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**MEDIA ALERT:**

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## Indigenous Students Prepare for the Dance Performance of Their Lives

***- Four Days of Intense Rehearsing Including Session With Royal Winnipeg Ballet School  
April 15-18***

**What:** Nineteen Indigenous students, from Winnipeg, Central Manitoba and Northern Ontario will be in the city for four-days of intense, choreographed dance rehearsals at Muse Urban Dance Studio and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School.

The students are among 120 Indigenous youth from across the country who are a part of a high school accredited dance program offered by **Outside Looking In**, a national registered charity providing the opportunity to Indigenous youth and their communities to engage in long-term intensive education through dance. The accredited program culminates with a final performance on May 23 at Toronto's iconic Sony Centre for the Performing Arts. Click on the following link for a taste of what they'll experience: (<https://vimeo.com/322879731>)

**Who:** Indigenous students from: Lac La Croix First Nation, ON  
Pikangikum First Nation, ON  
Southeast Collegiate, Winnipeg  
St. Theresa Point First Nation, MB  
Wasagamack First Nation, MB

Choreographer GeNie Baffoe  
Future Leaders Program Manager, Laura McKinnon

**When:** Monday, April 15 through April 18

**Media**

**Opportunities:** Rehearsals at Muse Urban Dance Studio, 29 Keenleyside Street

Tuesday, April 16: 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, April 17: 10am-12pm

Contemporary dance workshop at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School, 380 Graham Avenue

Thursday, April 18: 11:30am-12:45pm

**Background:** Since 2008, **Outside Looking In** offers a high school accredited dance program providing the opportunity to Indigenous youth and their communities to engage in long-term intensive education through dance. Students join other Indigenous youth from across Canada for two weeks in Toronto, preparing for an ultimate performance at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit <http://olishow.com/about-us/>

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