

*SHS DIVERSIFY  
would like to give special thanks to:*

SPECIAL GUESTS

*Pembina Trails School Division - Board of Trustees  
Pembina Trails School Division - Senior Administration*

GUEST SPEAKERS

*A. Cassie  
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EVENT COMMITTEE

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SPECIAL THANK YOU

*United Way  
Shanley Spence  
Winnipeg Chinese Cultural & Community Centre  
Pembina Trails Collegiate  
Institut collegial Vincent Massey Collegiate  
Performers & Backstage Crew  
Masters of Ceremonies: Sihoo Byun & Emmanuaella Tunji-Abimola  
All volunteers that contributed to this event*



*Shaftesbury High School  
Presents:*

**ONE RHYTHM  
OUR ROOTS**

*Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*6:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

# PROGRAM

- **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- **O CANADA**

- *Sisi ni moja (We are One)* **SHAFTESBURY CHOIR**
- *Opening Statement* **PRAISE OLOWOYEYE & TSION ABERA**

## ACT ONE

- *Solstice: Yoki, Daniel, Joshua, Tiger, Ethan & Ivy* **BAND**
- *Seojin Kim & Kaiya Yoon-Mac Rae* **SONG**
- *Bluewear: Ivy Hu, Jasmine Wang, Joanne Yang & Taya Yu* **BAND**

## INTERMISSION

**20 MINUTES**

## ACT TWO

- *Okawimaw Askiy (Mother Earth)* **SHAFTESBURY CHOIR**
- *Shanley Spence - Guest Performer* **HOOP DANCER**
- *Joyce German* **GUEST SPEAKER**
- *Emilia Antonia Contreras Veliz* **DANCE**

## ACT THREE

- *Kirpnoor Kaur & Minahil Ashraf* **DANCE**
- *Blessing Olafusi* **SONG**
- *Angela Cassie* **GUEST SPEAKER**
- *Chinese Lion/Dragon Group* **GUEST PERFORMER**

## ACT FOUR

- *Praise Olowoyeye* **SONG**
- *Rymma Hiadka* **SPOKEN WORD**
- **INGIA** **GUEST PERFORMER**
- *Fashion Show* **STUDENTS**

- **CLOSING REMARKS** **PRAISE OLOWOYEYE & TSION ABERA**

*Message from the*

# CO-PRESIDENTS TSION ABERA & PRAISE OLOWOYEYE

Welcome, and thank you all for being here.

Shaftesbury Diversify is a student-led initiative focused on unity, inclusion, and cultural celebration. The club was created with one goal in mind: to establish a space where every student felt seen, heard, respected, and accepted. In our school, we noticed there was a lack of representation and cultural understanding which left many students feeling overlooked. Instead of ignoring it, we chose to create change.

That decision led to the mission of Shaftesbury Diversify. We wanted to build something real and lasting, something that would bring people together and encourage students to express who they are with pride.

Our first event, Our Land, Our Home, was the beginning stages of our mission. It was built from the ground up with determination, long nights, and a strong belief that it would make a difference. Despite many challenges, the event brought students, staff, and community members together in an impactful way. People felt seen. People felt valued. And for the first time, people felt like they truly belonged.

One Rhythm, Our Roots is the extension of that legacy. This event continues everything we learned and pushes our mission further. Through music, dance, and creative expression, we are not only celebrating our cultures, but also recognizing the shared unity between us. Music goes beyond words. It is connection, healing, and identity. It is a reminder that while we all come from different backgrounds, we are part of one community.

This is not just another event. It is a step forward to building a more inclusive and respectful Shaftesbury community. It reminds us that our strength exists as a result of our differences, and that is always something worth celebrating.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for your support in continuing this legacy.