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# A night for the ages



DIANA RINNE For Ulu News

Members of Team Nunavut celebrate as they make their entrance into the 2010 Arctic Winter Games opening ceremony held at the Canada Games Arena Sunday. See full coverage of the opening ceremonies throughout this edition of ULU NEWS.

# Kicking off the Games in style

➤ Pomp and majesty, traditions of yesterday and today, celebrated in lavish opening ceremonies for 2010 Arctic Winter Games

**Erika Sherk**  
For Ulu News

With loud techno and rock music and all the screaming and clapping, the Arctic Winter Games Opening Ceremonies were a bit like a rock concert. However, most rock concerts don't involve mischievous ravens, glow-in-the-dark costumes, bagpipers and hoop dancers.

Revvng up the crowd for the second half – and the climactic moment when the athletes would march in – Act One was a series of local talent performances. It's a concept pioneered by Wayne Ayling, ceremony co-creator, designed to get the audience excited. It certainly seemed to work. The cheering was, at times, deafening.

Bagpipers, swirling Ukrainian dancers, full-throated singing by Games cultural ambassador Celeigh Cardinal and a shimmering, sparkling young hoop dancer had

the sold-out crowd in the Canada Games Arena rocking.

Throughout the ceremonies, a small flock of ravens wreaked havoc. Basing their characters on Cree folklore, six people dressed as ravens, complete with tattered wings, jumped and played, cawing loudly and accosting spectators.

"We are mischievous tricksters," said one raven, "We are here to be in the crowd, causing trouble."

During the ceremonies, the ravens behaved somewhat better, honouring special elders and handing out temporary tattoos to the crowd.

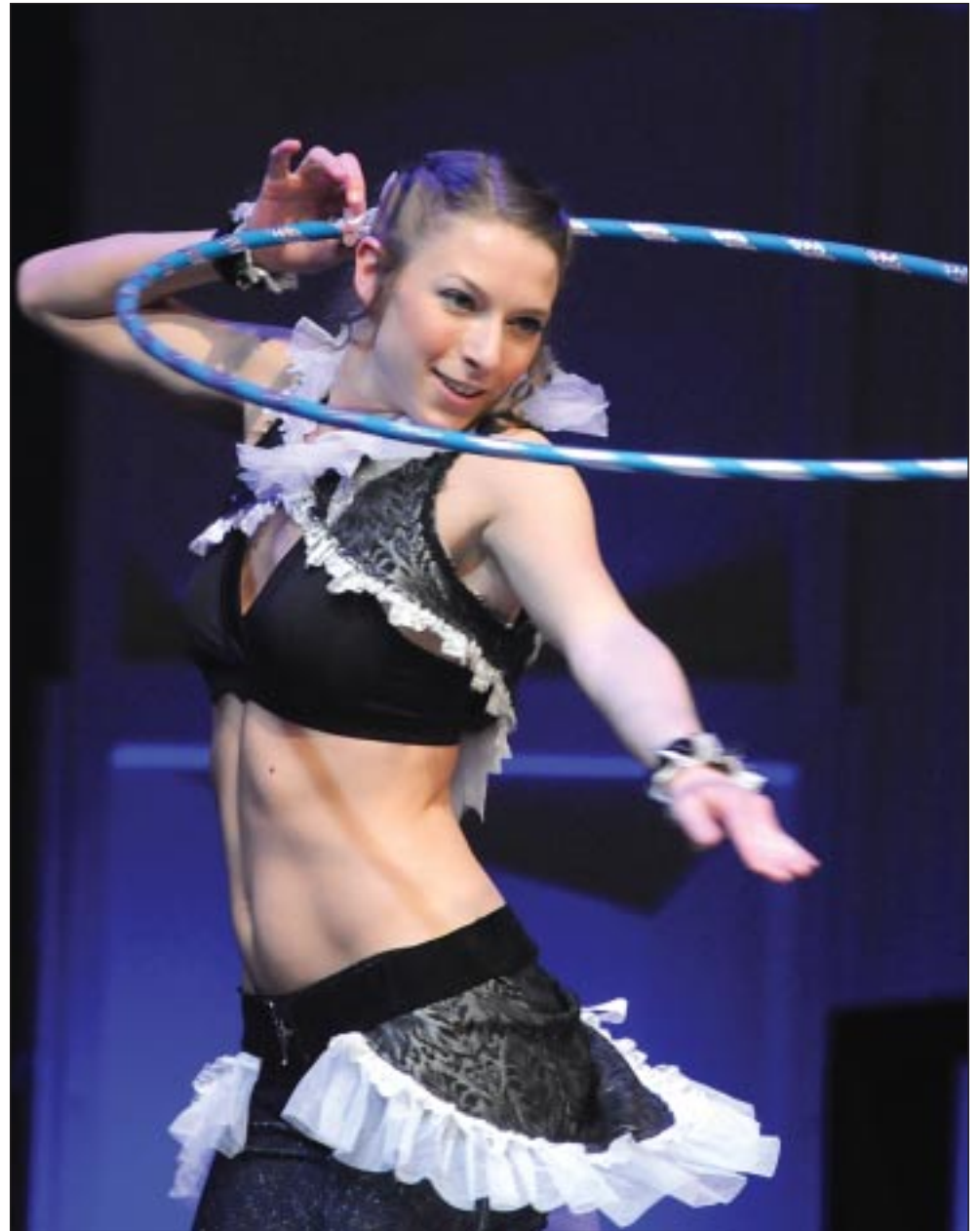
"They are fun but they are also pests," said Garry Oker, ceremony co-creator, "They are mysterious beings that make things happen."

Ravens were included because they are important to so many northern cultures, Ayling said.

"It is a multicultural, mystical bird and we really think that's what this show is about."

On stage, a massive inukshuk and a backdrop reminiscent of half an igloo glowed purple in the dark. Glowing was a common theme during the show. Act Two began in the pitch black, lit only by a team of more than 30 dancers with glowing electroluminescent wires twined around their bodies.

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DIANA RINNE for Ulu News

Hoop dancer Amanda Syryda performed during the first half of the 2010 Arctic Winter Games opening ceremony at the Canada Games Arena Sunday.



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# 'It was more than I expected'

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Finally, led by large inukshuk-shaped banners, the teams marched in to screams from the crowd. Waving flags, each contingent made its way to their seats, filling the entire arena floor.

Greenland, dressed in red parkas, tossed their red-and-white caps to the other athletes, inciting cheers and scrambles. Yukon, in red-and-navy jackets and white toques, madly waved flags and many Alaskan athletes, in head-to-toe navy, danced their way down the aisle.

"I felt so happy and so excited to be here," said Kelcy Armstrong, an 11-year-old figure skater from Whitehorse, of her moment walking across the stage.

"This is my very first Games," she added.

In grey jackets and fur hats, the Northwest Territories contingent came in beating blue clappers together. In the midst of it, camera operators and photographers raced around, capturing every moment for their home audiences.

Team Nunavik wore parkas trimmed with fur ruffs and marched in to the sound of throat singing, as did the Nunavut contingent. In black with bright orange scarves and red toques, the Nunavummiut (people of Nunavut) jumped up and down as they crossed the stage.

The Sapmi contingent in their traditional dresses and tunics had the brightest uni-

forms of all, and the cheering became deafening when the bright-blue clad Alberta North athletes entered.

"It was awesome, such an inspiring moment," said a beaming Suneeta Whiteside of Team Alberta North. "It gets you all pumped to compete."

Once the athletes were seated, the performances started anew. The Grande Prairie Boys' Choir bravely sang all five national anthems in their native languages. Then, with songs, wild drumming and dancing, A Hero's Journey - brainchild of Ayling and Oker - began.

A story of hope and discovery, it follows four characters of legend on a journey - one reflected by the trek the young athletes made to Grande Prairie, Ayling said. It is a story to be continued at the Closing Ceremonies.

All together, "it was more than I expected," said Grande Prairie resident John Krol, summing up the creators' hopes when he added: "It was a wonderful celebration, really."

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DIANA RINNE For Ulu News

Members of Team Alberta North make their way into the 2010 Arctic Winter Games opening ceremony held at the Canada Games Arena in Grande Prairie Sunday.



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	Sunday March 7	Monday March 8	Tuesday March 9	Wednesday March 10	Thursday March 11	Friday March 12	Saturday March 13	Sunday March 14
<b>Games Trading Post</b> Crystal Centre - Bowes Family Crystal Gardens		11:00-9:00	9:00-9:00	9:00-4:00	9:00-9:00	9:00-7:00		
<b>'A Hero's Journey' Opening Ceremonies</b> Crystal Centre - Canada Games Arena	\$ 7:00							
<b>History, Pin &amp; Cultural Display</b> Centre 2000 - Heritage Discovery Centre		8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	10:00-4:30	10:00-4:30
<b>Art Displays</b> Centre for Creative Arts		9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00	2:00-4:00	2:00-4:00
<b>Visual Arts Exhibit</b> Montrose Cultural Centre		10:00-9:00	10:00-9:00	10:00-9:00	10:00-9:00	10:00-6:00	2:00-5:00	2:00-5:00
<b>'A Taste of the North' Menu</b> Jake's Down South	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00	10:00-10:00
<b>Lunchtime Performances</b> Crystal Centre - Bowes Family Crystal Gardens		12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30				
<b>Lunchtime Performances</b> Second Street Theatre		12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30				
<b>Lunchtime Performances</b> Prairie Mall		12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30	12:00-1:30				
<b>'A Taste of the North' Menu</b> Padrino's Italian Ristorante		4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-10:00	4:30-11:00	
<b>Craft Sale</b> Grande Prairie Friendship Centre		1:00-9:00	1:00-9:00		1:00-9:00	1:00-9:00		
<b>'Northern Sky' Fashion Show</b> Crystal Centre				7:00				
<b>Performing Arts Gala</b> Grande Prairie Regional College					\$ 7:00	\$ 7:00		
<b>'A Hero's Journey' Closing Ceremonies</b> Crystal Centre							\$ 6:00	

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**REMO ZACCAGNA**  
For The Ulu News

History will note that the first overseas international flight into Grande Prairie landed just after 1 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010.

A second international flight arrived from Alaska a few hours later.

The excitement and anticipation was palpable both inside the airport terminal and on the tarmac, as Arctic Winter Games organizers, airport officials, Aluk the Games mascot, and even a pair of RCMP officers in ceremonial garb, waited for that Air Greenland charter carrying 183 athletes and coaches to touch down.

And when it did land, and the first few smiling faces emerged after going through customs clearance, that's when emotions really started boiling over.

"I don't know if I can explain it," said Debbie Reid, president of the host society, straining to be heard above the din of cheers and noise-makers that greeted each Greenland team member as they passed customs. "I think you can see tears in my eyes right now because we've worked a long time to make this come true and it's real when the athletes get here, and we're really ready and it's a great feeling. For me to be able to be out here, means we're ready."

Claus Neilson, the Chef de mission of the Greenland contingent, arrived in Grande Prairie on Tuesday to prepare and lay the groundwork for the athletes' arrival.

He said he was thrilled to see the athletes arrive, particularly his son Qillaq, and daughter Laila.

"It's exciting, because we're finally in Grande Prairie. We have been preparing for a long time now, so it's exciting to have all the kids here and I know they are looking forward to participating in the Games," he said.

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**REMO ZACCAGNA** For ULU NEWS

Team Greenland cross-country skier Malu Olsen, 16, is greeted by Aluk, the mascot of the 2010 Arctic Winter Games, at the Grande Prairie Regional Airport on Friday afternoon.



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Photos by Diana Rinne  
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Top, left, Anook (Gerald Auger), Maje (Michelle Lafferty) and Dagee (Clinton Soto) perform the Challenge of the Quest; top, right, Cultural Ambassador Celeigh Cardinal performed with her band including Pat Haiste (pictured), Cam Henderson and Chris Murphy; left, members of Team Nunavut make their way into the opening ceremonies; right, Respected Cree Elder Michael David and his wife deliver a blessing to the athletes and those in attendance; lower, left, Gerry Thicke, president of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, speaks during the official opening; below, centre, Peace River MP Chris Warkentin gives Team Alberta North the thumbs up after they make their entrance into the 2010 Arctic Winter Games opening ceremony; lower, right, masters of ceremony Tom Pura and Darlene Cardinal share a laugh.





# 'We expect to have a great time': Team

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He was told by one of his colleagues that the 5 1/2-hour flight from Greenland felt much shorter for the athletes because of their excitement, especially those who have never visited Canada or left Greenland.

"They made a lot of noise in the plane now, singing and looking forward to it, I think," he laughed.

"We expect to have a great time and we get some medals to take home, so I think it will be a lot of fun."

It's freestyle skier Malik Berthelsen's first-ever visit to Canada, and the 18-year-old could hardly believe he had arrived.

"It's exciting and I can't wait to start the competition and meeting new people," Berthelsen said, adding that he's there to have fun, and winning a medal is secondary.

"I have no expectations because I don't know how good the others are."

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REMO ZACCAGNA For Ulu News

Frederik Lundbland, a coach with Team Greenland, steps off an Air Greenland plane at the Grande Prairie Regional Airport Friday afternoon in advance of the 2010 Arctic Winter Games.

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**Erika Sherk**  
For Ulu News

Fashion, information, pins, performances – the Cultural Trading Post is going to be abuzz during the Games.

“It’s going to be a great place for people to gather and just relax, have some fun and enjoy the ambience of the Games,” says Joanne Ballance, director of marketing and public relations.

The Cultural Trading Post, located in the Bowes Family Crystal Gardens, will host the pin trading – the Games’ unofficial sport – as well as sponsor kiosks, live media broadcasts and of course, the lunchtime cultural performances and big Wednesday-night fashion show.

Janet Pacey drove 12 hours from Yellowknife to head up the pin trading. Designer of nearly 60 pins for this Games and an avid trader herself, she calls pin trading, “the best addiction there is.”

Pacey has collected over 2,500 Arctic Winter Games pins since the 2004 Games in Fort McMurray. She accidentally threw herself into pin trading culture there, she says. She had designed pins for CBC, where she worked at the time, and laid out some of her designs at the CBC booth.

“All of a sudden, throngs of people were coming, saying ‘what have you got to trade?’ After 24 hours I was hooked.” A Yellowknife native, she oversaw the pin trading at the 2008 Games too.

“I love kids,” she says, “I’m like the cool aunt, I teach them the etiquette of pin trading – be respectful, ask first and have good manners about it.” That’s what she’ll be doing in Grande Prairie, Pacey says.

She’ll also help introduce people to the pin trading culture. Most importantly, it’s got to be fun, she says.



ERIKA SHERK for Ulu News

Janet Pacey displays just a few of her massive collection of Arctic Winter Games pins.

“At first I was insane and went bananas and (getting every pin) was all I could think about. I’ve since learned it’s not worth the heartache. If you’re missing a pin, it’s no

“That’s part of the whole thing, getting kids to come out of their shell a little bit, approaching people to say ‘I want to trade pins with you.’”

— Janet Pacey

big deal.” Pacey will also give neophytes the inside scope on the coolest pins.

“Nunavut always has the best pin sets, a whole bunch of pins make up a shape. It’s a walrus this year and it’s just stunning.”

The trading post will be the hub of pin trading but the “unofficial sport” will be everywhere.

“You can trade pins anywhere and I completely encourage that,” says Pacey.

“That’s part of the whole thing, getting kids to come out of their shell a little bit, approaching people to say ‘I want to trade pins with you.’”

Lunchtime cultural performances Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are going to be a highlight at the trading post, says Jackie Clayton, director of culture and ceremonies.

“There’ll be everything from throat singers to dancers to drummers, there’s going to be traditional performers from each of the nine contingents,” says Clayton. “It’s a great opportunity for people to come out and see entertainment and culture they’d never have a chance to see otherwise.”

Each show will be made up of several different performances and last from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Another highlight will be the Wednesday fashion show 7-9 p.m. It’s a chance to see Arctic fashions that have likely never been in Grande Prairie before, Clayton says.

“That’s going to be a very cool extravaganza of fashion from around the circumpolar world,” says Ballance. The hours of the trading post change depending on the day so be sure to check the schedule, she adds.

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# Dealing with new air traffic a legacy of the Games

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Reid said the host society worked with the airport to make sure that the arrival of several planes on Friday and Saturday, but particularly the Greenland and Alaskan teams, went as smoothly as possible.

"At some point you don't have expectations, because you're just so busy and I guess I'd have to say it's better than expected because there was so much to do it almost looked overwhelming at some points," she said.

"But basically there's so many great people doing their jobs so perfectly that these moments can happen," she added.

"It says a lot about the people that helped us work on getting customs here, understanding the depth of process. We have a WestJet flight coming in right on the heels of this, we knew we had to get these people in, processed, and out as quickly as possible, and it looks like we're about to be able to do that."

Airport CEO Brian Grant said there were relatively few glitches in welcoming the Air Greenland Boeing 757 and its passengers.

"It's exciting, but it's a little bit nerve-wracking because we hadn't had a chance to test it out before," he said. "Normally we'd expect to try one flight and then work it, but it worked, it functioned. I think if there's any hiccups it was just in the hesitation, the athletes not quite knowing where to go once they got through, but still everything else is working just fine, so we're comfortable."

Grant said they will be using this experience as a test run for permanent customs officers and future direct flights to sun destinations.

"Our next job now is to get the runways and the configuration that we need to do that, but we're already working on direct flights, and that's why we (renovated) it just for that reason."

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REMO ZACCAGNA For Ulu News

Team Greenland Chef de mission Claus Nielsen with his children Qillaq and Laila on arrival at the Grande Prairie Regional Airport on Friday afternoon.



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Team Nunavut's Geela Evaloarjuk battles for the ball against Team Northwest Territories' Ashtyn McLeod in their game Sunday morning. Team NWT won 7-4. Indoor soccer was the first athletic event on the Games' calendar.

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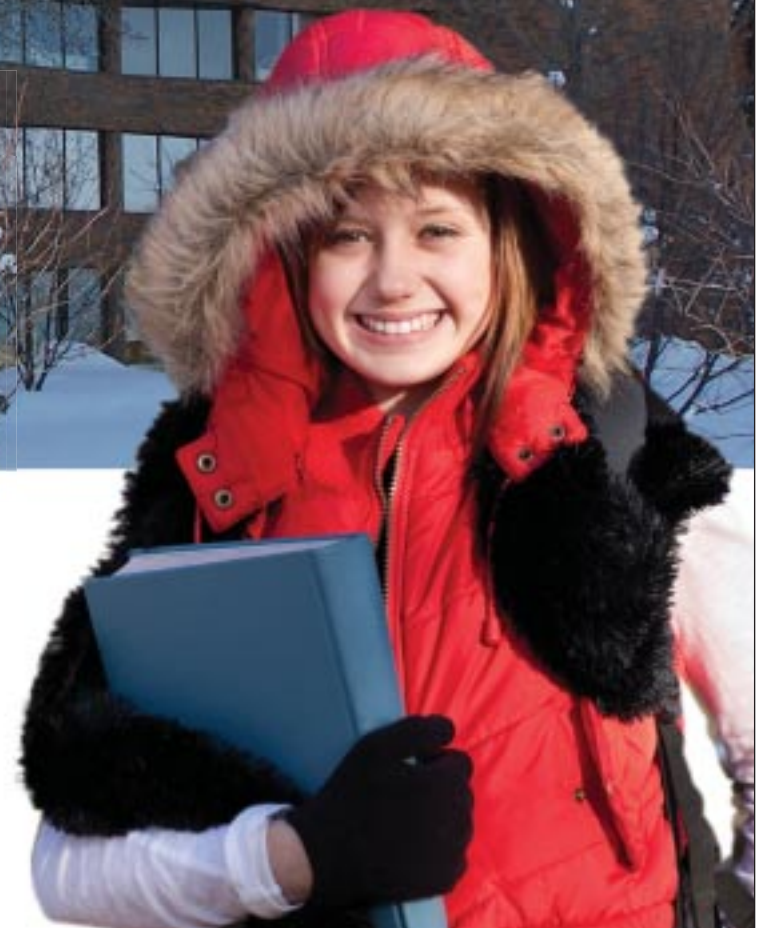
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Members of Team Northwest Territories make their entrance into the 2010 Arctic Winter Games opening ceremonies at the Canada Games Arena in Grande Prairie Sunday.

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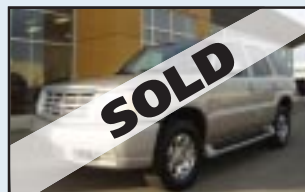
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Monday March 8, 2010		Tuesday March 9, 2010		Wed. March 10, 2010	
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Arctic Sports	1:00pm - 8:30pm	Arctic Sports	12:30pm - 3:00pm	Arctic Sports	1:00pm - 7:30pm
Badminton	8:30am - 5:00pm	Badminton	8:00am - 5:00pm	Badminton	8:00am - 5:00pm
Basketball	9:00am - 9:00pm	Basketball	9:00am - 9:00pm	Basketball	9:00am - 9:00pm
X-Country Skiing	10:00am - 12:30pm	X-Country Skiing	10:00am - 2:00pm	X-Country Skiing	Training
Curling	2:00pm - 5:30pm	Curling	9:30am - 12:30pm & 2:30pm - 5:30pm	Curling	9:30am - 12:30pm & 2:30pm - 5:30pm
Dene Games	9:30am - 5:00pm	Dene Games	10:30am - 3:00pm	Dene Games	10:30am - 3:30pm
Dog Mushing	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Dog Mushing	Weather Day	Dog Mushing	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Figure Skating	Training	Figure Skating	8:30am - 4:30pm	Figure Skating	1:00pm - 8:30pm
Freestyle	10:30am - 4:00pm	Freestyle	10:30am - 2:30pm	Freestyle	5:30pm - 8:30pm
Gymnastics	Training	Gymnastics	9:00am - 4:00pm	Gymnastics	Training
Hockey	8:00am - 10:00pm	Hockey	8:00am - 10:00pm	Hockey	10:00am - 10:00pm
Indoor Soccer	10:00am - 6:00pm	Indoor Soccer	10:00am - 8:00pm	Indoor Soccer	10:00am - 8:00pm
Ski Biathlon	1:00pm - 4:30pm	Ski Biathlon	1:00pm - 4:30pm	Ski Biathlon	Weather Day
Snowshoe Biathlon	8:30am - 11:30am	Snowshoe Biathlon	8:30am - 11:30am	Snowshoe Biathlon	Weather Day
Snowboarding	10:30am - 4:00pm	Snowboarding	10:30am - 2:30pm	Snowboarding	5:30pm - 8:30pm
Snowshoeing	9:00am - 12:00pm	Snowshoeing	Weather Day	Snowshoeing	8:00am - 11:30am
Speed Skating	8:00am - 2:00pm	Speed Skating	2:00pm - 8:00pm	Speed Skating	Weather Day
Table Tennis	8:00am - 8:00pm	Table Tennis	8:00am - 8:00pm	Table Tennis	8:00am - 8:00pm
Volleyball	9:00am - 8:30pm	Volleyball	9:00am - 8:30pm	Volleyball	9:00am - 8:30pm
Wrestling	11:00am - 8:00pm	Wrestling	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Wrestling	Weather Day

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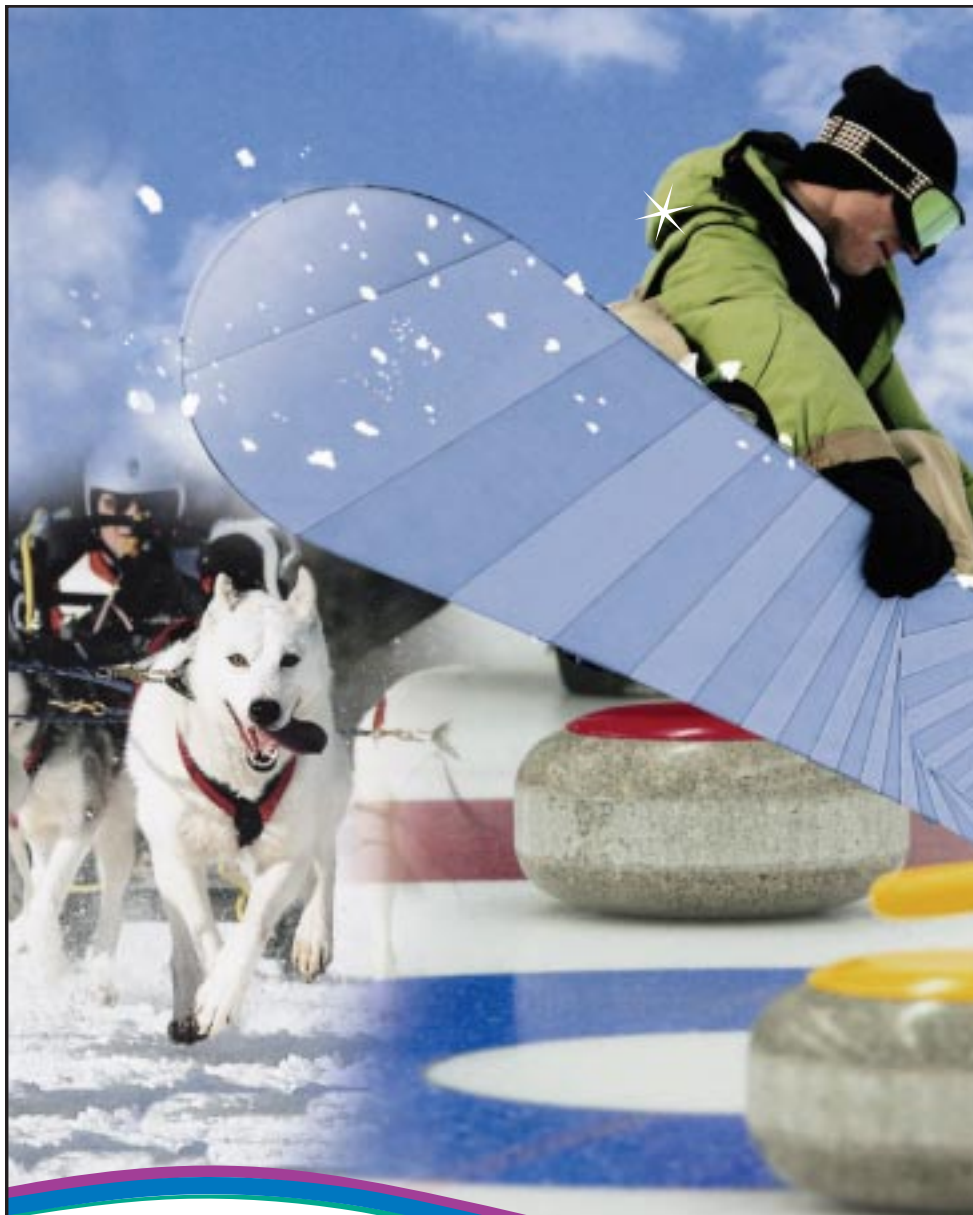
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Shelby Gitzel, an athlete from Grande Prairie and Team Alberta North, is lifted up to light the cauldron in Muskoseepi Park in Grande Prairie as part of the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Arctic Winter Games on Sunday.

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NICK KUHL For Ulu News

Matthew Hall, in the role of Sonny, gets told a lesson by his father Jack, portrayed by Aaron English, during a performance of *Sonny's Song* at GPRC's Black Box Theatre.

# Original play kicks off Games culture

➤ **Métis culture and music basis of work penned by GPRC drama student Danielle Richard**

**NICK KUHL**  
For Ulu News

"Sonny will find his song - it's somewhere out there."

So says his father Jack in a prognosticating fashion near the beginning of *Sonny's Song*, an original play that wrapped at Grande Prairie Regional College this past weekend.

It marked the unofficial beginning of the 2010 Arctic Winter Games, as it was the first of the many cultural events planned to take place during the Games.

"I think that we have really con-

sciously worked with the theme of the Games - Dream, Achieve, Inspire - and we hope it provides a cultural and emotional base for the Games," said director Annie Smith.

The story covers four generations, told through a series of flashbacks, of a Métis family's dreams of making it big in the music world.

It also ties in with aspects of native culture such as storytelling and the passing of traditions from generation to generation, with Sonny's granddaughter Sarah writing and remembering things as they get acted out on stage.

It tells the tale of multiple generations of a Métis family through their struggles and triumphs while using music, characters and the art of storytelling as the backbones of its production.

Told through a variety of narrative devices, *Sonny's Song*, which was written by GPRC drama stu-

dent Danielle Richard, follows the title character's upbringing and desire to become a famous musician.

We learn of his close relationship to his parents and their farming operation, his rebellious friend Warren, and his deceased sister, who they called Little Songbird. We also hear his undeniable passion for music, which he realizes needs to remain a dream in order for him to properly raise a family.

Sonny soon meets Maggie, the love of his life, and woos her with a sack of potatoes. They fall in love, get married and hold a big wedding reception - which in the production even incorporated some willing audience members.

But besides being a fun, music-filled journey, *Sonny's Song* packs plenty of Métis culture and heritage into the story, as well as many memorable characters, who from the lead roles to minor bit parts,

were all very well cast.

All of the actors, many of whom were in their first significant production, commanded the attention of the audience at every turn. Matthew Hall, as Sonny, displayed a charming presence throughout and his charisma with wife Maggie, played by Devon Potter, evoked a believability in their relationship.

Aaron English and Desirée Barnfield, as Sonny's parents Jack and Elaine, had a perfect balance of dramatic tones and comedic timing throughout.

A major assistance in this fact was the expert pacing conducted by director Smith. Each scene was short enough to avoid any potential lulls, but long enough to build interest in the characters and showcase a proper story progression.

And due to the multiple timelines being shown, the play

unfolds in a number of sets, all of which took full advantage of the Black Box Theatre space at GPRC. It was easy to be transported from a 1950's era farmhouse to a modern-day theatre setting.

The story really hit its stride in the second act when our narrator, who is writing the play as it's being acted out, becomes an integral component to the overall plot. Concurrently we see Sonny and Maggie in full-out parental mode, as he begins to teach his daughter Presley guitar lessons.

She naturally forges her own path and has a daughter named Sarah, who then learns the guitar from her mother and completes the four-generation circle of life.

Overall, *Sonny's Song* was spectacular from start to finish. Good use of the stage, grouped with great pacing, fantastic acting and a compelling story made for a thoroughly enjoyable experience.



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# Extracurricular Games Activities

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## 2010 Arctic Winter Games Exhibit

Heritage Discovery Centre - Centre 2000, 11330 - 106th Street

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Featuring:

- The History of the Games
- The Arctic Winter Games Pin Collection
- Stained Glass Drums from each contingent.
- Artifacts from the Circumpolar World
- Admission for this exhibit is free.
- If you are interested in a group tour, please phone ahead to (780)-532-5790.



## Grande Prairie Museum's Polar Challenge

10329 - 101 Avenue (Across the bridge from Muskoseepi Park)

Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12, 2010

Program Times: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Age of group: Suitable for ages 6 and up.

Participate in the Grande Prairie Museum's Polar Challenge! Learn to play traditional Inuit Games and how these games relate to life in the Polar region. The cost of the program is included with the price of regular admission to the Grande Prairie Museum. Special group rates are available for this program. Please call the program coordinator at (780) 830-7086 for more information or to schedule your program.

## 1's a Purchase, 2's a Pair, 3's a Congeries!

Grande Prairie Museum Rodacker/ Campbell Gallery

Why do people collect? The fascination of objects is the foundation of any individual or museum collection. In this exhibit, local and regional community members showcase their treasured private collections which celebrate the diversity of our community culture.

## The Heritage of Winter Sports in the Peace Country:

An Evening of Reminiscences

Thursday, March 4, 2010 • 7:30pm • Grande Prairie Museum

### Fitness Place Schedule - Drop in Classes

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPIN with Laurie 6:15 am	SPIN with Richard 6:15 am	SPIN with Amber 6:15 am	SPIN with Laurie 6:15 am	SPIN with Richard 6:15 am	
MIX IT UP MONDAY with Sari 9:15 am	CARDIO BLAST with Colleen 9:15 am	SPIN with Colleen 9:15 am	CARDIO BLAST with Colleen 9:15 am	CARDIO BLAST with Sari 9:15 am	CYCLE CIRCUIT with Jessica 9:30 am
	CHISEL & SCULPT with Colleen 10:30 am		CHISEL & SCULPT with Colleen 10:30 am	SPIN with Colleen 10:30 am	
STEP STRENGTH with Sari 5:25 pm & Thursday	TOTAL BODY WORKOUT with Sari 5:25 pm	CYCLE CIRCUIT with Lisa 3:15 pm	SPIN with Lisa 5:25 pm		

Call in (even the day before) to book a SPINS bike 780-538-0455! Spring Schedule in effect until June 27, 2010\*

### Weight Room Schedule

MONDAY - FRIDAY	SATURDAY & SUNDAY
5:30am - 9:30pm	9:00am - 9:00pm

### Childcare Services - Monday - Friday 9-11:30am

Our Childcare service is available for children 8 months to 6 years.

Participate in fitness, weight training, or swimming while your child enjoys a supervised playtime. Please send your child with small, nutritious snack time. No food containing nuts please

All snacks must be labeled with child's name

## The Leisure Centre Pool Arctic Winter Games Schedule March 6-14, 2010

During the Arctic Winter games why not warm up at The Leisure Centre Enjoy our swimming pool, waterslide, hot tub and dry sauna with additional public swim times Monday thru Friday from 1-3pm

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5:30-6am	User Group Rental		User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim	User Groups Sharing With Lane Swim
6-6:30am							
6:30-7am							
7-7:30am							
7:30-8am	Lane Swim & Limited Edition Family Swim		Lane Swim & Ltd. Edition Family	Lane Swim & Ltd. Edition Family	Lane Swim & Ltd. Edition Family	Lane Swim & Ltd. Edition Family	Facility Maintenance
8-8:30am							
8:30-9am							
9-9:30am							
9:30-10am	Lane Swim	Lane Swim & Public Swim					
10-10:30am							
10:30-11am							
11-11:30am							
11:30-12 pm	Public Swim	User Group Rental					Lane Swim & Ltd. Edition Family
12-12:30pm							
12:30-1pm							
1-1:30pm							
1:30-2pm	Public Swim		Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim
2-2:30pm							
2:30-3pm							
3-3:30pm							
3:30-4pm	Rental Space	User Group Rental Birthday Space	Sr. Lane Swim	Sr. Lane Swim	Sr. Lane Swim	Sr. Lane Swim	Sr. Lane Swim
4-4:30pm							
4:30-5pm							
5-5:30pm							
5:30-6pm	Lessons Birthday Space	Rental Space	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	Swim Lessons & User Group Rentals	User Group Rental & Birthday Party Rental Space
6-6:30pm							
6:30-7pm							
7-7:30pm							
7:30-8pm	Public Swim	Family Swim	User Group Rentals	Public Swim	Family Swim	Public Swim	Family Swim (Stay For Public)
8-8:30pm							
8:30-9pm							
9-9:30pm							
9:30-10pm	Rental Space	Rental Space	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Lane Swim	Rental Space
10-10:30pm							
10:30-11pm							

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