



101 Deweguns...
A Living Hearts Legacy

Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Artist,

On behalf of our 101 Deweguns Collective we send you warm greetings and welcome you to the '101 Deweguns... A Living Hearts Legacy' family. We are honoured and excited to have you join with us in this ongoing Reconciliatory arts initiative, specifically through the living heartbeat of the Drum. We have, since the fall of 2019, embraced the efforts of many, many wonderful committed volunteers of all ages who have applied their gifts helping in the preparation of:

- 15 inch white pine 13 sided frames by way of constructing, sanding, wood burning, applied finish, and;
- Deer raw hides by way of circle templating, lace cutting, and;
- Drift wood Strykers by way of sanding, wood burning, painting, dressing, and;
- Leather Drum Bags by way of templating, lace cutting/stitching, dressing, and;
- Lacing up of all 101 Deweguns to bring this initiative to where we are at now...

Which is, focusing this pure loving preparatory energy through the infinite guiding support of All Our Spirit Relations to support you the artist in this next phase... **"Painting for Change"**, where we embrace with excited anticipation your gifts as allies through the arts, **'letting us transform our collective grieving into something truly beautiful and lasting'**. If you are accepting of our artist invitation, we ask of you only this before the painting begins; to sit with the 13 names on your Drum letting the spirit of their love connect with your spirit.

Commencing this spring of 2024, with a Tobacco Tie in each Dewegun binding our commitment with each Artist, we will begin shipping them where they will remain in each respective artist's possession for approximately 3 months. All shipping costs to and from are covered by the 101 Collective. Upon the return home of all 101 Drums in the fall of 2024, we will be holding a Birthing/Feasting Ceremony in person and virtual, after which all 101 Deweguns will remain together as one family to begin the next part of their journey:

1. Early Fall 2024 - School curriculum educational component introduced
2. Early Fall 2025 - "Drumming for Change" one day event ... coast to coast to coast
3. Late Fall 2025 - Multiyear travelling interactive art exhibit begins

In welcoming you to our family, we wish to express our sincerest gratitude to you for sharing your gift within 101 Deweguns. As a participating artist you will benefit in knowing that you have a crucial space within this legacy project as we are committed to keeping all 101 Deweguns together as one family indefinitely; that your work will be featured through our social media relationship with all 101 artists which follows your ongoing artistic journey, and; knowing that you are part of an initiative resonating from coast to coast to coast, helping to empower others in finding the strength to let their voices be heard.

Guidelines for Painting on a Dewegun

We are thrilled to invite and welcome you as family to be a part of our 101 Deweguns project by painting one of our 101Drums. As we all come together in sharing our unique artistic visions and talent as inclusive allies contributing to this wonderful next chapter '**Painting for Change**', we know in our hearts how powerful the completed project will resonate with unity, love and empowerment.

To ensure a smooth and successful collaboration, we kindly request that you review the following guidelines. Should you have any questions at all or need clarification, please reach out to us through our contacts listed below.

Drum Pickup and Return: To simplify logistics in shipping, Drums will be shipped to various Performing Arts Centres in closest proximity to respective artist home locations. Artists can then arrange pickup of their assigned Drum at these PAC locations, and then upon completion, return their finished Drum back to the same PAC location. Thank you for your support and understanding of this process, as this will help us streamline things and ensure that all Drums are ready for the next chapter as soon as possible.

Positive Vision: We are committed to maintaining a positive, respectful and inclusive atmosphere throughout this project. As an artist participating in this initiative, we humbly ask for your guiding support in aligning your art with the project's positive vision. We thank you in advance for your artwork's reflection and contribution to the overall message of the project.

Unforeseen Circumstances: We appreciate your dedication to completing the Drum painting, however, we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise. If you encounter any situation that prevents you from finishing the drum, we kindly ask that you promptly inform us and arrange for its return. We value your commitment and understanding in such situations.

Artistic Inspiration: We would love to invite you to participate in our bi-weekly 'Artist Live Stream' sessions where we gain insight into your artistic style and inspiration as to how it relates to the overall vision of this project. We also invite you to chronicle in writing your progression during your stages of painting the Drum, along with shared video and photographs. All of this will allow us to share your story and the deeper meaning behind your artwork, including the potential formation of an education curriculum component.

Drum Painting: We ask that all painting be focused on the top surface of the Drum to ensure maximum visibility to the viewing public of the finished Drum. For overall project consistency and preservation we thank you in advance for using only **acrylic paint / acrylic markers**.

As the Drums are laced with natural deer hide we also ask all participating Artists to try to maintain the Drum, while in their possession, in a suitable humidity environment. If too dry and tight this is not good, and if too humid and loose this is also not good. The Drum should be maintained somewhere in between which will provide the best desired surface for painting.



Documentation and Social Media Sharing: We ask that if you are comfortable in documenting your creative process, you can do so by sharing photos or videos on your social media. This will not only help us in documenting the project but also provide an opportunity for us to share your work as well on our social media platforms. By capturing the various stages of your artistic journey, we can celebrate your talent and highlight the significance of the project.

Completed Drum Art: All 101 Deweguns upon their painted completion and return to their Niagara home base will be Birthed and Feasted in Ceremony. They will then remain together indefinitely as one family. It is agreed by all involved that the finished painted Deweguns are the property of the 101 Deweguns Collective, and all related photos and video clips are fair use property allowed for 'not for profit' public viewing purposes. With this in mind we pledge our commitment and ongoing support to you the Artist to preserve the integrity of your Drum Art and participation in this Healing Drum Art project during the future stages of this initiative.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and enthusiasm for this project. Your contribution as an artist is invaluable, and we look forward to showcasing your artwork to a wider audience. With excited anticipation we welcome you along with us in the next chapters of this project; **"Drumming for Change"** and the **"Travelling Exhibit"**. Where this will ultimately take us into the future... we do not know for sure, but what we can say for certain is we are in this for the long haul... ever strengthening with you at our side.

Special Note: 100% of all 101 Deweguns revenue generated from the completed project will be allocated in support of like-minded initiatives.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for being a part of this meaningful endeavor!
Warm regards and deepest appreciation,

The 101Deweguns Collective

I have read the above and agree to meet the guidelines to the best of my ability. I approve members of 101 Deweguns Collective that include Grandmother's Voice to contact me regarding this project.

Name (PRINT)

Signature

Date

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