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Indigenous reggae artist Shait to perform, talk with BCPS students on Tuesday, June 8

*Free virtual performance part of World Culture in Context series coordinated by
BCPS and Creative Alliance*

Towson, MD -- Shait, an indigenous reggae artist, will join with Baltimore County Public Schools students on Tuesday, June 8, at 9:30 a.m. on [Zoom](#). The event will be open to all.

Please note that students using Chromebooks can access this Zoom event. After clicking the link to enter the event, they should not choose to "Add Zoom to Chrome," but instead they should choose to "Join from Your Browser" and later to "Join Audio by Computer."

Shait will be speaking from Canada as part of the World Culture in Context initiative. This unique program connects students to renowned artists from across the globe performing in the places that have profoundly informed their work, accompanied by virtual, live conversations about creativity, belonging, and culture. The series was launched in November 2020 by the BCPS Office of Social Studies and BCPS Office of Career and Technical Education and Fine Arts and the Baltimore-based [Creative Alliance](#).

Singer-songwriter Shait is of the Innu people, who originally inhabited the lands that are now known as Northeastern Quebec, Canada. Today, about 18,000 Innu live in Canadian cities and on reservations on traditional territory. Their language is listed as vulnerable. Shait's music transcends genre. He has been singing in his native Innu language since the age of 13. In his early 20s, he discovered dancehall music and reggae and began blending his songs, still sung in Innu, with these musical forms with roots from thousands of miles to the south.

Previous World Culture in Context performances featured Canadian quintet [Le Vent du Nord](#), dancer/choreographer/ cultural ambassador [Melaku Belay](#), broadcasting from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the gospel group [The Legendary Ingramettes](#), broadcasting from Virginia; celebrated percussionist [Kim So Ra](#), broadcasting from Seoul, South Korea; renowned bluesman [Jontavious Willis](#), broadcasting from Georgia; and master throat singer [Bady-Dorzhu Ondar](#), broadcasting from Siberia, Russia.

(Editor's note: A photo of Shavit accompanies this release.)

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