



Curriculum Links
The Sharing Circle, Season 14, Episode
18/19:
Feet First Onto the Earth Part 1 and 2

Suggested Grade Levels:

Grade 5 – 12 Social Studies
All Grades Music and Dance

Curriculum Themes and

- Butterfly
- Creation Stories/Legends
- Dance
- Drama/Language Arts
- Indian Act-S.S.
- Music
- Phys ed.
- Trade

Summary of Episode:

Three dancers of different backgrounds (Métis, Mohawk and Teme Augama Anishnaabi) and one former dancer show how a mix of indigenous, world and contemporary dance forms bring new meaning to old stories, told through the downbeat, or by moving feet first.

Vocabulary:

- Aboriginal
- Actress
- Anishinabe
- Artistic Director
- Beauty
- Butterfly
- Caribou Song
- Choreographer
- Claire Marchand
- Common Experience
- Connect
- Contemporary
- Convey
- Core
- Courage
- Creation
- Culture
- Dance
- Dancing Americas
- David Miracle
- Diverse
- Donald Quan Studio
- Drama
- Duncan Campbell Scott
- Earth
- Emotion
- Emotions
- Energy
- 1921, Oct. 4th
- European Aesthetic
- Evolve
- Expression
- Grassdance
- Gypsy
- Heaudeshowne
- Home
- Honour
- How Raven Stole the Sun
- Identity
- Illegal
- Indian Agent
- Inspire
- Intangible
- Invisible
- Jerry Longboat
- Kaha:wi
- Ken Gregory
- La Maja
- Life
- Life cycle
- Love
- Manitoba Theatre for Young People
- Marginalized
- Matthew Pheasant
- Media
- Métis
- Migrate
- Mohawk
- Music
- National Ballet School
- Native Women in the Arts
- Perspective
- Physical
- Pow wow
- Pride
- Rage
- Red Sky Performance
- Resurgence
- Rich
- Sandra Laronde
- Santee Smith
- Share
- Spain
- Stomp Dance
- Story
- Struggle
- Survive
- Theatre
- Theatre Flamingo
- Thompson Highway
- Toronto
- Trade route
- Traditional
- Transform
- Underground
- Unite
- Visible
- Voice
- Weight
- Winchester Street Theatre

Suggested Activities:

- Go to a performance offered by Red Sky.
- Learn about the legends and which group they come from.

Suggested Activities (Continued):

- Learn about the Indian Act and the role of the Indian Agent. What was allowed and what was not allowed?
- Read a poem from Duncan Campbell Scott-what attitudes and beliefs did he hold about Aboriginal people? How has this attitude improved?
- Learn about butterfly teachings.
- Learn about creation stories from various groups and learn about the groups across Canada. What were their contributions, social structure, forms of dance and music, etc.?
- Write about various Aboriginal people in the media and their contributions. (i.e. Actors, Pow Wow dancers, contemporary dancers, news, radio, TV, music, sports etc.)
- Learn about the drum and its teachings.
- Learn about various Pow Wow dances and meanings.
- Invite a dancer into the school.

Additional Resources (online):

- Claire Marchand and flamenco dance
- http://www.theatreflamenco.ca/pages/classes_wpg_home.html
- Duncan Campbell Scott
- <http://rpo.library.utoronto.ca/poet/288.html>
- Flamingo Dance
- <http://www.elvientoflamenco.com/>
- Grants for Aboriginal Dance-includes Non-status, status, Métis and Inuit
- <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/grants/dance/uo127226270395468750.htm>
- Indian Act
- <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=A1ARTA0003975>
- http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/gc/csi/ind_e.html

Additional Resources (online) (Continued):

- Jerry Longboat
- http://www.northernstars.ca/actorsjkl/longboat_jerry.html
- http://www.banffcentre.ca/Press/contributors/jkl/longboat_jp/

- Manitoba Theatre for Young People
- <http://www.mtyp.ca/>

- Native Earth Performing Arts
- <http://www.nativeearth.ca/>

- Native women in the arts
- <http://www.nativewomeninthearts.com/>

- Pow Wow dance
- <http://www.algonquinsofpikwakanagan.com/Powwow%20Dance%202004.htm>
- http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/at/spe1_e.html

- Red Sky Performance
- <http://www.redskyperformance.com/>

- Sandra Laronde
- <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/development/danceontour/companies/oy127237822400312500.htm>

- Santee Smith and Kaha:wi
- <http://www.santeesmithdance.com/>

Related Episodes:

- The Sharing Circle, Season 14, Episode 1
Crooked Music: John Arcand, the Master of the Métis Fiddle

- The Sharing Circle, Season 14, Episode 8
Aboriginal Music Revolution