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Paddle Song at the Museum

The Dufferin County Museum & Archives is pleased to be presenting a special performance of *Paddle Song*, written by Canadian icon and DCMA supporter Dinah Christie.

Paddle Song is a one woman stage play with words and music about the life of Pauline Johnson, beloved Canadian poet and touring performer.

Born to a Mohawk Chief and his English wife in 1861, Pauline was a woman alone for most of her life, touring on her own through Canada, the United States and Great Britain until her death in 1913.

Pauline was white in the heart of the Native lands. She was an Indian to the white majority. She celebrated the natural beauty of Canada. She was acclaimed as a natural beauty of Canada. Balanced with her flag-waving pride in 'The Empire' was a fierce passion for her battered people, their honour, their pride and their beauty.

Paddle Song came to theatrical life when Tom Hill of Ontario's Six Nations asked Dinah Christie to write this intimate description of Pauline's delights, determinations and discoveries as she performed for Governors General and renowned Inventors (Alexander G. Bell had that pleasure) at Chiefswood, her home in Canada, for elegant literati in New York, and for British Royalty in London, England.

Pauline Johnson is performed by Cheri Maracle, whose talent as a singer/songwriter were formally recognized in 2007 with a nomination as Best Female Artist for the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards.

Dinah Christie has been involved in theatre for decades as actor, dancer, singer, writer, director and designer. 'Paddle Song' has allowed her to recognize an old debt to an inspiring woman by writing Pauline's story and giving her a chance to dance to her own rhythms.

Paddle Song takes place on Saturday, September 29 in Historic Corbetton Church located on the grounds of the Dufferin County Museum & Archives. *Paddle Song* has two special showings; the first is at 5:00pm while the second is at 7:00pm. There is a reception for all ticket holders for *Paddle Song* at 6:00pm, complete with light refreshments.

This is a fundraising event to support the DCMA's DuffStuff initiative to make collection information available and searchable online.

Limited numbers of tickets are available. Advance ticket sales, pre-registration required. Don't be disappointed, book your tickets early. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call to purchase or reserve your tickets 1.877.941.7787.

The Dufferin County Museum & Archives is situated on the north east corner of Highway 89 and Airport Road. For more information please call, 705-435-1881 / 1-877-941-7787. www.DufferinMuseum.com

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