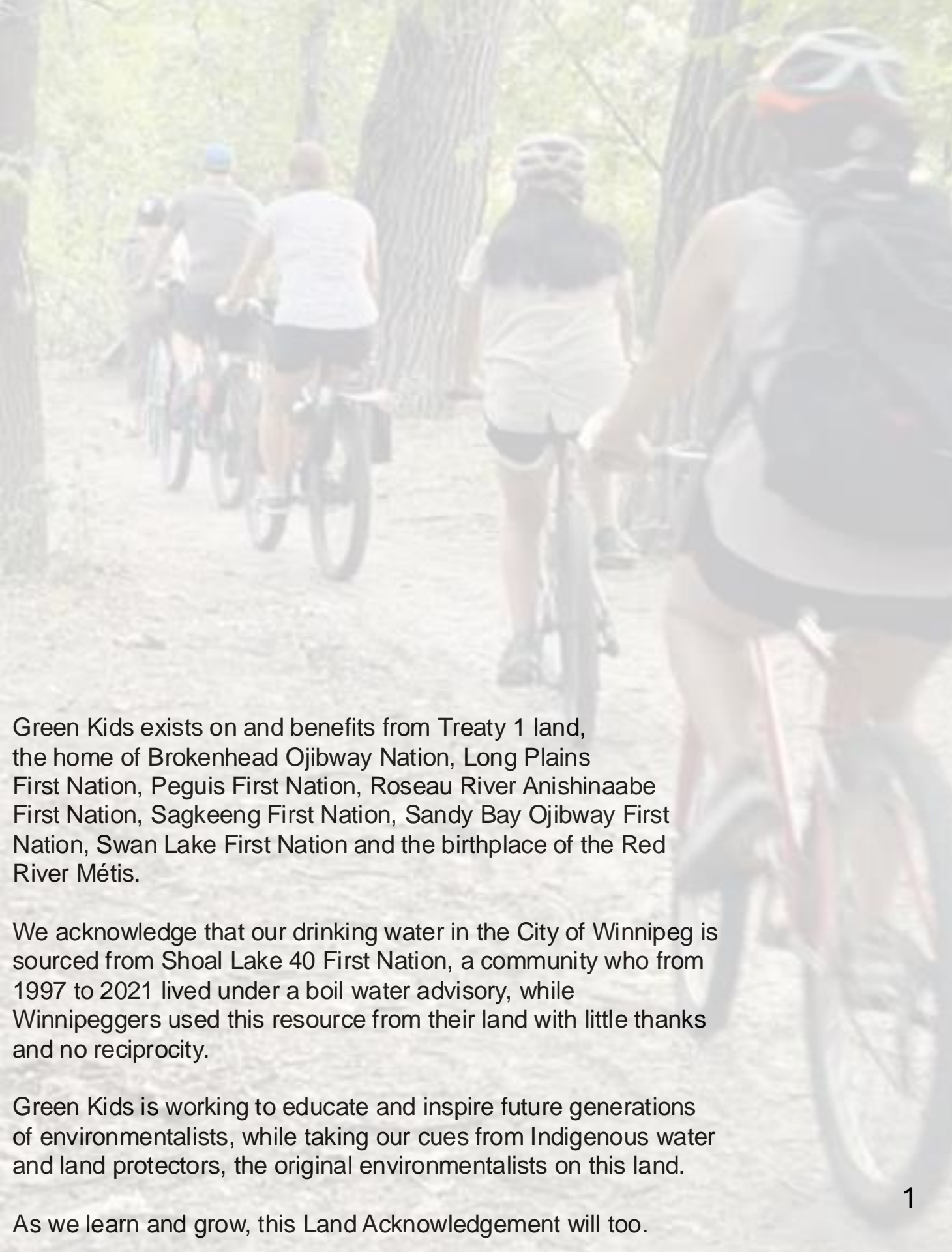


# Green Kids

Annual Report



2024



Green Kids exists on and benefits from Treaty 1 land, the home of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Long Plains First Nation, Peguis First Nation, Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation, Sagkeeng First Nation, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation, Swan Lake First Nation and the birthplace of the Red River Métis.

We acknowledge that our drinking water in the City of Winnipeg is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, a community who from 1997 to 2021 lived under a boil water advisory, while Winnipeggers used this resource from their land with little thanks and no reciprocity.

Green Kids is working to educate and inspire future generations of environmentalists, while taking our cues from Indigenous water and land protectors, the original environmentalists on this land.

As we learn and grow, this Land Acknowledgement will too.



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Green Kids is a live theatre company dedicated to environmental education through performance. Using performing arts as our medium, we allow audiences to imagine, empathize, and laugh, all while gaining a better understanding of environmental issues and their root causes. Inspiring families, kids and adults alike to be gentler on the planet, encouraging creative activism and positive change.

Since 1991, Green Kids has produced professional theatre for families and young audiences, featuring a host of Winnipeg's brightest performing artists and craftspeople.

## **THEATRE THAT INSPIRES**

### **Workshops that Educate**





In 2024, we worked with

## **56 Manitobans on 6 Projects.**

24 performers

3 directors

5 designers

8 craftspeople

11 production staff

5 educators

A woman in a white dress and headpiece, holding a woven basket, standing in a field. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with trees and a clear sky. The woman is looking to the right, and her arms are extended. The basket is made of woven reeds and has a handle. The dress has long sleeves and a full skirt with some colorful patterns at the bottom. The headpiece is a white mesh or netting.

We are immensely grateful to the

**30+ Volunteers**  
and

**10+ Community Organizations**

who helped make our public programming a success.

# TARGET ZERO TOURS

## *A Co-Production with The Forks*

April & May

The Forks Site

School groups are lead on a walking tour of The Forks, hosted by two eco-conscious, excitable Tour Guides. At each stop, the Guides erupt into comedic physical scenes that celebrate and educate. Topics include active and public transportation, single-use containers, composting and food security.

Written and Directed by Daina Leitold

Performers / Facilitators: Maggie Koreen, Jessical McGlynn, Eric Rae, Rae Swan, Theresa Thomson





# ROLLING THEATRE IN THE PARK

## *A Co-Production with Green Action Centre*

May 26, 2024

Assiniboine Park

Cyclists travelled to three stops in the park, stopping to take in music, musical theatre, juggling and bike safety performances. A celebration of Bike Everywhere Month, performances were inspired by active transportation and healthy living.

Creator / Performers: Duncan Cox, Emily King, Brittany & Mario Lagassé and Emily Thoroski





# WILD WILD WILDERNESS

July 11, 2024

Carman Country Fair

Wild Wild Wilderness is a play that demonstrates the connections between habitat, wildlife, and human activity. A dynamic and whacky story of one kid's accidental effect on a nearby forest and its creatures, performed by an actor, a musician and armfuls of adorable puppets.

Written by Aileen Audette and Gwen Collins

Directed by Brian Richardson

Designed by Daina Leitold

Performers: Spenser Payne & Emily Thoroski





# BIKE AND CIRCUSES 2024 – SHIFTING GEARS

August 7-11, 2024

Whittier Park

Our second full-scale Bike and Circuses production, Shifting Gears took audiences on an exciting bike ride (or walk) through Whittier Park, where 8 performances awaited them. This year's show featured clowns, musical theatre, performance art, an interactive sound installation, folk music, dance and acrobatics. Topics addressed included household chemical use, Indigenous knowledge, habitat conservation, connection to nature, capitalist consumption, and more.





Directors: Nova Courchene, Daina Leitold, Brenda McLean  
Designers: Amy McPherson, Nova Courchene, Daina Leitold, Brenda McLean  
Creators: Nova Courchene, Sativa Kawakami  
Creator / Performers: Lil Borger, Jo Burdon, Adrianna Kollar, Brittany & Mario  
Lagassé, Loc Lu, Hera Nalam, Emily Payne, Eric Rae, Heather Russel-Smith,  
Kathleen Starr, Sarah Struthers, Charlene Van Buekenhout, Anne-Marie Williot,  
Tanja Woloshen  
Technical Director: Eric Bossé  
Production Assistant: Anaïs Bossé  
Cutter / Stitchers: Claire Sparling, Julia Cote  
Carpenters: Keith Damboise, Steve Vande Vyvere  
Scenic Painter: Carla Schroder  
Clown Coach: Cynthia Wolfe-Nolin  
Medicine Person and Traditional Teacher: Black Thunderbird / Shirli Ewanchuk  
Consultants: Kirby Cote, Seraph-Eden Boroditzky  
Photography & Video: Mike Peters  
Publicist: Greg Klassen  
Social Media Coordinator: Riva Billows  
Volunteer Coordinator: Jessica McGlynn

**“A fun concept, quirky, giggly and full of  
heart. Take your kids- or your inner  
kiddo!”**

- Barb, an adult

**“I didn’t just like it, I LOVED it!”**

- Elias, Age 4





# WORKSHOPS and RESIDENCIES



We helped schools celebrate Waste Reduction Month, Earth Day, Clean Air Day and more by bringing interactive Workshops and Residencies to Winnipeg schools and conferences.

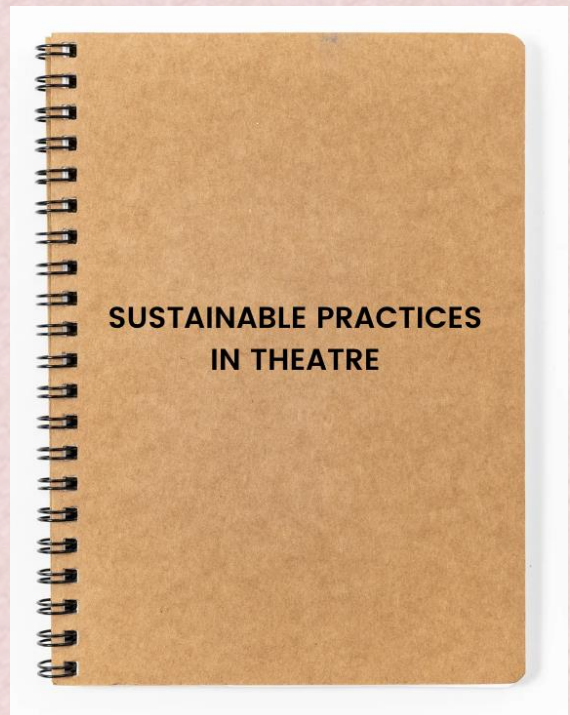
We also taught some great groups of teachers, in workshops and seminars designed to help classroom educators do what we do: teach environmental science in a fun, memorable and accessible way.

In 2024, we worked with students and teachers from over 30 schools.

## CONSULTING

*In partnership with the University of Winnipeg*

In 2024, the University of Winnipeg Department of Theatre and Film approached us to help them green their practices. And so we created The Green Kids Guide to Sustainable Practices in Theatre: a culmination of all the considerations and best practices that help us to keep our productions as low-impact as possible. We worked with staff and students to share our knowledge and support them in their efforts to make their winter production green, from the rehearsal room to the design departments through performance.



# GREEN KIDS INC.

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- Brenda McLean, Producer
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- Barb Rempel, Accounting
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- Jessica McGlynn, Member at Large
- Eric Rae, Member at Large
- Alissa Watson, Member at Large



# THANK YOU

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\$35,000+	Manitoba – Sports Culture and Heritage Fund
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