

# Canadian Aboriginal Festival

**Toronto, Ontario- November 17-20, 2011**

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**Toronto** is hosting a major celebration and everyone is invited! **The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Aboriginal Festival comes to Better Living Centre**, Exhibition Place November 17 – 20 and we'd be honoured to have you join us!

Don't miss the Grand Entry to **Canada's largest Pow Wow** at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. This incredibly stirring event attracts over 800 dancers from every corner of North America, and their entrance into the dance circle in full regalia, to the awe-inspiring rhythm of native drums is absolutely awe-inspiring.

The Festival weekend offers entertainment and areas of interest for the whole family....**Education Day** on Thurs., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, the **Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards** on Fri., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and outstanding music, performing arts and traditional foods, 140 booths of unique shopping, traditional teachings and soapstone carving demonstrations.

The **13<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards takes place Friday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Queen Elizabeth Theatre beginning at 8 p.m.** and feature an incredible performance line-up. The awards will also recognize established artists such as Tom Jackson, as well as emerging artists such as Donny Parenteau and Mike Gouchie.

**On Friday, the Festival also offers a Seniors Day Special \$2.00 savings from the regular admission.**

**Traditional Healer, Leonard McCallum, a Cree First Nation Healer** shares his teachings in a workshop on Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the Music Café/Fashion Show Room at the Better Living Centre. He also offers private one-on-one healing sessions from Friday to Sunday, starting at 10:30 am to 4:30 pm each day. For more info. on Mr. McCallum, please visit our website at [www.canab.com](http://www.canab.com).

Youth realizing their full potential, is also the underlying theme of **“Confidence Meets Fashion”**. This show features the work of Canada’s top aboriginal designers and models, who are graduates of confidence and skill-building workshops. This event showcases beauty in all shapes and shades, providing a positive, life-affirming view of the fashion industry.

**Festival Hours** are from: Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 5 pm; Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 8 pm and Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 5 pm. Adult tickets are \$12.00 per day, Seniors \$10.00 per day, Youth (13 yrs to 17 yrs) \$10.00 per day, Children 12 yrs. and under \$6.00. Family of four (2 adults + 2 children) \$30.00 per day. Tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.canab.com](http://www.canab.com) or at the door.

Visitors are advised to arrive early to take-in Main Stage Performances, which feature some of North America’s outstanding traditional artists. First time visitors are encouraged to drop by on Sunday, to enjoy a more leisurely, less crowded day at the Festival.

For more information visit the official festival website at [www.canab.com](http://www.canab.com) or call 519-751-0040.

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