

**Peenamin Mackenzie School  
Sheshatshiu  
presents**

**The Mukuashan**

**Cast**

<i>Simone Michel</i>	.....	<i>prepares the meal and Mukuashan</i>
<i>Leroy Michel</i>	.....	<i>plays the drum</i>
<i>Nathan Penashue</i>	.....	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Danielle Nuna</i>	.....	<i>prepares the meal</i>
<i>Dean Rich</i>	.....	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Benoit Penunsi</i>	.....	<i>prepares the bone</i>
<i>Cynthia Tshapakash</i>	.....	<i>prepares the meal and Mukuashan</i>
<i>Katelyn Nuke</i>	.....	<i>prepares the Mukuashan</i>
<i>Michelle Nuke</i>	.....	<i>prepares the Mukuashan</i>
<i>Patricia Nuke</i>	.....	<i>prepares the meal</i>
<i>Matthew Nuna</i>	.....	<i>prepares the bone</i>
<i>Stephen Pone</i>	.....	<i>Narrator</i>
<i>Sebastian Rich</i>	.....	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Anshenik Nuna</i>	.....	<i>prepares the meal</i>
<i>Derek Andrew</i>	.....	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Gabriel Nuna</i>	.....	<i>prepares the meal</i>

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**Narrator:** The Mukuashan is a meal and dance that thanks the caribou spirit for the gift of the caribou. Caribou were sacred at one time and many people died of starvation. The hunters would leave to look for a caribou. The caribou is used for food, clothing, tents and many other things. It is the most sacred of all animals.

## Scene 1

The hunters walk in and are looking around for a caribou. There is one in the front, the one with the bow and arrow is behind, and then the one pulling the sled is last. The one in the front sees a caribou track and kneels down to feel if it's fresh or not. He motions for the one with the bow and arrow to move ahead toward the caribou. The hunter shoots and kills the caribou with the bow and arrow. All three boys move toward the caribou. They lift the caribou and put it on the sled.

**Narrator:** The hunters bring the caribou back and prepare the meat by removing the meat from the bones and passing it to the women to be hung to dry. The men then crush the bones, separating the marrow and the bone and then they place it in a big pot. When it cools, they separate the fat from the water. They mix the fat with the marrow and then freeze it in a bucket.

## Scene 2

The hunters are removing meat from the caribou and hand it to the women where they hang it to dry. The hunters then crush the bones and hand it to the women to be boiled in pots.

**Narrator:** The women will spread out the caribou skin and everyone will sit around it and eat during the Mukuashan. They drink tea with the meat. When the meal is done, they put everything away and clean up. The elder plays the drum to thank the caribou spirit. Everyone dances to the drum around a tent stove or an open fire. The Mukuashan ends.

## Scene 3

The women hand out the food to everyone and they all sit and eat the meat around the caribou skin while they drink their tea. When they are finished eating, they clean up. The drummer begins to play the drum and everyone dances around the fire. They continue for three circles and then line up to take a bow.