

Press Release

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11th Annual NATIVE ROOTS & RHYTHMS®

Native American Performing Arts Festival Santa Fe, NM August 20, 2005

The Native Roots & Rhythms Festival is recognized as one of the nation's top venues for contemporary and traditional Native American music, dance, storytelling and comedy. Consistently known for impressive lineups, the 2005 NR&R presentation is no exception, featuring an ambitious four sensational showcases in one night sure to captivate the diverse national audience NR&R draws annually.

LAUNCH – A Native Youth Showcase

Ria Thundercloud (Ho-Chunk/Sandia Pueblo) 14 year-old traditional and contemporary dance sensation.

The Browns Comedy Duo (Navajo) Fabulously funny sister comedy duo.

Lil' Dre (Navajo) At 14, Lil' Dre performed original Hip Hop/Rap live on ESPN and was featured in Europe.

Yellow Bird Hoop Dancers – This award-winning hoop dancing team of brothers has performed around the world. They will perform at the Kennedy Performing Arts Center in Washington, D.C. in September.

Unsung Heroes Tribute

Showcasing “behind the scenes” individuals/organizations who have benefited many.

Po'pay – Pueblo Leader

Seminole Tribe of Florida

One World Beat – Indigenous Showcase

Maori Peoples of Aotearoa/New Zealand

Matou - An eclectic fusion of Native American music and powerful traditional Maori chants

Ardijah - Platinum selling, internationally touring 2005 Pacific Music Award Winners Ardijah (pronounced “R-D-Jah”) are the pioneers of POLY FONK; the fusion of Polynesian roots, rhythms and melodies with inspired R&B/Funk/Reggae grooves. Ardijah’s music has received Special Guest support from music legends George Benson, James Brown, Simply Red, and Quincy Jones

2005 Native American Music Award Winners Showcase

Jim Boyd (Spokane) – NAMA Record of the Year – Boyd’s Contemporary Native American music was featured in the Miramax film “Smoke Signals.”

Litefoot (Cherokee) – NAMA Artist of the Year – Native Rap/Hip Hop pioneer; Best-known for his starring role in the movie “Indian in the Cupboard.”

Randy Wood (Cree) – Best Traditional Recording – Randy is known for his powerful lead singing with the legendary Northern Cree Drum of Canada. He has a mesmerizing singing style all his own.

Plus

• **Trickster Tales** – Theatrical Storytelling, troupe includes **Shkeme of Native Roots, James and Ernie, Brigadier and Delicate Brown, and more!**

• Special Guests

• An entertainment industry pavilion featuring Native American modeling/acting agencies, websites, publications, etc. and an opportunity to Meet & Greet Native America’s Celebrities.

WHEN: Saturday, August 21 GATES OPEN: 6:00 PM SHOW AT: 7:30 PM

WHERE: Paolo Soleri Amphitheater, 1501 Cerrillos Rd. (Santa Fe Indian School)

TICKETS: General Admission: \$10, Reserved: \$20 **CHILDREN 10 & UNDER FREE**
505-988-1234 - Lensic box office in Santa Fe, www.tickets.com

INFO: 505-989-8898 or 505-620-8539 web site: www.santafe.net/nativerootsnrhythms

“The Native Roots & Rhythms Festival has always been the showcase music & dance event of Indian Market.” – Indianz.com

Native Roots & Rhythms '05 is presented by Emergence Productions
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