



FACT SHEET

2010 Aboriginal Pavilion

When the world comes to Vancouver for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, they will experience the warmth and hospitality of the Four Host First Nations, on whose traditional and shared traditional territories the Games are being held.

The centrepiece of our hosting efforts is the 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion. Open from February 12 - 28, 2010, the “Chiefs’ House” is a celebration of the rich cultures and diversity of Aboriginal peoples in Canada – First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Located on the plaza of the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in downtown Vancouver, the 8,000 square-foot, Chiefs’ House is right in the heart of Olympic activity — located a short walk from BC Place Stadium and Canada Hockey Place. The unique structure includes a cedar longhouse-style structure which curves around a 65-foot high inflated multi-media dome.

Celebrating Aboriginal Cultures — 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion Programming

Each day brings exciting new programming to the Chiefs’ House as our Aboriginal partners from across the country seize their moment in the spotlight to showcase their singers, musicians, artists, and businesses. These special “theme-day” performances, which take place daily from 11am-3pm, will celebrate Aboriginal groups from all regions of Canada, coast to coast to coast. Visitors will be entertained by live events including Inuit throat singing, Métis jigging, First Nations hoop dancing, traditional drumming, as well as contemporary Aboriginal performances.

Each evening, the Chiefs’ House Dome will come to life with the images and sounds of the 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion signature show — *We Are Here*. The audience will be immersed in the 360 degree viewing experience, which includes both traditional and contemporary depictions of the Four Host First Nations and Aboriginal peoples in Canada.

Beginning at 9:30pm, the dome will transform into an intimate venue where some of the best Aboriginal artists from across Canada will perform live including Buffy Sainte-Marie, Team Rezofficial, Kinnie Starr, the Métis Fiddler Quartet, Murray Porter, Mad Eskimo and Joy Harjo, as well as traditional drummers and singers from the Four Host First Nations.

All performances at the 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion are free to the public, with admission on a first come, first in basis.



The Jack Poole Reception Hall

Each night during the Games, visitors will have the opportunity to unwind in the Jack Poole Reception Hall. Named for the late Jack Poole, chairman of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) Board of Directors, the 2,000 square-foot space will host private hospitality functions during the day, and then open to the public for *Lounge Nights at the Jack Poole Hall* at 9:30pm.

Lounge Night tickets cost \$25.00 and include admission to the hall, as well as a sample Aboriginal cuisine platter prepared by the chefs at the 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion. The menu, which changes nightly, includes such culinary delights as grilled atlantic salmon skewers with maple glaze and BC forest mushroom and chèvre tartlets. At the bar, guests can purchase a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages including wine from Nk'mip Cellars – Canada's first Aboriginal winery.

The 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion Trading Post

The 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion Trading Post is a one-stop shop for official Vancouver 2010 Aboriginal merchandise. One third of VANOC's royalties on the sale of all Vancouver 2010 Aboriginal merchandise will be donated to the Vancouver 2010 Aboriginal Youth Legacy Fund — a fund created by VANOC and the FHFN to support sport, culture, sustainability and education initiatives for First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth Canada-wide.

Visitors can continue their shopping one block north at the Aboriginal Artisan Village and Business Showcase. Located at the corner of Dunsmuir Street and Hamilton Street in Vancouver, will feature authentic Aboriginal arts and crafts such as hand-woven baskets, carvings and jewelry. More than 100 First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists from across Canada are included in the Village.

More Information

For more information, please visit fourhostfirstnations.com.

To arrange an interview, please contact our Media Relations department at 604.403.1662 or e-mail fhncommunications@gmail.com.

Aboriginal Artisan Village and Business Showcase

Dunsmuir Street and Hamilton Street, Vancouver
February 12-28, 2010
10am – 10pm

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