



THREE ANICINABE ARTISTS WANTED FOR A CREATIVE RESIDENCY

MINWASHIN IS DEVELOPING AN INTERACTIVE APPLICATION ON THE MOOSE AND IS LOOKING FOR ANICINABE ARTISTS TO TAKE PART IN A COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE TO NOURISH THE PROJECT.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21, 2022

The residency

Minwashin collaborates with the Petit Théâtre du Vieux Noranda (PTVN), Hexagram and the University of Quebec in Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT) to organize a creative residency for a new project! WIKWEMOT is a future interactive application to support the transmission of ancestral anicinabe knowledge and language around the moose. Together with students, researchers, and techno-creatives, the selected Anicinabe artists will participate in the development of prototypes for the application WIKWEMOT (small games and other cultural mediation tools around the moose). The prototypes will inspire the development of the final application.

Date: April 4 to 6, 2022 (in person)

Location: Petit Théâtre du Vieux-Noranda – 112, 7th street, Rouyn-Noranda

Schedule: About 40 hours, including 3 preparatory meetings before the residency

Fee: \$750 for 3 days / artist

Transport, accommodation and food: covered by PTVN

The appropriate measures will be put in place to comply with government guidelines regarding COVID-19.

About WIKWEMOT

The Anicinabe word “wikwemot” means “birchbark basket”. Since time immemorial, the Anicinabek have used the wikwemot to transport food, water and other essential items across the territory, its lakes, forests, and rivers. The WIKWEMOT application will offer various activities and content promoting the transmission of Anicinabek cultural knowledge to young children of preschool and primary school age. Trilingual (Anicinabemowin, English and French), the application will be built from elements of the territory (a plant, an animal) to shine a light on all the traditional knowledge and language they carry (vocabulary, techniques, handicrafts, etc.). Like a travel bag that we pack, WIKWEMOT will grow with each new element that will be added to it. WIKWEMOT will be created FOR AND BY the Anicinabek with the objective of using new technologies to support and promote cultural transmission.



Profile wanted

We are looking for three Anicinabe artists who are creative, curious, and open to new technologies. Participants must enjoy working in a team.

Knowledge or interest in these areas is an asset:

- Moose: hunting, tanning, crafts, storytelling, etc.
- The world of video games
- Digital arts and media
- Programming

To participate, send an email to **Marie-Raphaëlle LeBlond** at info@minwashin.org containing:

- A short message of interest (Why do I want to participate in this residency?)
- Full contact information (address, phone number, email address)
- Examples of completed projects (works of art, school project, crafts, etc.)

The artists selected by our committee will be contacted from March 1st, 2022.