



KATHIA ROCK

Kathia Rock is Innu from Uashat-Maliotenam, Quebec, and she was introduced to music through Claude McKenzie of Kashtin. Kathia further developed her artistic side by discovering theatre, dance and vocal techniques in Montréal. Her talent led her to collaborate with the great singers and songwriters of Quebec. The popularity of Kathia's artistic expression through visual arts, multimedia and music naturally fall hand-in-hand with her innovative desire.



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SAGKEENG'S FINEST

Sagkeeng's Finest is a perfect example of today's trailblazing Aboriginal youth. These three young men from the Sagkeeng First Nation entered *Canada's Got Talent* and were crowned the winners. Their mingling of traditional jigging with modern, clogging and tap styles has created a unique and infectious style of upbeat dance.



TANYA TAGAQ

Tanya Tagaq was born and raised in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. She experimented with Inuit throat singing, creating her own solo style by fusing her contemporary interests. Tanya and her band released two albums, *Sinaa* and *Auk/Blood*, claiming first place in several categories at the 2005 and 2008 *Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards*, including *Best Female Artist* in 2005. Tanya has emerged as a Canadian icon.



WAR PARTY

Rex Smallboy is from the Ermineskin Cree Nation in Alberta. At 18 years of age, Rex started pushing the envelope by influencing early 90s hip hop with a First Nations vibe. Rex was successful in the world of hip hop by bringing light to the issues affecting his Cree community and all Aboriginal Peoples. Rex is back keeping the War Party message alive.