

Press Release
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Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society presents Okotoks

The Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society (MT7) produces art that tells the stories of historic events with the hope to inspire new relationships across cultures and generations, long into the future.

What makes Making Treaty 7 performances different, and important, is that they are grounded in and come from local First Nations' oral tradition. *These are their stories* – their truths - as shared by Elders and Knowledge Keepers with artists who have then interpreted and developed a theatrical performance.

Justin Many Fingers is from the Kainai Blackfoot Reserve in southern Alberta. He is the Artistic Director at MT7 and the Director of the Okotoks production. Justin has combined a unique group of designers to collaborate on this production.

- ALEJANDRO RONCEIRA - Dramaturge,
- EDGARDO MORENO - Sound Designer
- STEPHANIE BRAVE ROCK - Lyrical Composer
- NEIL FLEMING - Lighting/Set Designer
- JOLANE HOULE - Costume Designer

With this talented group of artists, Okotoks is going to look, sound, and feel different from any previous MT7 production.

The show is very personal to Justin. Okotoks tells the story of Holy Bear Woman, a young Blackfoot girl who survived the Baker massacre in 1870. It will leave you breathless with awe at her resilience, proof of which is seen in the fact that her bloodline has survived. Justin Many Fingers is one of her many descendants. Take a journey with him as he tells this epic story of his grandmother through his art form.

Okotoks will run for two days at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on February 26 and 27, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.ca.

Quotes About the Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society presentations:

"... an uplifting example of how reconciliation can express itself through the arts."
-Marie Wilson, Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

"Brilliant, Brilliant, Brilliant!" - Alberta Human Rights Commission

"Your work is important to support reconciliation efforts between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people." - Richard Feehan, Alberta Minister of Indigenous Relations

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Media Inquiries: Please contact media@makingtreaty7.com
or phone MT7 office at 587-899-1877 for interviews.

Video/visual Access: Okotoks will be in rehearsal for the month of February. Please contact the office so we can coordinate media access to rehearsals.

Photos: High resolution photos are available. Please contact MT7 at media@makingtreaty7.com

About Making Treaty 7: The Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society presents entertainment pieces and a learning experiences for all Canadians. Inspirational, educational, and entertaining, the Making Treaty 7 performances tell a fundamental story of Alberta's past, and hopes to inspire new relationships across cultures and generations, long into the future. The Society invites all ages and backgrounds to consider an enlightened, sustainable future for everyone, together. Follow us on Facebook/Twitter [@makingtreaty7](#) and Instagram.