

## IMAGINATE 2018

### One-Day Conference Program

Green Wood Coalition is pleased to present IMAGINATE 2018 – a one-day conference and evening of performance and talks exploring some of the most pressing social issues of our time. The daytime conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and include a selection of workshops and panel discussions, morning refreshments and a catered lunch.

**Upon purchase of your ticket, you will be prompted to choose workshop preferences.**

### Friday Morning, March 23

#### **8:30 a.m. Check in/Registration, Victoria Hall**

#### **9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker Jesse Thistle**

Cree-Metis on his mother's side and Algonquin-Scot on his father's side, Jesse is a Ph.D. candidate in History, a Trudeau and Vanier Scholar, and a Governor General Medalist. For the past 2 years as the Resident Scholar on Indigenous Homelessness for the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, he wrote the Definition of Indigenous Homelessness in Canada. His lived-experience with addiction and homelessness has shaped the way he approaches homeless policy, Indigenous history, social work, and addiction studies.

#### **10:00 a.m. Break with Refreshments**

#### **10:30 a.m. Morning Workshops (Choose one)**

- A. Murphy's Law Film Screening – Megan Murphy, Filmmaker  
Award-winning documentary chronicles the filmmaker's story of self-discovery and healing as she retraces her late father's journey through Ireland. Audience Q & A will follow.
- B. Engaging the Other– Christian Harvey, Director of Warming Room, Peterborough  
Interactive workshop that explores meaningful engagement and interconnectedness of those who "help" with those who are "marginalized". (Limited to first 30 participants)

#### **Noon Lunch Break**

### Friday Afternoon:

#### **1:00 p.m. Birds of Chicago**

JT Nero and Allison Russell will fire up the afternoon with a socially-conscious sound that's been described as a mix of folk, mountain gospel, soul and rock, a "near perfect Americana."

#### **1:45 p.m. Afternoon Workshops (Choose one)**

- A. The Authentic Voice – Moderated by Dr. Cyndi Gilmer, Trent School of Nursing

This panel of individuals who have “lived experience” with homelessness, disability, hunger, or addiction and now use those experiences to build better social responses, helping others to find healing. Panelists include Randy Arsenault, Police Officer; Nicole Whitmore, Outreach Worker; Carol Anne Bell-Smith, Artist/Advocate/Mother.

**B. Extending the Table – Moderated by Nicole Beatty, Local Food for Local Good.**

Canada is one of the world’s leading exporters of food—why then do we have hungry people in this country? This panel of big thinkers, including Kathryn Scharf of Community Food Centres of Canada, Yvonne O’Neill of Fare Share Food Banks, and Dave Kranenburg of Kendal Hills Game Farm, and hosted by Cultivate Festival, will explore the possibilities for growing and sharing food in ways that are accessible, affordable and healthy for everyone.

**2:45 p.m. Break**

**3:00 p.m. – Truth and Re-Imagination Panel, moderated by Nancy Stevens, Niijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekweg Services Circle**

A conversation between Ojibway playwright and author, Drew Hayden Taylor; Alderville First Nation artist/biologist, Rick Beaver; Alderville First Nation Councillor, Julie Bothwell; and Metis artist, Mique Michelle, centred on visioning a way forward through story, art and Indigenous ways of knowing.

**4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**

## Evening of Possibility

**7:00-9:00 p.m., Victoria Hall**

We present this inspiring lineup of musicians, poets, filmmakers and storytellers, each of whom is committed to creating a better way for our community:

- David Newland: Host, Musician, Adventurer
- Drew Hayden Taylor: Author, Playwright
- Birds of Chicago: Americana Musicians
- Mique Michelle: Graffiti Artist
- Arlene Howells: Change Communicator
- Jesse Thistle: Scholar and Survivor
- Christian Harvey: Social Justice Leader
- Megan Murphy: Filmmaker, Broadcaster
- Ted Staunton: Children’s Author

***Reception by Cultivate Festival of Food & Drink***