

MNGV KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS EVENT

23,24, 25 February 2018

First Peoples House/University of Victoria

Schedule of events

23 February 2018

6 pm Victoria Pruden presenter

Sashing our warrior anti violence awareness campaign and other programs and sharing on Metis women's issues.

24 February 2018

9:30 Opening and introductions

10:30 David Parent presenter - sharing info from his thesis work on his Metis family and community

Lunch

1 pm Tom McCallum presenter - sharing on aspects of Metis spirituality

6pm Yvonne Chartrand Champion Metis jigger and dancer and choreographer with Compaigni V'ni Dansi and Metis fiddler J.J. Lavallee will show their skills and will encourage the community to get up and try out their dancing feet.

25 February 2018

10:30 Story time Theatre will present their play

Blue Beads & Blueberries

What do *Cinderella* and *King Lear* have in common? They were both inspired by the folktale *Cap O' Rushes*. French-Irish-Métis playwright Erin Macklem infuses this new adaptation with music and mischief, disguises and dancing.

When the king asks his daughters how much they love her, his youngest answers "Like pemmican loves blueberries." Outraged, he banishes her from his kingdom and she must use her wits and her creative gifts to find her way back to his heart. This Métis retelling of the classic story will delight audiences of all ages.

Blue Beads and Blueberries, written by Erin Macklem (in consultation with Marie-Louise Perron), music by Avery Brown, is directed by David MacPherson and features touring artists Alexandra Willet, Alex Judd and Victoria Stolting.

