

Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Study on the impact and utilization of Canadian culture and arts in Canadian foreign policy and diplomacy, and other related matters

Recommendations to the Committee by Ms. Kerry Swanson, Chair, Board of Directors of ImagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival.

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- 1) Work directly with Indigenous arts and culture organizations to implement a touring program that visits different Embassies. This would be relatively easy and cost-effective to do for film and video work.
- 2) Hire an Indigenous curator or liaison to implement programming ideas, connect Embassies to an overall strategy and create local partnerships that create opportunities to engage with Indigenous work in arts and culture.
- 3) Work with Embassies here in Canada to promote the exchange of Indigenous art and culture.
- 4) Reinstate the Trade Routes program, expanded to include funding not just to bring programmers and curators to Canada, but also to promote Canadian work abroad.