JOHNNIE JAE

FOUNDER. KEYNOTE SPEAKER. ARTIST. JOURNALIST. ADVOCATE.



ABOUT JOHNNIE

Johnnie Jae is an Otoe-Missouria and Choctaw multimedia journalist, artist, speaker, advocate, and most importantly, a community builder. Their belief in the power of representation is a driving force. It propels them to work diligently, creating pathways for more authentic Native representation while amplifying Indigenous voices and addressing critical issues facing Native communities.

Jae is the founder of A Tribe Called Geek, an award-winning media platform for Indigenous Geek Culture and STEM. As a lifelong Indigenerd, Jae wanted to create a platform to highlight and celebrate Indigenous peoples' contributions and achievements in Pop Culture and STEM. It was also their hope A Tribe Called Geek would also foster an inclusive community for Indigenerds to connect, collaborate and support one another, creating a sense of belonging.

In addition to their work with A Tribe Called Geek, Jae has made significant contributions as a writer, editor, podcaster, commentator, and producer for various media outlets. They have written articles, provided commentary, and produced content for Truthout, Native Max Magazine, Real News Network, Prism, Complex, Last Real Indians, CBC, and more.

Johnnie Jae's advocacy work extends far beyond journalism. They are a tireless advocate for Indigenous and Human Rights, with a personal focus on disability justice. Openly discussing their own struggles with Lupus and mental health, they aim to break the silence and stigma that prevent others from receiving the care and help they need. They have also co-founded Not Your Mascots and LiveIndigenousOK to address the misappropriation of Indigenous imagery and histories through Native mascots and stereotypes. Additionally, they are a cofounding member of the Fan Organizer Coalition, a community of fan organizers passionate about the power of fan activism for social change.

Through their advocacy work, which includes hosting workshops, speaking at various events, and the creation of supportive resources tailored to meet the needs of Indigenous people, Jae aspires to see revolutionary healing and change in the world through the power of radical imagination and education.

Johnnie Jae's impact as a journalist, artist, advocate, and community builder is profound and resonates with a global community. Their voice and work is not just influential but transformative, motivating others to use their voice, take action and make a difference in their own communities.

SPEAKING | WORKSHOPS







MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING

Every voice creates a spark. Using their life story and experiences, Jae strives to empower others to embrace who they are, find their voice and step boldly into their power. Jae hopes to inspire others to engage our histories and ancestral knowledge, and recognize how the little choices that we make every day are crucial to creating pathways for healing, justice and brighter futures for the generations yet to be.

HEALING IN THE SPIRIT OF CREATION

For many Indigenous peoples, grief is a sacred experience that brings us closer to Creator and breathes more power into our prayers, into our ceremonies, but grief doesn't always feel so holy. It is easy to be overwhelmed and lost between the spheres of life and death. Join Johnnie Jae in a discussion about the struggles to paint your life in shades of happy when grief turns your world gray. Learn to harness the power of healing in the spirit of creation.

WE ARE THE SCIENCE FICTION OF OUR ANCESTORS

This keynote talk inspires us to fully embrace our identities as Indigenous people by acknowledging that our ancestors were ever-evolving, just as we are today. It serves to encourage us to forge a future that honors our past, celebrates our present, and envisions the unlimited potential of our futures that go far beyond what our ancestors could have imagined because of the way that we have been able to fuse our ancestral knowledge with modern advancements to become the science fiction of our ancestors.

THE SPARK IS YOU

It is easy to be overwhelmed, to feel powerless when your life and the world around you is on fire. The Spark is You is a how-to guide to igniting a proverbial backfire to regain focus and control, to overcome your self-doubt and embrace the power within you. Leave this talk feeling empowered, equipped, and ready to walk through the fire because the spark is you.

WORKSHOPS

Johnnie Jae offers a variety of thought-provoking and engaging workshops designed to equip you and your organization with the knowledge and skills to understand some of the most pressing issues facing NDN Country through Indigenous and Pop Cultural frameworks.

- SURVIVING THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE REZ STYLE
- MAPPING THE INTERIOR OF INDIGEOUS HORROR
- NOT YOUR YELLOWSTONE NDNS: AUTHENTIC CONTEMPORARY NATIVE REPRESENTATION IN THE MEDIA
- SURVIVANCE: UNDERSTANDING & SURVIVING MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUICIDE IN NDN COUNTRY
- EMPOWERING INCLUSION: EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND INDIGENOUS NATIONS' SOVEREIGNTY
- A MYTHBUSTER APPROACH TO REPORTING ON NDN COUNTRY
- PROTECTING THE SACRED: THE TRANSFORMATION OF INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE THROUGH DIGITAL ACTIVISM
- BREAKING BARRIERS: INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATION & MEDIA

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