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MANITO AHBEE A PARTNER IN HOSTING FIRST NATIONS FOLKLORAMA PAVILION

Winnipeg, Manitoba (July 30, 2010) -- The Manito Ahbee Festival has partnered up with the University of Winnipeg and Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council (DOTC) to co-host the First Nations Pavilion at Folklorama.

"We are happy about this exciting new partnership that will allow us to share the Aboriginal experience with everyone who attends Folklorama," says Lisa Meeches, Chair of the Board of Governors for Manito Ahbee, and member of the Executive Committee for the First Nations Pavilion.

The First Nations Pavilion runs August 1 to 7 at Riddell Hall at the University of Winnipeg (515 Portage Avenue). It features cultural entertainment lead by traditional singer Ray 'Coco' Stevenson, and Aboriginal cuisine like bannock, rice and raisins, pickerel, elk stew and bison burgers. Cultural displays and demonstrations round out the Aboriginal experience. Pavilion hours are 4:15pm to 11:00pm on the weekend, and 6:00pm to 11:00pm weekdays. Show times are:

- Sunday August 1 & Saturday August 7 -- 5:00pm, 6:45pm, 8:15pm, 9:45pm
- Monday to Friday -- 6:45pm, 8:15pm, 9:45pm

ABOUT MANITO AHBEE

The **Manito Ahbee Festival** celebrates and showcases Aboriginal music, art and culture. The 5th annual festival takes place in Winnipeg from November 3 to 7, 2010. The Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards (APCMAs), which are handed out on November 4 and 5, recognize and celebrate the best in Aboriginal music. Manito Ahbee – which means 'where the Creator sits' – honours a sacred site in Manitoba's Whiteshell Provincial Park where Aboriginal people have gathered for hundreds of years to share teachings and wisdom. There are several petroforms at this site including one shaped like a turtle that represents Turtle Island, which is another name for North America. Manito Ahbee was recognized in 2007 with Travel Manitoba's Tourism Award in the category of Aboriginal Tourism. www.manitoahbee.com

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