



WIBF 2026 Artisan General Information

The Artisan Village at the World Indigenous Business Forum (WIBF) is a curated space that celebrates Indigenous creativity, entrepreneurship, and cultural expression from around the world. Participating Artisans are expected to share a commitment to strengthening community spirit and pride while celebrating Indigenous cultural heritage and diversity.

Eligibility & Offerings

Applicants must be **Indigenous Artisans and Entrepreneurs** offering authentic, high-quality products, including but not limited to:

- Crafts and fine art
- Handmade musical instruments
- Jewelry
- Delicatessen items, sweets, and preserves
- Organic handmade personal care products
- Clothing and wearable art

Application & Selection Process

All applications will be placed into a selection pool and reviewed by the WIBF selection committee. As this is a **global event**, selected Artisans will represent a diverse mix of **local, provincial, national, and international** participants.

50 stalls are available, with two complimentary Registrations assigned per stall (Artisan and one guest), representing a diverse global selection. We would love to accommodate everyone, but space is limited. Applications open on **Monday, February 9**, and close on **June 30**. Artisans who are not selected will be placed on a **waitlist** in the event of cancellations. Selected **international Artisans will be notified first** to allow adequate time for travel planning and preparation.

Please include product photos as part of application. By submitting photos, applicants acknowledge that images may be used by WIBF for promotional purposes solely in relation to selected Artisans.

Registration

- Each selected Artisan will receive **two (2) complimentary registrations** (the Artisan and one guest).

- Any additional Artisan guest registrations must be purchased at the current registration rate.
- Lunch and refreshments are included in registration.
- Artisans are required to **pre-register and complete set-up on Monday, October 26, 2026, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**
 - **Location:** RBC Convention Centre, Hall D, Third Floor, South Building
375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- The Artisan Village will be locked at the end of each day; however, Artisans are strongly encouraged to cover and secure their items overnight.
- Please advise if you are unable to set up stall on Oct 26
- Artisans are responsible for all personal expenses, including **transportation and accommodation**

Set-Up, Take-Down & Equipment

- Daily set-up begins at **8:00 a.m.**, with take-down and lock-up at **4:30 p.m.** on **October 27 and 28.**
- Each Artisan space includes:
 - Three (3) six-foot tables arranged in a U-shape
 - Two (2) chairs
 - Black table coverings
- If an electrical outlet is required, a link will be provided for Artisans to **order and pay for the service independently.**

Participation & Access

Registered Artisans are welcome to attend:

- The official Welcome Reception (**October 26**)
- Keynote presentations and panel discussions (**October 27-28**)
- Morning, afternoon, and lunch breaks (**October 27-28**)

Security & Responsibility

Artisans are solely responsible for the safety and security of their products and materials. WIBF Hosts, Partners, Venue Hosts, and ILDI are **not responsible** for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

Cancellations

If you are unable to attend after being selected, please notify WIBF organizers as soon as possible by emailing courtney.b@ildii.ca.

Thank you for your interest and for wanting to be part of the World Indigenous Business Forum—we value your involvement and support.