

# June - Indigenous History and Pride Month

June 1, 2022



## A Message from the MRFA

As we move forward in enhancing our Association's communications with members relating to EDI matters and the interventions outlined in the [MRFA 2025 plan](#), we will continue to provide special issue bulletins like this one and ones sent earlier this semester for *Black History Month* and *International Women's Day*. Members are welcome to submit suggestions for content to be included in these bulletins to [EDI@mrfa.net](mailto:EDI@mrfa.net).

Members with concerns related to EDI can always email the EDI Officer (Milena) through [edi@mrfa.net](mailto:edi@mrfa.net); schedule an online chat using the google calendar attached to that email address; or contact any of your Exec members or [labourrelations@mrfa.net](mailto:labourrelations@mrfa.net).

MRU's Office of Safe Disclosure also offers important resources for action and support <https://www.mtroyal.ca/OfficeOfSafeDisclosure/index.htm>

### Reminder about MRFA Member Directed Working Groups

We would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the relatively new Member Directed Working Groups. Members on campus interested in starting such a group can find all the related information [here](#).

Members with inquiries related to the Member Directed Working groups should contact [facultyrelations@mrfa.net](mailto:facultyrelations@mrfa.net).

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## Aboriginal Awareness Week Calgary

*"Keeping the Circle Strong through Language and Culture."*  
June 20 - 25, 2022

Visit their [Webpage](#) for content as it comes available throughout June

Aboriginal Awareness Week is intended to "raise awareness and celebrate the cultural diversity of Canada's Indigenous peoples. In these past 2 years Covid – 19 Pandemic took away our ability to be together as a community, this will be our first opportunity to gather in spirit of community.

In the early 1990's, Indigenous agencies serving the Indigenous community in Calgary began organizing events and celebrations during the week leading up to National Indigenous Day, held annually on June 21. The summer solstice is a culturally significant day for many Indigenous Peoples and is now acknowledged by celebrations held in major cities across Canada...."

Events Planned for Aboriginal Awareness Week:

- June 19, 2022 (Sunday) *Indigenous Variety Showcase*
- June 20-25, 2022 *Indigenous Handgames and Corporate Tournament*
- June 25, 2022, (Saturday) *National Indigenous Family Day & POWOW*

[Read more about Aboriginal Awareness Week](#)



## Métis Fest 2022

June 24 - 26, 2022

June 24-26 at Métis Crossing for a celebration of Métis culture.

Make your Métis Crossing debut at Friday's Open Mic Night. Show off your skills at our all ages jigging competition Saturday afternoon or enjoy regional showcases by performers from across the province. Shop local and explore the artisan market. And keep the kids entertained at the children and youth activity tents. There is fun for the whole family!

Let's celebrate our culture together and in person.

[Read more about Métis Fest](#)



## Calgary Public Library

Visit their [Webpage](#) for content related to Indigenous History Month as it comes available throughout June

CPL Resources:

- [Residential Schools: Books for Children](#)
  - From picture books for preschoolers to novels and non-fiction for school-aged kids, the titles on this list can help parents, teachers, and caregivers talk to children about residential schools.
- [Residential Schools: Books for Teens](#)
  - This collection of fiction, memoir and graphic novels captures the strength and versatility of the protagonists as they learn what it means to challenge the power of colonial ideologies and racism. Landmark primary sources are also included that cover Canada's commitment to reconciliation.
- [Residential Schools: Books for Adults](#)
  - This booklist is for adults and includes non-fiction, memoir, poetry, and novels that include the uncompromised honesty of survivors and their stories.



## Pride Month Canada



## Calgary Pride

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

A PHYSICAL PRIDE MONTH & FESTIVAL WEEKEND IS IN FULL SWING FOR 2022

The Calgary Pride Parade and Festival 2022 - is free, accessible, and a culturally significant event for 2SLGBTQ+ folks and allies. The last in-person Parade & Festival in 2019 welcomed approximately 100,000 folks. Their goal in 2022 is to welcome 75,000-100,000 folks from Alberta and beyond to celebrate the diversity, experiences, and stories of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. A priority for Calgary Pride is to provide a paid opportunity to 2SLGBTQ+ artists and performers, with a focus on hiring performers from Alberta. Historically, approximately 60-70% of our performers have self-identified as racialized and/or trans and non-binary (from [TravelAlberta](#))

[Sign up now to walk in the Parade with MRFA Colleagues](#)

[Visit Calgary Pride Website](#)



## Fairy Tales Queer Film Fest

Friday, June 3rd @ 7 PM – *Neptune Frost*

From their camp in an otherworldly e-waste dump, they attempt a takeover of the authoritarian regime exploiting the region's natural resources – and its people. When an intersex runaway and an escaped coltan miner find each other through cosmic forces, their connection sparks glitches within the greater divine circuitry. Set between states of being – past and present, dream and waking life, colonized and free, male and female, memory and prescience – *Neptune Frost* is an invigorating and empowering direct download to the cerebral cortex and a call to reclaim technology for progressive political ends.

Friday, June 3 @ 9:30 PM – *My Emptiness and I with short Girls and the Party (\*Adults Only\*)*

**Girls and the party:** A group of girlfriends prepare for the anticipate summer party in a cramped bathroom. Between boy talk and makeup, Mercedes navigates her blossoming attraction for her friend Julia.  
**My Emptiness and I:** Raphi is young, androgynous and naive. In Barcelona, she begins a gender transition as well as an arduous journey to find her true identity. Co-written by and starring Raphaëlle Pérez, this is the narrative follow-up to director Adrián Silvestre's ground-breaking hybrid doc *Sediments*, featuring many of the same trans performers and artists.

Saturday, June 4 @ 7 PM *Invisible: Gay Women in Southern Music*

**Invisible: Gay Women in Southern Music:** Growing up gay in the South is hard enough, but to be an openly gay woman in country music is nearly impossible. Nashville is a man's town, yet this group of gay women have persevered anyhow – making an indelible impact on country and southern music. This film explores their deeply personal journeys while taking a piercing look at family, religion and the patriarchy of country music.

**Privilegiada:** Olga and her close friend Dolores spend an afternoon at the municipal swimming pool rambling about gender differences and social impositions associated with women. These differences and injustices lead Olga to the conclusion that the privileges they supposedly once had as a "normative person" have completely disappeared and she is preparing to regain them. How? She doesn't even know it herself.