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Mashkiiziibii Image 1.png

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**PBS Wisconsin Education adds Mashkiibiizii Youth Singers to education collection**

PBS Wisconsin Education and Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) welcome the Mashkiibiizii Youth Singers to their *Re/sound: Songs of Wisconsin* classroom media collection. The Mashkiibiizii Youth Singers continue the tradition of cultural preservation through learning the singing and drumming skills that allow them to celebrate impactful moments and connect with Tribal Nations across the country.

*Re/sound: Songs of Wisconsin* is a multimedia resource designed to help general music educators and learners in grades 4-8 explore the connections between music, culture and emotion. The collection features culture-bearers of music from Wisconsin, as they share a composition and discuss their musicianship, culture and identity. It includes video interviews and performances; audio tracks; and educator engagement guides featuring learning outcomes, strategies, assessments and aligned standards.

“From the gift of the first drum to the universal language through song, the Mashkiiziibii Youth Singers exemplify the meaning of singing with the drum,” said Ryan Hendricks, PBS Wisconsin Education Executive Producer.

In an interview, Zach Hartlev and Nathaniel Ante explain how Powwow drumming and singing are deeply rooted in cultural tradition, serving as a shared spiritual expression and a way to bring people together through music. Members of the Mashkiibiizii Youth Singers describe how learning and performing Powwow music fosters cultural identity, connection and a sense of responsibility to preserve traditions for future generations.

The group performs an honor song composed by Wabano Owanapei. Ante explains an honor song can be performed for a variety of occasions to honor someone.

*Re/sound: Songs of Wisconsin* is available for free online access at [pbswisconsineducation.org/resound](https://pbswisconsineducation.org/resound/about/).

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