

The Nisga'a Museum is known as Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a, which means "The Heart of Nisga'a House Crests," a name that acknowledges and celebrates the importance of the four tribes that make up the Nisga'a Nation. The Nisga'a Museum, its contents, and surrounding environment are symbolic of Sayt K'il'hl Wo'osihl Nisga'a or "common bowl" philosophy that all people, animals, lands and the environment are all inter-connected and common, collective property. This idea is imbedded within the Nisga'a Nation's Vision Statement "one heart, one path, one nation."

Through its public programs, the Nisga'a Museum promotes engagement with and learning about artifacts and art objects in an enjoyable setting consistent with the Museum's mandate and core values. The Nisga'a Museum's programs aim to facilitate access, utilize the Museum's collection, encourage innovative research, evaluate the visitor experience, foster conversations around Nisga'a art, and develop new and diverse audiences.



Cover symbol: Txeesim — a supernatural being and grandson of K'am ligii hahlhaahl (the Chief of Heavens). Txeesim brought light to K'alii-Aksim Lisims (the Nass River) in a time that the Nisga'a lived in semi-darkness.

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# Nisga'a Day Celebration

## Nisga'a Museum Sign Blessing

### May 11, 2015



Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a



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Master of Ceremonies - Andrew Robinson,  
Zora McMillan

Opening Prayer - Rev. Canon Gary Davis, Sr.

O'Canada - AAMMS Students under the  
direction of Mrs. Diana Rai

Musical Performance by Majagaleehl Nisga'a

Welcome by Host Community -  
Henry Moore, Chief Councillor,  
Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap

Welcome by Nisga'a Nation -  
Corinne McKay, Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome by Museum Advisory Committee -  
Shirley Morven, Chairperson, Council of Elders

Musical Performance by Majagaleehl Nisga'a

Explanatory Background to the Project and  
Introduction of Nisga'a Artist Calvin McNeil  
Zora McMillan, Curator, Nisga'a Museum

Ribbon Cutting and Blessing Ceremony -  
Galdim Algax - Eric Grandison

- Sim'oogit Hleek - Dr. Joseph Gosnell
- Sim'oogit Baxk'ap - Jacob Nyce
- Sim'oogit Haym'aas - Chester Moore
- Sim'oogit Ni'isy'uus - Willard Martin
- Sigidimnak' Hlgu Wilksihlgum Maaksgum  
Hlbin - Emma Nyce
- Sigidimnak' Leegwis - Hester McKay
- Sigidimnak' Nits'iits Hootkw - Norma  
Morgan
- Sigidimnak' Axdii Wil T'aa - Wilma Moore

Distribution of the Yeek/Jinop

Musical Performance by Majagaleehl Nisga'a

Blessing of food and Closing Prayer



Following the conclusion of the program, everyone is invited to join  
us for light refreshments at the Museum.

The Nisga'a Museum will be providing free tours each half hour  
from 3 pm to 4 pm, and will be hosting other activities. All are  
welcome to visit and enjoy the Museum free of charge!