



# Mahatma Gandhi Peace Council of Ottawa and the College of the Humanities

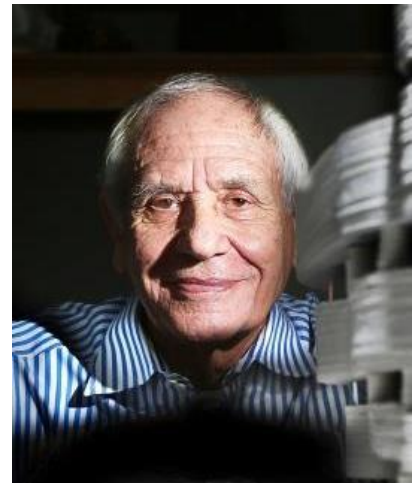
## Free Public Lecture

### **A Centre for Peace:**

**A Vision for the Sacred Islands in the Ottawa River**

By: Douglas Cardinal  
Architect

**Thursday, April 21, 2016, 5:30 pm.**  
Room 303, Paterson Hall,  
Carleton University



Renowned architect Douglas Cardinal, whose iconic buildings include the Canadian Museum of History in our Capital and the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, is a long-time admirer of Mahatma Gandhi. He pursued architectural studies at the University of British Columbia and received his architectural degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He became a forerunner of philosophies of sustainability, green building, and ecologically designed community planning. Holder of innumerable awards, Cardinal has also received 18 honorary doctorates and is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

### **Synopsis**

Cardinal's presentation concerns the islands at the heart of the Capital around the Chaudière Falls just upstream from Parliament. Carrying forward the vision of revered Algonquin Elder William Commanda, Cardinal has designed a centre for peace and a centre for Indigenous peoples combined with public parkland that acknowledges the status of the Falls and area, known in Indigenous languages as Asinabka and Akikodjiwan, as sacred site.

### **Reception to follow the lecture**

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