



Nimebine-Giizis (Sucker Moon) April, 2017







Ty Defoe, Ojibwe and Oneida Nations, is a writer, story teller, educator, multi-talented artist and World Class Hoop Dancer. Visit Ty's website at www.tydefoe.com for more information.

The students who partook in the class were embraced in the circle (or hoop) of Ty's knowledge, experience and patient instruction. "The hoops help to create an illusion of something happening," Ty explained when showing how the hoops could be used to imitate things, such as a tail wagging, to tell a story with dance. Cultural teachings, mindful intelligence, and energetic, fluid movements and dance steps, such as the Walk of Life and the Figure 8, were some of the elements taught in this fun class that culminated in the beautiful Hoop Dance performance enjoyed at Andahwod at the end of the week.



Parents and family watched the class, sometimes being invited to join in. The graduation performance began with an Honor Dance, followed by the Hoop Dance, and then a Round Dance. Afterwards, **Certificates of Graduation were presented to the** students.

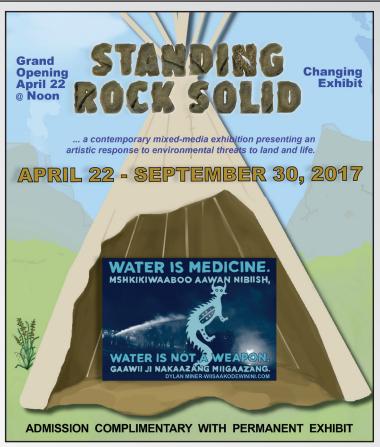


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Miigwetch to all who helped to make this another fun, learning event that helps to keep the Anishinabe culture alive and strong.









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