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Sneak a peek – Lucie Idlout one to watch in Indian Time 3

One of the up-and-coming Canadian performers to emerge from last year's summer festival season was Lucie Idlout, a Nunavut rock singer who played outdoor stages at the 2002 Winnipeg Folk Festival and the North American Indigenous Games.

Edgier than the territory's best know pop singer – Susan Aglukark, who incidentally plays McPhillips Street Station Friday and Saturday night – Idlout is the performer to watch in Indian Time 3, a new all-aboriginal variety show also featuring folksinger Buffy Sainte-Marie and Winnipeg's Shingoose, among others.

Taped last fall at the Burton Cummings Theatre, the show is destined to air on cable networks Bravo and APTN later this year, director/producer Don Marks says.

But there's a pair of sneak previews tonight and Friday at the Burt that double up as fund-raisers for two urban charities; Ndinawe, a safe house for women and children; and the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, which runs a series of aboriginal cultural and family support programs.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. nightly screenings are \$11 a pop, on sale at 925-0351 or at the door. The last Indian Time fund-raiser, held in 2001, raised \$15,000 for inner-city charities. A single sellout this year would match that feat.