

## Centre d'exposition L'Imagier

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## L'IMAGIER ANNOUNCES A NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gatineau, February 16, 2023 – The President of the Board of Directors, François Lachapelle, and the Director of L'Imagier, Leonore-Namkha Beschi, are pleased to announce the appointment of Ginnifer Menominee as a member of our Board of Directors. Their expertise and involvement in the community will allow us to fulfill our commitment and continue our dialogue with Indigenous communities.

Muskwa Wawashke/Ginnifer Menominee is Anishnawbe (Potawatomi/Ojibway) from Wasauksing First Nation, in Ontario's Anishnawbek Nation territory (Robinson-Huron Treaty). Ginnifer is a self, community and land-based taught interdisciplinary artist and educator who explores various topics such as their Indigeneity, being 2 Spirit, liminal spaces and their deep interconnected relationship between the Manomin (The Good Seed known as Wild Rice) that is her last name and familial connections to land and place. Their travels across Ontario and parts of the United States has allowed Ginnifer to explore their identity in relation to land, language, familial history, water, food sovereignty, plant medicines through community dialogue with knowledge holders while weaving these learnings into their practice.

## What Ginnifer Menominee believes in:

"I am really looking forward to working in collaboration with the L'Imagier Board and Staff on creating relationships in the continuous development of inclusive spaces for artists in Indigenous and radicalized communities to share their experiences, perspectives, and stories with us. So many amazing opportunities for everyone involved!" — Ginnifer Menominee



## A delighted Chair

"I am very pleased to inform you that Anishnawbe artist and educator Ginnifer Menominee has joined the board of directors of L'Imagier. We are very pleased to add an Anishnawbe voice to our decisions and deliberations. Already, Ginnifer has left her mark on our educational programs through her collaboration with our director. And this is just the beginning! I look forward to seeing what new things she will bring to L'Imagier in the future."

- François Lachapelle

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