



## Canada's largest celebration of National Aboriginal Day **WINNIPEG HOSTS**



### **MICHELLE THRUSH**

*Main Stage Host*

Michelle Thrush is an epitome of a role model for Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. She's an accomplished actor and continuously gives back to her community. She makes it a priority to engage and work with youth through the arts.

Michelle brings her award-winning presence to the main stage with an extensive background in film, television and theatre. Her latest achievements include a 2012 *Rosie Award* for *Best Performance by an Alberta Actress*, and she was appointed 2012 *Alberta Aboriginal Role Model of the Year*.

Many know Michelle for portrayal of Gail Stoney from the ground-breaking and award-winning APTN dramatic series *Blackstone*. In 2011, she was awarded a *Gemini Award* for *Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role*.

She's compelled to share her experience for the empowerment of the people.



### **DEREK MILLER**

*The Guilt Free Zone Host*

Derek Miller is from the Six Nations of the Grand River in Ontario. He's a singer-songwriter, and his aesthetics of roots inflected rock and roll will definitely add sparks to the show.

Derek's talent has led him to award-winning status in the world of music. He's earned *JUNO Awards* for both his debut album *Music Is the Medicine* in 2003 and sophomore album *The Dirty Looks* in 2008. His latest album *Damned If You Do* features a duet with Willie Nelson. Derek's recent influence comes from a unique mix of soul, blues and country. "Hillbilly Soul with some Mohawk swagger."

His eclectic taste and dynamism is a welcomed addition to *The Guilt Free Zone* - new to the Winnipeg stage this year.



### **CHANTELLE**

*Webstage Pass™ Guide*

Chantelle is Métis and a self-proclaimed country girl from a small town in south western Manitoba. She's quickly made herself one of the famous faces of APTN, representing the changing wave of Aboriginal youth of Canada.

Shortly after college graduation, she found herself working behind the scenes at APTN for the history-making 2010 Vancouver Olympics broadcast as the assistant to the executive producer. In 2011, she was the LIVE Webstage Pass™ host for *APTN's Aboriginal Day Live* with her former co-host Kernel the Dog.

Chantelle loves spending her free time on the Internet and social media sites. Be sure to join her backstage and online via APTN's Webstage Pass™.