



Media Advisory

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National Inquiry to host youth workshop on final day of Winnipeg Community Hearings

Winnipeg, Manitoba- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls will host a youth art workshop and presentation at the Oodena Circle on Friday, October 20, 2017. The presentation is part of an artistic expression panel.

Leading the workshop is Jaime Black, Winnipeg-based artist who is of Anishnaabe/Cree and European descent. She will use installation, photography and performance to examine themes of gender, identity, place and resistance.

Black is the creator of The REDress Project. A permanent exhibit can be seen at the Human Rights Museum, and has become a nationally recognized symbol of the struggle and response to the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

Who: Jaime Black, The REDress Project

What: Discuss how art can influence MMIWG issue

Where: Oodena Circle at The Forks

When: October 20, 2017 @ 3:30 PM

The questions the National Inquiry are expecting Black to respond to include:

- 1) Can you tell us a little bit about the REDdress project, how you came up with the idea and why do you think so many people became engaged and motivated into action by this project?
- 2) Why do you think it is important for children to be involved in art, in all its forms, what do you think it can do for children, and then explain a little bit about the artistic expression workshop you did with the Indigenous students from RB Russel School here in Winnipeg.
- 3) What do you think of the National Inquiry collecting artistic expressions to add to its records and the important role it can play in its' overall mission?

Media are encouraged to attend the event. There will be plenty of opportunity for photography and videography during the Artistic Expression Panel.

Closing Ceremonies will follow. We welcome media to also take part and help close this week in a good way. However, because this is Sacred Ceremony, no audio or visual recordings allowed.