

**Juno Award winner K'NAAN returns to ICA FolkFest  
*Dusty Foot Philosopher* shares stage with storytellers  
Leroy Young and Cadence Weapon**

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VICTORIA, BC, July 4, 2006—Since appearing on the ICA FolkFest MainStage and Bayou Bar last summer, K'NAAN has picked up a Juno Award for Best Rap Recording of the Year and toured extensively.

A refugee, who left Somalia at 13, K'NAAN has a unique voice and authentic style. His adept storytelling brings realism, positivity and urgency to hip hop and sheds light on the situation of young refugees everywhere. This year, K'NAAN will be appearing on stage with other artists who, like him, are masters of the spoken word genre. Like K'NAAN they use music to inspire and inform others.

The Grandmaster LEROY YOUNG is Belize's finest dub-poet, with hard, heavy rhythms, intense melodies and a stream of political, social and introspective poetry. His poems are accompanied by an eclectic mix of instruments ranging from Creole, Garifuna and African percussion to Maya K'ekchi' guitars.

Nineteen-year-old CADENCE WEAPON of Alberta received critical acclaim for his debut album *Breaking Kayfabe* and is earning respect for his intelligent raps.

K'NAAN performs on the FolkFest MainStage July 4 at 9:00pm and on the Bayou Bar on July 5 from 8:45-10:00pm.

LEROY YOUNG performs on the FolkFest Bayou Bar July 5 from 5:30-6:30pm.

CADENCE WEAPON makes his FolkFest debut on the Bayou Bar July 5 from 7:00-8:15pm.

FolkFest is presented by the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria and produced by TNT Productions. For more information, visit [www.icafolkfest.com](http://www.icafolkfest.com).

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