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Yukon hip-hop duo heads to eastern Canada

Vision Quest is heading off on their first tour outside of the North. The hip-hop duo will be performing in major cities in eastern Canada over the next month.

Twenty-six year-old Nick Johnson is Kluane First Nations from Burwash Landing and 23-year-old Yudii Mercredi is Vuntut Gwitch'in. They performed together as Vision Quest for the first time at BYTE's Battle of the Bands in 2013—and won. Since then, Vision Quest has grown into a big name in the Yukon's hip-hop scene, and now they're bringing their sound to Montreal, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Halifax, and Fredericton. They're also touring to four aboriginal communities: Kahnawake, QC, Elsipogtog, NB, Obedjiwan, QC and Wikwemikong, ON.

The duo hopes that the tour will help spread their name and build their audience.

“Being in the Yukon is kind of hard, because we're so far away,” says Mercredi. “We're hoping to do lots of networking with producers and people who are high-end in the music industry who could help us out.”

Vision Quest is touring alongside aboriginal artists Winnipeg Boyz, Joey Stylez, and Carsen Grey. Together, they'll be performing everywhere from nightclubs and colleges to community centres and packed powwows.

What are they most looking forward to?

“Exploring different cities and all the adventures that we're going to have,” says Johnson.

Vision Quest will be on tour until August 3rd.

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