

RED TAIL SPIRIT

A collaboration with **Rykkö Bellemare** and **Nikan Boivin** of Northern Voice, and the participation of **Simon Denizart**.

The group is accompanied by dancers.

WISHE TREMBLAY



Wishe a.k.a. Tehoronhiahte wich means in Kanien'ké:ha "He is the blue sky" is the proud father of two children who grew up on the Kanehsatà:ke territory according to traditional values. After a successful career in the bicycle industry and cycling milieu at an elite level, Wishe was looking for a way to spend quality time with his kids who were pow-wow dancers at the time. Experienced in singing iroquois songs for some years, Wishe naturally took on the pow-wow repertoire and the big drum. Together they traveled "the pow-wow trail". After two years of apprenticeship, in 2004, the group RedTail Spirit Singers was born. Its name inspired by his son's regalia made of talons and feathers from a red tail hawk.

After more than 30 years on the pow-wow trail, Wishe is still passionate about it. Never losing sight of the original mission, he will tell you that with respect, love, honesty, courage, humility, work and education come wisdom, freedom and happiness.

AKAWUI RIQUELME-CATALAN



Nelson Akawui Riquelme-Catalan is a singer-songwriter of Quebec and Chilean origin. His father, Nelson Fernando Riquelme-Pincheira, introduced him to South American folk music at the age of three. He spent his childhood busking in the streets of Montreal and Vancouver with his father's band, playing Andean music. These experiences along with his deep connection with his Amerindian-Chilean heritage have inspired Akawui's unique musical blend. Winner of the 2015 Syli d'Or de la Musique du Monde, Akawui just released his first solo album that mixes his native roots with a contemporary electronic sound. Akawui is passionate about connecting indigenous peoples internationally and has been a member of Redtail Spirit Singers drumming group since 2014.



RYKKO BELLEMARE



Rykkö Bellemare is a Canadian film actor, best known for his lead role as Shawnouk in *Before the Streets* (*Avant les rues*). He won the Prix Iris for Revelation of the Year, its award for debut performances, at the 19th Prix Iris for his work in the film. A member of the Atikamekw nation from Wemotaci, Quebec, he is the brother of Kwena Bellemare-Boivin, who played

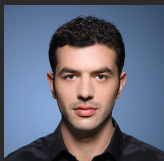
his character's sister in the film. He is a member of the Atikamekw traditional music group Northern Voice.

NIKAN BOIVIN



Nikan Boivin is a member of the Atikamekw nation from Wemotaci, Quebec. He is a drummer and singer with the Atikamekw traditional music group Northern Voice, and the brother of Canadian film actor Rykkö Bellemare Boivin.

SIMON DENIZART



Passionate about music for almost 25 years, Simon perform today as a pianist, composer and keyboard player. Originally from France, he resides in Montréal since 2011. Signed two years ago with the Canadian label The 270 Sessions, Simon has three albums to his name and has won many awards such as the

Public's Choice Award at Rimouski Jazz Festival or Radio-Canada Jazz Revelation 2016-2017.

