

The Cultural Wheel

Ian Porteous has toured to Canadian schools for over 15 years, facilitating cultural experiences for students. His book *The Cultural Wheel: Transforming your Classroom through Cultural Restoration* discusses the aspects of our society moving toward integration (well-being) and disintegration (unhealthy). In a time where isolation and addiction to hand-held devices are trumping real experiences, Ian reminds your students of their role as compassionate, considerate, well-integrated members of their school and global communities.

=== PRESENTATIONS ===

The Cultural Wheel options

Full or Half Day - Folk Dance Workshops

Choose a full or half day series of workshops including a final dance presentation where your students are featured in the performance.

The program uses social dance, which is a non-competitive physical activity that promotes wholesome, respectful, non-discriminating physical contact. Ian inspires and leads your students with a deep sense of confidence, authenticity and systemization.

A traditional social dance experience teaches respect, consideration and true community. Integration and acceptance is learned through movement and the interaction of healthy contact.

Dances are taught from 3 traditions: European, Canadian, and Metis. Students will experience the four quadrants of the **Cultural Wheel (Folklore, Community, Constructivism, and Celebration)**

through hearing classic Canadian folksongs, a demonstration of traditional instruments, co-operating as a group to learn a traditional folk dance, and participating in the final presentation.

All of this helps them gain a sense of their historical identity as Canadians and come together for a co-operative hands-on event.

Grade Suitability: K-12 up to 70 students per workshop
Parents are welcome to watch the final presentation

An Evening Presentation can be added for your students to perform for parents & members of the community if you wish

60 Minute Presentation Grade Suitability: K-12

This presentation focuses on Traditional Canadian Cultures. No previous knowledge is required, but if any of your grades are studying Canadian culture this presentation will work as an excellent compliment to their studies. It includes First Nations Storytelling, Metis Dancing Instruction to the Red River Jig, introduction to the concept of the medicine wheel, and a demonstration of the Native American Flute.

- Please note that Ian himself is not status FNMI

"Ian teaches students how to interact in a non-awkward situation - just to come together and have fun, to learn and experience something as a group"
Assandreja, teacher, Abbey Middle School

"I can't help but get a lump in my throat. What I thought would be just another school show has turned into much more. Students have been able to connect with each other in a way that day-to-day teaching of concepts could not do. They've learned so much about who they are as individuals & as a community."
Rachelle Cyr - Edmonton Public school board



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=== QUICK FACTS ===

Presentation Themes:

Self-Esteem & Confidence, Culture, Leadership, Social Dance Workshops, French or English

- 15 years experience teaching dance workshops to students of all ages. He can get more students social dancing in less time than anyone in Canada
- Builds confidence, restores culture, and builds a real sense of community in your school
- Teaches respect, inclusion, and integration
- 60 min show focuses on traditional Canadian culture
- Can present in English, French, or a bit of both

=== PRICING ===

Pricing Range: \$895–\$1800 (+ GST)

Cultural Wheel Full Day 5 workshops + 45 min presentation **\$1800**
CW Half Day 2-3 workshops + 30 min presentation **\$1095**
60 minute Presentation \$895 * Save an additional \$200 off the 60 min fee if you are able to match with a nearby school on the same day (one of you in the morning, one after lunch). The process is very simple, contact us to find out more details or to hold a tentative date while you meet and decide on your end.

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