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New Canadian Produced Native Studies Programs From VEC

THE ART OF BEING METIS: THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF THE CANOE



This documentary film follows Mahigan through all the facets of creating a traditional birch bark canoe. Much more than a how-to film, the viewer will be taken on a spiritual journey that contemplates the very close relationship the people of the Métis Nation and all indigenous peoples have, with Mother Earth. Mahigan will discuss the meaning of being Métis as well as what living a Métis lifestyle means. The viewer will also learn about the language, customs, culture, food and music of the Métis People. The Métis Nation is recognized by The United Nations.

Indigenous Peoples see themselves as an important part of nature, but not more or less important than any other creature in nature. A common respect for all living things and Mother Earth are central themes within indigenous cultures throughout the world. Indigenous peoples were the first conservationists and are leaders in earth stewardship today.

Mahigan shares many stories and teachings through the various parts of the creation of his birch bark canoe. From the selection and harvesting of the materials to the shaping of those materials into a finished canoe, viewers will learn about Métis and indigenous culture and perhaps even a little about themselves.

Divided into ten segments:

- The Blueprint for the Canoe...jiimaan (13:34 min)
- Harvesting Birch Bark (11:03 min)
- Harvesting Cedar (19:50 min)
- Roots and Gum (21:24 min)
- Finding Balance (11:24 min)
- Challenging Times (16:41 min)
- Back to Balance (20:47 min)
- Patience (13:51 min)
- The Art of the Canoe (15:38 min)
- The Canoe is Born (10:22 min)

Headlined at Présence Autochtone, Montréal First Peoples Festival, 2016

153 min. • Gr. 7-Adult • 2016 • Reality Media • REALABM • DVD: \$79.95 • 5-Year Streaming Rights: \$400

CAREER OPTIONS – FIRST NATIONS

Each job featured can be done by either men or women; however, “Career Options – First Nations” features Aboriginal women working in jobs traditionally done by men, mostly in trades and technology. It is intended to raise awareness by providing insight into a wide range of leading edge careers not typically considered by females.

- Christine Zacharko - Optician - Entrepreneurship
- Lorraine Muskwa - Dispatch Attendant - Forestry
- Chelsea Orvis - Haul Truck Operator - Heavy Equipment Operation

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HOMEbiz.TV – ABORIGINAL ENTREPRENEURS, VOL. 1

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- **Ripple Effects Ltd (Aboriginal Awareness Consulting/Training Firm)** - Robert Laboucane is an Alberta-based aboriginal awareness consultant.
- **Equi-Scan (Equine Therapy Business)** - Robin Hamilton tells us about setting up her equine sports therapy service..
- **Brainhum Corporation (Internet Business)** - Jeff Ward talks about his Internet start-up.
- **Herbs for Hurts Inc. (Herbal Remedy Business)** - Kelly Chobotiuk tells us about her company which makes aromatherapy dolls for children.
- **TNT Promo/Richter Marketing Ltd. (Ad Specialties)** - Chuck Issacs discusses how he came to set up his promotional marketing company in Alberta.

25 min. • Gr. 9-Adult • 2016 • Third Wave • 3WAHB1 • DVD: \$59.95 • *5-Year Streaming Rights: \$400*

HOMEbiz.TV – ABORIGINAL ENTREPRENEURS, VOL. 2

This program features Aboriginal home businesses and new Aboriginal business success stories. The stories are a source of valuable business information, motivation and support for home business operators and budding entrepreneurs of all ages. The profiled home biz entrepreneurs give viewers an inside look at their home business activities, goals, challenges, lessons learned and secrets to success.

- **ShedTech (Carpentry)** - Ken Krivoshein is a shed manufacturer from Alberta.
- **MJAnne Couture (Clothing Business)** - Andreeanne Dandeneau designs and manufactures women's clothing from the basement of her parents' home. This young Canadian entrepreneur may be starting out small but she has major designs on runway success.
- **Le crieur (Town Crier)** - Daniel Richer dit Lafleche is a modern day town crier with a strong feel for tradition. His ten thousand dollar uniforms and 110 decibel voice guarantee that he'll be seen and heard.
- **Steeped in Silver (Artist)** - Artist Michael D. Massie creates beautiful stone sculptures and silver teapots done with an Inuit motif. His intricate creations attract an international clientele and sell for several thousand dollars each.
- **Tlaook Cultural Adventures (Cultural Canoe Tours)** - Gisele Martin gives tours in dugout canoes that have been made by her family for generations. While people from all over the world enjoy the novelty of the ride and the historical significance of the area, Gisele is paddling to success.

30 min. • Gr. 9-Adult • 2016 • Third Wave • 3WAHB2 • DVD: \$59.95 • *5-Year Streaming Rights: \$400*

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