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**INDIGENOUS 150+ and HARBOURFEST BRINGS SINGER / SONGWRITER LOGAN STAATS, THE WINNER OF CTV's THE LAUNCH, TO OWEN SOUND**



Pictured: Singer / Songwriter Logan Staats recent winner of CTV's The Launch, will be attending the screening of Indigenous 150+ / *When They Awake* at Heartwood Hall on July 14th, 2018. Courtesy of Paquin Artists Agency

Owen Sound, and Grey and Bruce Counties are in for a treat. With screenings in five communities this year, including Canmore Alberta, local initiative **Indigenous 150+**, brings **Logan Staats** to Owen Sound on July 14th to participate in a conversation about his life and career following the **When They Awake** screening, at 1pm. He will also be performing a free outdoor concert on the mainstage at Harbourfest later that evening. **Indigenous 150+** is a film and conversation series that was launched in Owen Sound in 2017 as a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to action #83 and #85 to commemorate First Nations, Métis and Inuit culture, and educate Canadians about first peoples history and traditions. The series is dedicated to putting indigenous voices centre stage and July 14th marks the initiative's 4th event in Owen Sound.



On July 14th, **Indigenous 150+** event is part of Owen Sound's inaugural **Harbourfest**, a one day festival for all ages in and around Owen Sound's harbour. **Indigenous 150+** will present the Owen Sound premiere of the new award-winning music documentary **WHEN THEY AWAKE**, by directors **PJ Marcellino** and **Harmon Farahi** at Heartwood Hall on Saturday July 14th at 1pm.

**WHEN THEY AWAKE**, documents a remarkable generation of established and emerging artists which are part of a renaissance of indigenous musicians from across the country who are breaking into and influencing mainstream music across Canada. Working in every genre from hip hop to rock to EDM, artists featured in the film include **BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE**, **ISKWÉ**, **A TRIBE CALLED RED**, **TANYA TAGAQ**, **THE JERRY CANS**, **LEELA GILDAY**, **LOGAN STAATS** among others. The film takes its name from the famous quote by Louis Riel, "My people will sleep for 100 years and it will be the artists which bring their spirits back."

Musician songwriter Logan Staats, from the Grand River Six Nations, will be participating in the **Indigenous 150+** event at Heartwood Hall and featured in the film, was a recent winner of **CTV's** new television series **THE LAUNCH**.



Poster of the documentary film, **WHEN THEY AWAKE** (photo credit: Longyearbyen Media)



Staats single “**The Lucky Ones**” hit number one on the iTunes chart early this year and has almost 1 million streams on Spotify. Joining him in the post screening discussion will be local musician, **Raymond King**. Both will speak about their relationship to music and how returning to their cultures has guided their lives and careers. Staats will be performing on the Harbourfest mainstage at 7 p.m., and opening up for him will be Raymond King and his band at 6 p.m.

***Music connects us to our soul, to our past, our future. It’s a special language that resonates through all creation.*** -From When They Awake documentary

**Indigenous 150+** is a partnership with **M’Wikwedong Native Cultural Resource Centre, City of Owen Sound** and **Good Influence Films**, providing a platform for Indigenous voices and stories. Supporting this years’ **Indigenous 150+** events in Owen Sound and upcoming events at **Indigenous Life Festival** at Blue Mountain Village, is **Community Foundation Grey Bruce** with community support by First United Church Owen Sound, Cape Croker United and Central United Owen Sound, Georgian Shores United Owen Sound, St Georges Anglican Owen Sound, Christ Church United Meaford.

*The Indigenous 150 + initiative helps create a safe place to engage in dialogue that increases understanding of our shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups, while building mutually beneficial relationships and cultural understanding.*

Susan Staves, Member of Chippewas of Neyaashiinigiing and  
Indigenous 150+ Steering Committee

*“It’s time that the rest of Canada gets to know the first peoples. We are here all together and it’s time to share and identify what we have in common”*

-Senator Ralph Wolf Thistle  
Métis Nation of Ontario / Indigenous 150+ Steering Committee

## **PROGRAM INFO:**

### **INDIGENOUS 150+ / OWEN SOUND**

Dates: July 14  
Venue: Heartwood Concert Hall, 939 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound  
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m / Doors Open: 12:30 p.m.



**Ticket Price:** \$15 (+ Online Service Fee) / Door Price: \$20  
or in person at \$15 at Heartwood House (+ \$2 Service Fee)  
Buy Online: <http://heartwoodhall.ca/?events=film-when-they-awake>

**AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS:**

- Logan Staats, Musician / Songwriter, Grand River First Nations
- Ralph Wolf Thistle, Métis Nation of Ontario
- JoAnne Fishburn, Good Influence Films

**FOR MORE INFO & TICKETS**

JULY 14 / Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1052541488233901/>

**SOCIAL**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Indigenous150PLUS/>

Twitter: @INDG150Plus

Hashtags: #Indigenize #Next150

**PRESS KIT - POSTERS & PHOTOS & SOUND FILES**

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**TRAILER**

When They Awake <https://vimeo.com/221347006>

**PARTNER INFO**

M'Wikwedong Native Cultural Resource Centre

Good Influence Films

City of Owen Sound

Elephant Thoughts & Blue Mountain Village Association

First United Church Owen Sound

Trinity United Church, Collingwood

Cape Croker United, Neyaashiinigmiing

Georgian Shores United Church, Owen Sound

St. John's-Stevensville United Church, Niagara Falls

First Grantham United Church, St Catharines

Nation Talk

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### **UPCOMING LOCAL INDIGENOUS 150+ EVENTS**

Aug 24 - 26 / **Indigenous Life Festival / Blue Mountain Village**

**Festival info:** <http://bluemountainvillage.ca/indigenousslifefestival>

Sneak preview of **FUTURE HISTORY - Reclaiming Our History, Harnessing Our Future** - a new documentary series about shifting the colonial narrative and celebrating the reclamation of Indigenous knowledge and identity. Producer/Director **Jennifer Podemski** will be in attendance.

### **OTHER INDIGENOUS 150+ EVENTS**

#### **CANMORE ALBERTA**

July 24, 2018 - artsPlace Canmore - 7:00 p.m.

Colonization Road, directed by Michelle St. Jean

#### **ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO**

Launching Sept 7 - 9th, 2017, Celebration of Nations, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre. Details, TBA.

#### **OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

October 16, 2018 - Ottawa Art Gallery. Details TBC.

To stay up to date with details: <http://www.indigenous150plus.com>

