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OV-CAOS understands the need to recognize and embrace the principles of Truth and Reconciliation with Ontario's Indigenous population, as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

Section 1: Declaration

With this understanding, the Ottawa Valley Creative Arts Open Studio acknowledges the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We believe that acknowledging territory shows recognition of and respect for Indigenous Peoples, both in the past and the present.

OV-CAOS will use a Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration at the beginning of all meetings. For example;

"We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People."

Section 2: Programming and Events

OV-CAOS will provide welcoming spaces to Indigenous peoples and facilitate the sharing of elements of First Nations culture with non-Indigenous persons.