



## A FESTIVAL FOR ALL NATIONS



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### MANITO AHBEE: A FESTIVAL FOR ALL NATIONS

### WINS PROVINCIAL TOURISM AWARD

Winnipeg MB – Organizers of Manito Ahbee: A Festival For All Nations are proud to announce the event has been named the winner of Travel Manitoba's 2007 Tourism Award in the category of Aboriginal Tourism.

Awards were handed out last week in Winnipeg, with Manito Ahbee recognized for promoting and showcasing Manitoba Aboriginal music and arts. Now in its third year, Manito Ahbee is a ten-day event that includes six components: International Competition Powwow, Education Week, Manito Ahbee Music Fest, Indigenous Market Place and Tradeshow, Métis Celebrations, and the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards.

“We are very proud that Manito Ahbee has been recognized with this prestigious award. Countless people have been dedicated to establishing Manito Ahbee as a world-class event in our two previous years. We hope to continue improving upon our past successes with an even better event in 2008,” says Lisa Meeches, Chair of the Board of Governors for Manito Ahbee Festival Inc. “We would like to thank Travel Manitoba for their efforts in establishing their annual Tourism Awards, and extend our congratulations to all the other nominees and winners.”

The 2008 Manito Ahbee Festival will be held October 31st to November 9<sup>th</sup> at the MTS Centre, Winnipeg Convention Centre, and other venues in and around downtown Winnipeg. The festival welcomes delegates from all races and all places, to participate in and celebrate Aboriginal music, arts and culture.

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For information about Manito Ahbee:

<http://www.manitoahbee.com>

For information about the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards:

<http://www.aboriginalpeopleschoice.com>

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