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-BRIARPATCH MAGAZINE

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-EDMONTON JOURNAL

"The FASTEST rising Native Comedian working in North America."

-WINNIPEG COMEDY FESTIVAL

WORKSHOPS & KEYNOTES

AS SEEN ON TELEVISION:



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RYAN MCMAHON - ANISHINAABE - TREATY #3 COUCHICHING FN

WORKSHOP AREAS OF FOCUS:

**YOUTH. LEADERSHIP. TEAM BUILDING. COMMUNICATION.
EMPOWERMENT. COMEDY. WRITING. MEDIA. CULTURE.**

The workshops I offer range in duration, focus & range - every workshop is designed with the community, for the community & BY the community. The diversity in our communities is incredible and needs to be respected - therefore there is no cookie cutter workshop that is right for everyone.

RYAN MCMAHON - ARTIST STATEMENT

Long before I was a professional comedian & writer - I worked with Youth. I was a Friendship Centre baby growing up and I'm proud to say that I've been involved with Youth Leadership, Training & Programming for well over half of my life.

I often speak candidly about the fact that Art, more specifically Theatre, saved my life. It gave me a place to rest my worries, it gave me skills to communicate & learn about trusting others, it gave me a place to be myself.

The key to Empowerment & Leadership in Youth Communities is ensuring Youth are being heard and are given the space to be themselves. In the workshops series' that I deliver - this is where we begin - communication, trust & creating a safe and inclusive space for Youth to be themselves.

My job is not to save Youth, my job is to help show them who they are by challenging them to uncover gifts they already carry.

WORKSHOP MISSION STATEMENT

The workshop series' that I offer are flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of the host community. We work together to meet your goals and I won't bullshit you - I won't come to your community for a paycheque and leave the Youth without tangible skills or programs/exercises to build from.

I believe in connecting community with community. Often our Youth are disconnected from those that can make the biggest difference in their lives - the community members. I engage various members of the community to help us deliver the workshops and I try to connect Youth with

community members that work in the various programs and services to help carry goals forward.

Have a look below and see if any of these workshop options fit anything you might be doing in your community.

KEYNOTES, GUEST LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Ryan McMahon can deliver a number of different keynotes, guest lectures & presentations at your conference, highschool, university or college. Ryan's speaking engagements are fast paced, funny & empowering.

AREAS OF FOCUS: Decolonization, Cultural Revitalization, Small Business, Reconciliation, Media, Education, Drugs & Alcohol.

1. TWO MOCCASSINS, TWO WORLDS

KEYNOTE STATEMENT: YOU WERE BORN WITH TWO MOCCASSINS ON YOUR FEET - WALK THE BEST WAY YOU CAN IN BOTH WORLDS - GROUND YOURSELF CULTURALLY TO FIND SUCCESS IN THE MAINSTREAM.

This keynote speaking engagement is Ryan's most popular workshop booking - through a 45 - 60 minute speaking engagement Ryan shares his story of failure & triumph and charts his path from a "kid that grew up in the bush" to "the fastest rising Native comedian working in North America today." (CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival). Ryan's honest take on the ups and downs of drugs & alcohol, his (re)connection to culture & ceremony and the balance it takes to live in today's contemporary context is all covered in the funny, sometimes painful, but always hopeful keynote presentation.

2. MANITO AKI INAKANAGAAWIN - APPLYING INDIGENOUS NATURAL LAW CONCEPTS TO LIFE & COMMUNITY TO CLEAR A PATHWAY FORWARD

KEYNOTE STATEMENT: Literally translated, Manito Aki Inakanagaawin translates to "Spirt Land Law" and by expanding on this Anishinaabe governance concept, Ryan deconstructs how we can apply this concept to our own lives & community to return back to health and happiness.

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WORKSHOPS: SEEKING MINO-BIIMADIZIWIN

Seeking Mino-Biimadiziwin (Seeking the Good Life) is a workshop series about developing health & wellness in our Youth communities by giving the Youth a chance to rediscover who they are through storytelling, media & cultural revitalization.

1. STORYTELLING AS YOUTH LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: PROVIDING A SAFE SPACE FOR YOUTH TO "BE HEARD" IS ESSENTIAL TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.

In this workshop series, Ryan uses popular Theatre techniques, games & exercises to encourage Youth in healthy communication, risk taking, team work & ultimately personal empowerment in a supportive, fun & fast paced workshop environment.

Focus: Leadership, Empowerment, Team Building, Healthy Communication

2. YOUR VOICE IS YOUR STORY - YOUTH MEDIA PROJECTS

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: YOUTH ARE NOT THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW, THEY ARE THE LEADERS OF TODAY.

In this workshop series, Ryan introduces various media tools & mediums to the Youth and through the workshop process they engage in the discovery of both traditional & contemporary stories & they work together to craft their own stories, record them & present them back to the community.

Focus: Media Training, Storytelling, Empowerment, Leadership

3. COMEDY 101 - CELEBRATE OUR STORIES AND FIND YOUR INNER TRICKSTER

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: IF HEALING IS MEDICINE, THEN WE NEED MORE MEDICINE MEN & WOMEN BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF HEALING TO DO. PART COMEDY WORKSHOP, PART WELLNESS WORKSHOP, 100% FUN!

In this workshop series Ryan runs the Youth through a comedy bootcamp complete with Improv, Sketch & Standup comedy modules and the whole workshop ends with a community performance. No performance experience is necessary and each group will be supported by Ryan and other facilitators in a fun, fast paced and very challenging environment.

Focus: Teamwork, Empowerment, Healthy Risk Taking, Laughter & Healing

4. SHARE YOUR SPIRIT - YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SELF DETERMINATION

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: IMAGINATION, HARD WORK & DETERMINATION CAN BRING YOU CLOSER TO YOUR DREAMS - ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SMALL BUSINESS ARE GREAT WAYS FOR YOUTH TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES!

In this workshop, Ryan runs participants through a "small business 101" workshop to help participants understand what it takes to be their own boss, chase their dreams & be successful at business. Special focus is put on using the internet & technology to help leverage markets & ideas in an effort to show Indigenous businesses can have a global reach!

Focus: Small Business, Goal Setting, Team Building, Health Risk Taking, Healing, Empowerment

WIIDOOKAAGE WORKSHOP SERIES

Wiidookaage (He/She helps people, in Anishinaabemowin) is a workshop series about developing health & wellness in our Youth communities by giving the Youth a chance to rediscover who they are through leadership & empowerment activities, cultural teachings, sharing circles & ceremony.

1. LIVING MINO-BIMADIIZIWIN - BEING A GOOD MAN TODAY

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: THE ELDERS SAY, "WHEN YOU LIVE A GOOD LIFE, LIFE IS GOOD."

In this day long workshop series, Ryan works with Young Men to examine "Mino-Bimadiiziwin" or "the good life." Ryan works with Young Men to strengthen cultural ties, work through personal Leadership exercises & connect Young Men back to themselves through strong Cultural grounding & working towards a better personal understanding of what it means to be a Young Man today.

Focus: Cultural Reconnection, Empowerment, Leadership, Healthy Risk Taking

2. FATHERHOOD: CARRYING THE HEARTBEAT OF FAMILY

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: AS MEN, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR CHILDREN, OUR PARTNERS, OUR COMMUNITIES & OUR NATIONS.

In this day long workshop series, Ryan works with Young Men to examine our roles inside of our families to help Young Men better understand how important it is to be present & engaged in order to contribute to building a healthy family.

Focus: Healthy Relationships, Family, Cultural Reconnection, Leadership, Empowerment

3. WE CARRY THE PIPE & THE DRUM

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: MEN WERE GIFTED THE DRUM & THE PIPE BY THE WOMEN, WE MUST LIVE UP TO OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE CARRIERS OF THESE GIFTS.

In this workshop series, Ryan shares a series of teachings, songs & stories to examine our understanding of Men's roles in community, we talk about family violence and men's roles in violence against women and we talk about what we can do in regards to action on the issue of murdered, missing Indigenous women, girls & Two Spirited people.

Focus: Cultural reconnection, empowerment, healthy relationships, family, leadership, cultural resurgence

REBUILDING COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SERIES

The Rebuilding Community Workshop Series is about healing, learning & strengthening our communities through storytelling, laughter & cultural revitalization. This process allows Youth, Adults & Elders alike to work with each other for the common good - the health and well being of their community!

1. THE POWER OF THE CIRCLE - STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: OUR YOUTH ARE OUR BEST TEACHERS WHEN THEY CARRY THE TEACHINGS OF THE OLD ONES - WE MUST START BUILDING OUR BUNDLES NOW TO CARRY THE TEACHINGS FORWARD.

In this powerful healing workshop series, Ryan brings the community comes together to engage in a supportive & fun Theatre based storytelling workshop series that brings together Youth, Adults & Elders alike. Through the process of the workshop the participants build an original piece of storytelling (multi-medium) to present to the community.

Focus: healing, team building, community planning, health & wellness, communication, cultural revitalization.

2. STORIES FROM THE LAND - A YOUTH & ELDER DIGITAL MEDIA STORYTELLING PROJECT

WORKSHOP STATEMENT: STORYTELLING, LAND & COMMUNITY - TEACHINGS AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN TODAY - ELDERS AND YOUTH WORK TOGETHER TO REBUILD OUR NATIONS THROUGH STORYTELLING & DIGITAL MEDIA.

In this powerful community workshop series, Ryan brings the community together to engage in a supportive & fun storytelling project that connects Elders & Youth and stories about & from their traditional territories. This workshop creates space for the transfer of knowledge and teachings through stories, interviews & a series of exercises that reconnects our communities back to the land and the places we are from.

Focus: healing, team building, community planning, health & wellness, communication, cultural revitalization.