

## Alicia Blore



Born and raised in Toronto, Alicia never forgotten her Métis roots. Alicia's Great Grandfather, Phillip Zastre was a well-known Métis fiddler from St. Rose du Lac, Manitoba. In 2008, Alicia was asked to join the Fiddle Stories: Elder Youth Legacy project. The goal of the group is to pass on the oldest surviving traditions and teachings onto the next generation. Alicia

enjoys performing and educating others about the Metis people and their traditions at schools, festivals, powwows, rendezvous' locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally. In the words of our Métis Leader, Louis Riel! "My people will sleep for 100 years but, when they awake, it will be the artists who give them their spirits back".

## Megan Southwell



Megan Southwell is Métis with historic roots from Drummond Island and Penetanguishene. She is a recent graduate of the University of Toronto and continues to reside on Dish with One Spoon and Treaty 13 territory. Megan has a passion for learning about her culture and history and sharing it with others through Métis jigging, decorative arts, and engaging

in conversation. The youth movement that contributes to the resurgence of Métis culture continues to be a source of strength for Megan. She also enjoys photography, playing tennis, and seeing live music!

## André Nault



André Nault is from Nestleton, Ontario with family ties back to the historic Red River Métis community in Manitoba. André has known that he was Métis from a young age. Growing up, André embraced culture in various ways, one of which was through jigging. André has been jigging for several years now and his knowledge and skill with jigging greatly expanded as he became more involved with the Métis Nation of Ontario, learning tons of different steps and variations as well as meeting fantastic people along the way! When he began jigging, he did it because it was a part of his culture and he wanted to delve into it more. Now André mainly jigs because he has so much fun! Not only is it a great source of joy to jig, but being able to laugh and share those moments with friends and community is phenomenal!