MEDIA ADVISORY
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Treaty No. 1 Territory, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS ARTS, CULTURE, AND MUSIC: MANITO AHBEE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO WINNIPEG THIS WEEKEND

WINNIPEG, MB (Treaty 1 Territory) – The Manito Ahbee Festival invites local, national, and international media to attend and cover the annual celebration of Indigenous arts, culture, dance, and music. Journalists, photographers, and broadcast crews are invited to experience live performances, vibrant Pow Wow competitions, and cultural showcases throughout the weekend.

WHAT: The Manito Ahbee Festival
WHEN: Friday, October 30 to Sunday, November 1, 2026
WHERE: Canada Life Centre, Winnipeg, MB, Canada. Treaty 1 Territory
WHO: Indigenous Pow Wow dancers, performers & musicians, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, artisans, and community leaders.

KEY VISUALS & PHOTO OPS:

- Live-Produced Show featuring Performances, Culture, and Pow Wow Dance On Friday, October 30, 2026
- International Pow Wow Grand Entries & World-Class Dance Categories
- Cultural Showcases, Indigenous Speakers, Métis Fiddling, and Jigging
- Indigenous Marketplace featuring master artisans and traditional crafters

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- Festival Leadership & Spokespersons
- Featured Musical Performers & Master Artisans
- Select Pow Wow Headstaff & Dancers
- **Advance interview requests**: diandre@manitoahbee.com

MEDIA ACCREDITATION:

- All media attending must register for credentials online prior to arrival. Pass instruction details will be sent upon approval.

About the Manito Ahbee Festival:
Taking its name from the sacred site in the Whiteshell area of Manitoba, the Manito Ahbee Festival brings together Indigenous people and all nations to share, educate, and unify through dance, song, and community celebration.

Manito Ahbee Festival Media Protocol Policy

Accreditation & Access: All media personnel must apply for accreditation before the event. Approved credentials are required for access to designated media areas and must be picked up at the festival office the week of the event.

Interview Requests: Requests for interviews with festival organizers, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, dancers, artists, and community members must be submitted in writing in advance to diandre@manitoahbee.com or publicity@manitoahbee.com. Guest safety, cultural protocols, and scheduling may prevent last-minute requests.

Restricted Ceremonies & Cultural Protocols: Certain ceremonies, performances, and cultural practices may be closed to media coverage. Respectful observance is encouraged, but recording, filming, or photographing these moments is strictly prohibited unless explicitly permitted.

Photography & Videography Notice (General Attendees)

- By entering the Manito Ahbee Festival and its venues, you acknowledge that photography, videography, and audio recording may take place during festival activities.
- The Manito Ahbee Festival, its organizers, sponsors, and authorized media partners may photograph, film, or record festival activities for promotional, marketing, broadcast, educational, and archival purposes. Images, video, and audio recordings may be used in print, digital, and other media.
- By attending the festival, you acknowledge that you may appear in event photography or recordings and that such material may be used without compensation.

The Manito Ahbee Festival
Canada Life Centre
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
October 30, 31 and November 1, 2026