



# TORONTO'S WINTERCITY FESTIVAL

February 11, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Aaron Bell and the Gonrah Desgohwah White Pine Dancers who performed at WinterCity on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They collaborated with the Flaming Lotus Girls from San Francisco, California on a performance of the "fire creation story". Their dramatic and colourful dancing was set against a backdrop of a giant fire sculpture entitled "Angel of the Apocalypse". In addition, Aaron Bell participated as one of our storytellers. Both Aaron and the dancers were a highlight of our "Festival du Voyageur" themed program for the day.

The dancers showcased a number of vibrant and culturally significant dances. Aaron Bell was excellent at getting the audience engaged and involved. He blended the fire creation story very dramatically with both the dance elements and with the flames of the fire sculpture. The company members are excellent dancers and musicians. The presentation, costumes and regalia were very theatrical. Aaron Bell was a dynamic and well prepared storyteller. He engaged his audience whether he was narrating from the microphone at the dance performance or whether he was telling tales to a small audience of 25 in one of our tipis that day.

I can highly recommend Aaron Bell and the Gonrah Desgohwah White Pine Dancers. I would also recommend Aaron Bell as a storyteller without hesitation. Please call or email me should you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kerri MacDonald".

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