



The Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival acknowledges the location of its Festival is on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin nation.

**“From The Land” Theme Highlights this Year’s
Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival & Competition Pow Wow
Vincent Massey Park, Ottawa
Thursday, June 21 - Sunday, June 24, 2018**

For immediate release

Ottawa, Ontario, June 12, 2018: The **Assembly of First Nations*** is proud to host the 2018 edition of the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival (SSIF) & Competition Pow Wow at Vincent Massey Park in Ottawa from June 21 to June 24. For over 20 years, SSIF has helped Canadians recognize the enormous contributions that Inuit, First Nations and Métis peoples make to Canada.

This year, the theme **“From the Land”** highlights a new indigenous culinary experience added to the Festival’s programming. Indigenous chefs David Wolfman, Cezin Nottaway and Trudy Metcalfe will offer exquisite indigenous fusion dishes crafted from local ingredients. The Long Table Lunch (12 noon, \$25) and Dinner (6 pm, \$55), both on June 22, are complimented with performances by Silla + Rise, Cris Derksen and David Finkle & Laura Leonard.

A returning Festival favourite is **Education Day** on Thursday, June 21. Five thousand school children will have the opportunity to experience a natural history lesson via crafts, foods, games, and dancing at Vincent Massey Park. That evening, a screening of the multi-award winning film, **“Indian Horse,”** will show Canada’s national game in a whole new light. Unforgettable!

The heart of the Festival is the **International Competition Pow Wow** on June 23 and 24. This competition attracts the best singers and dancers from across North America to compete for \$75,000 in prizes. The **Grand Entry** associated with the competition Pow Wow is an audience favourite. All dancers enter the circle together at 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm on Saturday, and on Sunday at 12:00 noon.



