

Native Treasures Indian Arts Festival

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NATIVE TREASURES: INDIAN ARTS FESTIVAL

Santa Fe, New Mexico —Collectors, dealers and fans of Native American art have blocked their calendars for Memorial Day Weekend's *Native Treasures: Indian Arts Festival*. Top artists will display and sell their work in the open-air market on the spectacular plaza at Museum Hill.

More than 140 artists from 40 tribes and pueblos will showcase their pottery, jewelry, glass, painting, sculpture, carvings, textiles and other art on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, 2008. This festival will benefit the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture. Weaving demonstrations by Toadlena Trading Post, music by William Clark, Ande Marimba Band, Shelley Morningsong Trio and Native Spirit, and delicious food from the Cowgirl BBQ & Western Grill will add to the festive atmosphere.



"We have invited a very strong group of artists, from established masters to the brightest emerging artists, all of whom are producing museum-quality work," says Museum of Indian Arts & Culture director Dr. Shelby Tisdale. "Many of their pieces are in our permanent collection so we really enjoy being able to offer this quality of art for sale.

"We try to ensure that there is a different group of artists each year, so that more artists get the chance to participate and collectors have the fun of finding someone new," Tisdale adds. More than 50 of the artists are new to the show this year.

"*Native Treasures: Indian Arts Festival* is an intimate, fun weekend where buyers meet the artists and are able to ask questions in a relaxed atmosphere," says Jane Buchsbaum, Artist Chair for the show. "Purchasing art at *Native Treasures*—which ranges in price from \$25 to \$10,000—is a way for the public to support not only the artists but also the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture."

Last year's *Native Treasures: Indian Arts Festival* raised the majority of the exhibition and education budget for the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, including funds for the *Casa Grandes* and *Pablita Velarde* exhibitions and the newly opened *Native Couture* exhibit.

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Calendar Listing & Information

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WHAT: Native Treasures, now in its fourth year, is an invitational art show and sale featuring the best Native art in the U.S.
Proceeds benefit the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture

Featuring

- More than 140 artists from 40 tribes and pueblos
- Best and brightest of the Indian art world
- Santa Fe's only museum-quality Indian art show
- Entertainment by William Clark, Ande Marimba Band, Shelley Morningsong Trio and Native Spirit
- Food from the Cowgirl BBQ & Western Grill, as well as the Museum Hill Café
- Relaxed, intimate event for collectors, dealers and sightseers
- 2008 "Living Treasure" award to outstanding Native jeweler Connie Tsosie Gaussoin



WHEN: **Saturday May 24 & Sunday May 25, 2008**
Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5; Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Free
(Early Bird Market Saturday, 9-10 a.m., \$10)
Festival tickets available at entrance.

Friday, May 23, 6-8 p.m.

Benefit Pre-Sale Gala, offering special pieces selected by each artist.
Attendees will meet the artists and mingle with other collectors.
Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served by Peas n Pod Catering.
\$75. Price includes an Early Bird ticket for Saturday.
Tickets 505-982-6366, ext. 112.

WHERE: Milner Plaza on Museum Hill by the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture,
Camino Lejo, off Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

INFO: 505-476-1250; www.nativetreasuresantafe.org

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NATIVE TREASURES: INDIAN ARTS FESTIVAL ARTISTS

Potters: Robert Tenorio, Sharon Lewis, Michael Kanteena, Glen Nipshank, Rosemary Lonewolf, Preston Duwyenie, Lisa Holt and Harlan Reano, Caroline Carpio, Maxine Toya, Samuel Manymules, Dora Tse Pe, Sharon Naranjo Garcia, Judy and Lincoln Tafoya, Kathleen Collateta, Janice Ortiz, Dusty and Bernice Naranjo, Elizabeth Manygoats



Jewelers: Connie Tsosie Gaussoin (2008 Living Treasure) and family, Mike Bird-Romero, Maria Samora, Ernest Benally, Cody Sanderson, Norbert Peshlakai, Fritz Casuse, Shane Hendren, Al Joe, Michael Roanhorse, Keri Ataumbi, Eddie Two Moons Chavez, Rain Parrish, Jennie and Ed Vicenti, Darryl Begay, Christina Eustace, Jared Chavez

Painters: David K. John, Michael Kabotie, Benjamin Harjo, Jr., Thomas Begay, Anthony Chee Emerson, Dolores Purdy Corcoran, Aaron Freeland, Ron Chee

Sculptors: Evelyn Fredericks, Upton Ethelbah, Vincent Kaydahzinne, Fred Begay, Stephen Wall, Laura Fragua-Cota, Alvin John, Carol Lujan

Textiles/Baskets: Toadlena Trading Post, Penny Singer, Carol Naranjo, Peggy Brennan

Diverse: Marcus Amerman and Jerry Ingram (beadwork), Delbridge Honanie and Lynn and Jayne Quam (carving), Nathan Hart (woodwork), Spooner (glass), Walter BigBee (photography)

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