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BUFFALO THUNDER STARS OPEN GALLERY AND OFFICE DOWNTOWN NEW LOBBY GALLERY ROOM AT RESORT

Santa Fe, N.M. – In response to the need for a downtown concierge and satellite office after their one year anniversary, Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino has just opened the Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery in downtown Santa Fe, 130 Lincoln Avenue, a block from the historic plaza. Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be an open house Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

“Our mission with this new office is to establish a presence near the plaza, and we have tapped four Buffalo Thunder stars to lead the charge,” says Allen Mosley, CEO of Pueblo of Pojoaque Business Enterprise. “Our talented and dedicated team is Cecilia Walker, Elizabeth “Gidge” Gurule, Celia Calloway Williams and Fadel N. Nahle.”

“This group, headed up by Nahle, has more than 25 years of work experience with Buffalo Thunder and Pueblo of Pojoaque,” adds Mosley. “We know the four of them will be able to knowledgably field questions on accommodations, meeting space, tee times, spa treatments, shuttle service to Buffalo Thunder and more. We are very proud and confident of the team we have assembled for the Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery in downtown Santa Fe, and we invite the public to stop in and meet them.”

High-quality contemporary and Native American jewelry, paintings, prints and sculpture will be on display and for sale at Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery from the Glenn Green Galleries. Owners Glenn and Sandy Green opened their gallery 43 years ago and Glenn Green Galleries has a presence in the lobby of Buffalo Thunder Resort. The Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery will rotate shows every few months.

Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery visitors can enjoy work by many Glenn Green Galleries artists including abstract stone work by Khang Pham-New and artist Eduardo Oropeza. There will be shuttle service from Buffalo Thunder’s downtown space to the beautiful Glenn Green Galleries and their five-acre sculpture garden in historic Tesuque, six miles from the Plaza. Glenn Green Galleries represents Pueblo of Pojoaque Governor George Rivera’s work. One of his sculptures “Buffalo Dancer II,” that is available as a maquette at Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery, will be installed on the National Mall. Installation of Rivera’s work is Wednesday, October 28 and there will be a celebration as part of the National Native American Heritage Month, Friday, November 27 at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC.

Nahle who is charge of Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery has worked for the Pueblo of Pojoaque for many years and knows the ins and outs of everything the resort has to offer. His expertise is in the golfing world and he’ll provide information about what Towa’s various courses offer golfers. Towa is comprised of four, 9-hole courses. Three of the courses are in operational rotation. The courses are Valley, Boulder, Piñon and Butterfly. Towa golf shirts, hats and caps will also be for sale at the downtown location.



Eduardo Oropeza, “Leche.”



George Rivera, “Buffalo Dancer II.”

Gurule's knowledge of Buffalo Thunder and the Pueblo of Pojoaque is vast. She has worked for the past 10 years as Allen Mosley's assistant, and is a helpful and friendly part of the team. Calloway Williams is well versed in all things Native American, and has been working in the field for more than 30 years. Calloway Williams organized all of the shows at the Santa Fe Indian Market Gallery, which closes today. Her close working relationship with Native artists, resulted in events like bringing six-time world champion hoop dancer Nakotah LaRance to Buffalo Thunder during Indian Market. And Cecilia Walker has been a top-performer in the call center. Walker is very personable and is a key player in the new downtown team.

WHAT: Buffalo Thunder Resort, Casino and Gallery Open House

WHERE: 130 Lincoln Avenue, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM. One block northwest of the Plaza.

WHEN: Open House October 28, 2009, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Gallery is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m

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LOBBY GALLERY ROOM

Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino's expands the Casino into the Lobby Gallery Room, opening Fri. October. 30. The Lobby Gallery Room will be in the former Indian Market Gallery space. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to midnight on weekends.

The Lobby Gallery Room will be easily accessible to guests on the hotel level of the resort, including diners at Red Sage, Mica and Painted Parrot. There will be a quality mix of 34 slot machines. The Lobby Gallery Room will be totally non-smoking and located on a floor that is completely smoke-free.

"Buffalo Thunder wants to offer casual gaming to our guests who may not typically visit our casino on the lower level," says Duff Taylor, Executive Director of Gaming. "Now you can relax after a meal at one of our fine restaurants, or wait for your tee time, by spending a little time at the slots in our new Lobby Gallery."

Buffalo Thunder not only offers Las Vegas-style gaming, a luxurious spa, fine dining and premier golf, it also is the official sponsor of Indian Market, and a sponsor of the Santa Fe Opera and the Buckaroo Ball. The resort and casino incorporate Native American art into every design aspect.

This property is the Hilton's first Native American partnership and is owned and operated by the Pueblo of Pojoaque. The Hilton Santa Fe Golf Resort & Spa at Buffalo Thunder is one of the premier destination resorts in New Mexico. The 395-room luxury resort features the renowned amenities of Hilton Hotels coupled with the traditional design elements of pueblo décor.

WHAT: Lobby Gallery Room at Buffalo Thunder Resort

WHERE: Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, main floor, across from the Red Sage..

WHEN: Opens Friday, October. 30.

Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to midnight on weekends.

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