

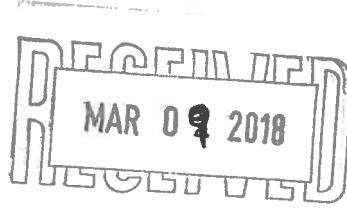
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Dear Municipality of Temagami,

On behalf of the Temiskaming Art Gallery and our project partner le Centre culturel ARTEM it is my privilege to invite you to a very special exhibition.

Benjamin Chee Chee: Life and Legacy
Opening Reception Sunday March 4 from 1 – 4 pm 2018.

This opening reception promises to be breath-taking. Thunderbird Singers, and dancer Lyndsay Cote will perform. We are honoured to have this opportunity to host Benjamin Chee Chee's work in our gallery, particularly as it is so close to his home in Temagami First Nation.

A unique background soundscape by John Shymko provides another creative layer to the reception. Included is a recording of music by Paula Potts of Bear Island and Dave Laronde and John Shymko of Temagami, as well as portions of interviews with Benjamin Chee Chee and others from the CBC "Between Ourselves: the Life and Death of Benjamin Chee Chee" audio from 1978.

This exhibition has many unique features including the fact that it will travel to other galleries in Ontario. To the best of our knowledge this has never been attempted by a Northern gallery or museum to date. That this is possible is the result of the combined creative skills of Hugh MacKenzie, Felicity Buckell, Kirsten Hill, Kathy Hakola, and Melissa La Porte. We are grateful for the financial support of the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Ontario Arts Council.

We very much hope you will join us.

Yours truly,

Lydia Alexander
Chair, Temiskaming Art Gallery

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