

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | OCN Veterans Hall, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba

650+

Participants

15

Cultures Represented

13

Communities Sharing Cultural
Foods

25

Community Volunteers

About the Event

Culturama 2025 brought together Indigenous peoples, newcomers, and long-term residents of Northern Manitoba for a full day of shared performance, food, and dialogue at the OCN Veterans Hall. Approximately 650 participants took part, with 15 cultures represented through performance and food exhibition and cultural foods shared from 13 communities throughout the day. The event marked the second year that NWRIS and NWRWC took full organizational leadership of Culturama, expanding its scope to include newcomer engagement, Indigenous participation, and intercultural dialogue as core programming pillars.

Performances

The stage featured performances by the MBCI High School Jazz Band, Pow Wow Dancers and First Nation Drummers, Metis Jiggers and Fiddlers, Nigerian cultural dance groups, Indian Gaba Dancers, Tinikling Dancers from the Philippines, and a Quebec folk performance.

A Meaningful Venue

The choice of venue was meaningful. Hosting the event on Opaskwayak Cree Nation territory brought together communities that live side by side but seldom share the same cultural spaces. As the Mayor of The Pas remarked on the day: the room itself was a picture of what inclusive Northern Manitoba looks like.

Community Partners

Culturama 2025 was made possible through the support of The Pas Arts Council, the OCN Chief's Office, the Town of The Pas, the RM of Kelsey, Aurora House, the University College of the North (UCN), and more than 10 local business sponsors. Twenty-five community volunteers contributed their time and energy to make the day a success.

Looking Ahead

Culturama continues as a biennial celebration. Culturama Thompson 2026 takes place on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at The Legion in Thompson, Manitoba.