

## Aboriginal Talent Showcase for Resource Expo 2003

### Ambassador's Reception Monday Nov 3

- 5:20 - 5:50 pm **Shane Ghostkeeper** - 24 yr old singer/songwriter from the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement in Northern Alberta. His music is an exciting blend of alternative rock, folk and blues.
- 6:00 - 6:10 pm **Red Thunder** - T'suu Tina Traditional Youth Singing and Dancing Performance

### Gala Dinner Tues Nov 4

- Reception **Alex Wells** – a member of the Interior Salish (Lil' Wat) First Nation of Mount Currie BC, Alex now makes his home on the Stoney Nation west of Calgary. Alex will be performing traditional flute arrangements.
- Opening Act **Olivia Tailfeathers and the Kainai Grass Singers** – Olivia has been working with a group of students from Kainai School, singing traditional Blackfoot songs in traditional dress.
- Second Act **Mitaartut (mi-tah-dut)** - Traditional Inuit performers aged 21 to 26 – a singing, drumming, and story telling performance in traditional Inuit outfitting.
- Final Act **Neo-Eccentric Theatre Company** – Led by Cowboy Smith the company features young Blackfoot performers aged 19 to 22, from the Peigan and Kainai Nations. They write and perform short plays that involve contemporary stories about Napi (the Trickster).

### Trade Show Stage Nov 3rd and 4th

#### **Scheduled performances from 11:00 am to 5 pm each day**

**Featured Performance: The Hornets** – well-known recording artists from the Louis Bull Tribe. These boys have been performing their unique blend of country and rock for over 10 years throughout central Alberta.

**Anasaz (J.R. Saddleback)** - Hip Hop/R & B singer/songwriter from Samson Nation, now lives and goes to school in Edmonton, has 3 self-released CDs of original material.

**Danielle Haberstock** - 16 yr old singer/songwriter of Metis ancestry who lives in Calgary and attends Grad 11 at Crescent Heights high school. Her music is straight from the heart, a soft blend of folk and pop with strong melodies and intimate lyrics

**Abortion Grenade** – a power-trio from the Siksika Nation. These boys are loud, fast and extremely dangerous. Junior, Gerrance and Jeff have been crafting their aggressive blend of speed metal for the last 3 years. They have a newly released 15-song CD.

**Andres Acuna** - an 11-year-old drummer who is of Metis and Chilean ancestry. Andres attends grade 6 at Milton William Creative Arts School in Calgary. His music is influenced by traditional Metis and Latin beats. He is also greatly influenced by his father who also plays the drums and shares the same name.

**E- Kru (featuring TJ Weaslefat)** – TJ is a 20 year old Hip Hop artist from the Kainai nation who lives and performs in Calgary. He has released a new demo CD of original material

**Shane Ghostkeeper** - 24 yr old singer/songwriter from the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement in Northern Alberta. His music is an exciting blend of alternative rock, folk and blues.

**Dawn Desmerais** – An established Metis recording artist who has lived and performed across Canada and has just recently settled in Calgary, Dawn uses medieval instruments and influences to craft her unique blend of folk music.

**Sarah Jo Buffalo** – An up and coming star from the Hobbema area. Sarah Jo is 19 years old and sings a variety of pop and country styles. She hails from the Samson Cree Nation.

**Carla Redcrow** – 17-year-old singer/songwriter from the Kainai Nation. Her music has a definite R&B influence, strong backbeats that make you want to dance.

**Desmond First Rider** - 16 yr old Hip Hop artist originally from the Kainai Nation but now lives in Calgary, has all original material.