

off the fence.

Telling Our Story

4 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Territory

To understand who we are, you need to appreciate the special relationship we have with the land, a vast and immense territory that we shared amongst Nations. It is an intimate and powerful bond that we want to keep alive. Let us tell you the story of the land, the beating heart of our identities, our beliefs, and our traditions.

2. Identity

Our worldview is what defines us as First Peoples. It is shaped by our intimate relationship with the land and with our ancestors, our languages, and our traditional knowledge. To tell you our story, we need to show you the beauty of our languages, the ingenuity of our people and how this was passed on for thousands of years through our oral tradition.

3. Spirituality

Eleven First Peoples, one circular worldview, connected to all that is alive. Despite attempts made by the government and the Church to ban our rituals and ceremonies, our spiritualities live on. The plants and animals that feed us are sacred. For millennia, powerful objects and dances have been used to connect to the Creator, animal spirits, and everything around us.

4. Rebuilding

Before colonization, the 11 First Peoples had their own systems of governance in which women played a central role. Today, for future generations, they are tackling universal issues including ecology, discrimination, governance, and food sovereignty. This fight is critical. Our philosophy is simple: make every political decision with a view to its impact on the next seven generations. This principle guided our ancestors and is why we are still here today to perpetuate it. Now, it will help us confront a global environmental crisis.

