

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

National Conservation Training Center

Indigenous Connections Roundtable

Announcement

MUSIC, NATURE & NYCALC

In this session we'll hear from Sicangu Lakota artist, Frank Waln, on how nature has shaped his music career. He will also reflect on how participating in the Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress (NYCALC) has impacted his life. NYCALC is an annual Native youth leadership development gathering at the National Conservation Training Center.



Courtesy of Eric Becker: Frank Waln looks out across the plains near his childhood home.

About Our Presenter, Frank Waln:



Courtesy of Kernit Grimshaw: A cloud formation near Frank's home community on the Rosebud Reservation.

Frank Waln is an award-winning Sicangu Lakota Hip Hop artist and music producer from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. A recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship, Waln attended Columbia College Chicago where he received a BA in Audio Arts and Acoustics. Waln's awards include three Native American Music Awards: the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 2014 Native American 40 Under 40, the 2014 Chicago Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement, and the 2016 3Arts Grant for Chicago Artists. He has been featured in Buzzfeed, The Fader, Playboy, Vibe, NPR, ESPN, and MTV's Rebel Music Native America. Waln has written for various publications including *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education, and Society* and *The Guardian*. Frank Waln travels the world telling his story through performance and doing workshops focusing on self-empowerment and expression of truth.



DATE

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TIME

3 pm - 4pm ET

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We welcome any Department of the Interior staff and partners, and anyone else who may be involved with tribes or who wish to learn more about working with tribes.

TO JOIN THE BROADCAST

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2. Follow the prompts
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Live captions will be included in the broadcast.

We will record this broadcast and upload it to the NCTC Broadcast Gallery 2 weeks after the event. Access the NCTC Broadcast Gallery's Indigenous Speaker Series [here](#).

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