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RED SKY PRODUCTIONS LEAD THEATRE WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Company also performs 'Raven Stole the Sun' at the Esplanade

MEDICINE HAT, AB – Toronto's Red Sky Performance company will be in Medicine Hat **Wednesday, Mar. 10** at 10 a.m. to perform ***Raven Stole the Sun*** for school audiences at the Esplanade. In conjunction, the company will also lead a Theatre Education workshop at Medicine Hat High School at 1:30 p.m. Both the performance and the workshop are fully subscribed.

Renowned for its artistry and innovation, Red Sky Performance is a leading company that shapes contemporary Aboriginal performance in dance, theatre and music – and explores the artistic landscape where world Indigenous cultures merge. Established in 2000 by Artistic Director Sandra Laronde, the Toronto-based company creates, produces and tours original work for adult and family audiences on local, national and international stages. Red Sky has performed to over 150,000 children and families in six countries on four continents.

"The fact that School Division 76 employs a First Nations, Métis and Inuit Coordinator show how important aboriginal culture is to the current curriculum. Red Sky was just a perfect fit for a performance/workshop partnership," says the Esplanade's Education Coordinator Neil Sarjeant-Jenkins.

Red Sky undertakes an extensive educational outreach program wherever they tour. The workshops are designed as practical introductions to the world of artistic expression. Seasoned Red Sky artists will introduce children, youth and adults to the exciting world of movement, song, music, theatre, and First Nations culture.

At the Medicine Hat workshop, Red Sky artists will teach a song called the "Raven Hop" directly from *Raven Stole the Sun* and some basic choreographed movement.

For more information, visit www.redskyperformance.com.

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MEDIA NOTE: Media are invited to attend the workshop at Medicine Hat High School, RM 600 Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.
Photo and video restrictions are in effect for the performance at 10 a.m. at the Esplanade, but we encourage the media to come for pre- or post-show interviews.

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