Waasa-Inaabidaa - We Look In All Directions
Ojibwemowin - Ojibwe Oral Tradition

Language

“If we lose the language, we are no more, we may become something else, but we will not be Anishinabe.”
-- Walt Bressette, Red Cliff Ojibwe

Duluth, MN- Language defines the Anishinabe/Ojibwe people as a culture thriving in a unique relationship with the Creator and the natural world. As the second-largest tribe on the North American continent, the Ojibwe maintained a vast history through oral tradition for thousands of years, long before European contact. *Ojibwe Oral Tradition* examines the origin stories, language, and oral teachings of Ojibwe people of the Great Lakes Region. Award winning team, producer Lorraine Norrgard and Metis-Ojibwe writer James Fortier illuminate this rich oral tradition through Ojibwe storytelling and intimate interviews about the assault on their language and identity through the boarding schools, missions, and direct government policies.

*Ojibwemowin - Ojibwe Oral Traditions*, one of the six-part series *Waasa Inaabida - We Look in All Directions* airs (INSERT LOCAL DATE/AIRTIME).

*Ojibwemowin - Ojibwe Oral Tradition* takes a powerful journey... from Ojibwe origins to the decline and near disappearance of Ojibwe language and culture, through rebirth and renewal, and to today's renaissance. A mixture of animation, drama, artwork, archival photos, interviews, story telling, (including some in Ojibwe with English subtitles) from Ojibwe scholars and elders presents the rich tapestry of Ojibwe creation and survival narratives, the migration story, and contemporary efforts to preserve and teach Ojibwe language.
Reflecting the lessons of these stories, the Ojibwe people have adapted and survived generations of assaults on their culture, language and identity. Today, the Ojibwe are thriving through the renewal of language and traditions in all aspects of life.

*Waasa Inaabidaa - We Look In All Directions* is a powerful in-depth portrayal of the second largest tribe in North America: the Anishinaabe/Ojibwe (Chippewa) nation. The six-part series invites viewers through a portal of rich historical and contemporary scenes, never before seen on television, to experience Ojibwe life in the upper Great Lakes region. Each episode spans 500 years of Ojibwe culture from pre-contact to contemporary times while focusing on six main themes. The series will air *(INSERT LOCAL INFORMATION).*

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