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Museums, Cultural Centres, Archives, Interpretive Centres & Libraries
Workshop 3
Floyd Favel

Title: The Business of Collections

Presenter: Floyd Favel

Biography: Floyd Favel is a journalist, playwright, cultural theorist and practitioner, theatre director and teacher, curator of the Chief Poundmaker Museum (winner of International Indigenous Tourism Award in 2018 for indoor displays) and director of Miyawata Culture Inc. which produces the Poundmaker Performance Festival. He was raised on Poundmaker in the Cree language and worldview and went on to study at local schools and in Denmark and Italy. His theatre work has been presented at theatres across the country and he has taught, presented or conducted workshops at The National Museum of the American Indian, Museum of History in Gatineau, Qc., Concordia University in Montreal, the National Theatre School of Canada, UBC-Kelowna, University of Victoria-Australia, Brandon University, University of Ottawa, and his writings have been published by Playwrights Canada Press, Canadian Theatre Review, Coteau Books, Exile Press, Isuma Publications, SUNY Press, Native Peoples Magazine, The Globe and Mail, Lakota Country Times, Navajo Times and local papers where he writes on events of First Nations interest. Mr. Favel also advises on traditional protocols of Indigenous artifacts at the Museum of History in Gatineau, Qc.

Abstract: Floyd Favel will talk about Chief Poundmaker Museum and Historic Site's experience in the business of collections. He will speak on the borrowing of Chief Poundmaker's gun and staff in 2017 and its symbolic and spiritual significance and how this led to the formal exoneration process of Chief Poundmaker. Floyd will share about his knowledge of the laws and issues surrounding repatriation and what people should know. He will also share relevant work with the Museum and Historic Site with its challenges, successes and inspire other First Nations communities to work towards their own museums.

Learning Objectives: Participants will:

- Learn about the staff of Poundmaker's experiences in their business of collections and repatriation to assist others in their challenges and successes.