



## MESSAGES FROM MOTHER EARTH

A brand new young Cree superhero stars in an 8-part video series for elementary school kids. Part of the [Planet Protector Academy](#) programs: Zero Heroes and H2Whoa.



Each week, our young Cree superhero, Lashyla, highlights Indigenous-led environmental projects around the world. She connects the learning in this week's module to traditional ways and values. She shows how Indigenous cultural practices and wisdom have solutions for the world's waste and water issues.

**M**essages From Mother Earth was created at the request of First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group and in collaboration with Indigenous elders, culture keepers and artists. Written by award-winning creator Barbara Hager (Cree/Métis) and featuring Lashyla Louis (St'at'imc, Secwepemc, Leq'a:mel, Nooksack).

This program is a result of DreamRider's deep commitment to inclusion, a recognition of the power of representation in our work, and of the debt we owe Indigenous people on this land. We hope this program will serve Truth and Reconciliation efforts across Canada and beyond.

*Vanessa LeBourdais, Executive Producer  
DreamRider Productions.*

# DreamRider

# EPISODES

## WATER EPISODES

### Episode 1

Learn from the Tseil Waututh First Nation that when we look after water, we look after everything that lives in and depends on water, like salmon. Practicing gratitude for water.

### Episode 2

Meet Anishinaabe Elder Josephine Mandamin who walked around the Great Lakes, inspiring millions to care for water.

### Episode 3

Learn how Indigenous farmers in southern Belize have a natural way to keep their streams and rivers clean, so they can use the water to grow their crops.

### Episode 4

Learn about an Indigenous community in Arizona that planted a forest to help clean a polluted river.

## WASTE EPISODES

### Episode 5

Learn about an Indigenous community with a huge recycling centre in Arizona, and the principle of using every part of what is harvested.

### Episode 6

Learn about the thousands-of-years-old practice of composting from an Indigenous community in Arizona.

### Episode 7

Discover how the ancestral Pueblo used nature's principals to farm in the desert.


### Episode 8

Learn about making houses from natural materials, from the Pueblo people.

Watch [here: http://bit.ly/messages-from-mother-earth-overview](http://bit.ly/messages-from-mother-earth-overview).



# TEAM

ur thanks to the Indigenous Elders,  
Culturekeepers and Artists who consulted and  
collaborated with us on this project.

## MESSAGES FROM MOTHER EARTH (2 min x 8)

**Written by** Barbara Hager (Cree/Métis)  
**Featuring** Lashyla Louis ('White Buffalo Star'  
- St'at'imc, Secwepemc, Leq'a:mel, Nooksack)  
and Ian Gschwind

### CONSULTATION

Kelly Terbasket (Okanagan, of IndigenEYEZ)  
First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group  
Enoch Cree Elders:

Jim (James) Brule, Bella Ginther, Isabelle Hope,  
Beatrice Morin, Helen Bruno, Betty Simon  
Andrea Dion (Enoch Cree, Culture Keeper)  
Naomi Narcisse (St'at'imc Nation, traditional dance)  
Rulan Tangen (Navajo)  
Betty Simon (Enoch Cree, Translation & Syllabics)

### MUSIC:

Melody by/ Lead Vocals - Sandy Scofield (Cree, Métis)  
Additional vocals - Tiffany Moses (Dené, Pedhezeh Ki  
First Nation), Deanna Gestrin (Stl'atl'imx)  
Backtrack - Vanessa LeBourdais  
Engineer - Tony Chamberlist, Treetop Studios

### PRODUCTION TEAM:

Producer/Director - Vanessa LeBourdais  
Cinematographer - Naim Sutherland  
Editor - Steph Clarke  
Animation, effects - Michael Mann  
Costumes - Sara Holt  
Production Coordinator - Jenn Hogg  
Sound Recordist - Juan Marcos Percy  
Makeup, wigs - Annie Lefebvre  
1st AC - Justin Sebastian  
2nd AC - Jayda Alderson  
Sound editor - Tony Chamberlist

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*Lashyla Louis on set, with Naomi Narcisse.*



*Tiffany Moses, Deanna Gestrin and Sandy Scofield at  
Treetop Studios.*

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**“It was amazing to be on a set with an Indigenous kid superhero. This is going to make such a difference for our communities.”**

- Métis crew member, name withheld

