

Discovering Our Story Television Will Tell Accurate Story, History

The public is invited to join us as we celebrate the launch of the upcoming new American Indian local cable access television project, *Discovering Our Story Television Program*.

This celebration will take place Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the studio of Portland Community Media (PCM), 2766 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, Ore.

This project was created because American Indians and their history have been misinterpreted and misrepresented in the media. Hollywood, including popular Disney films like *Pocahontas* and *Peter Pan*, continues to perpetuate false images of Indians as threatening aggressors, alcoholics, dying or "vanishing" Indians or passive, wise sages.

They rarely portray American Indians as being a part of healthy and resilient multi-generational families. Consequently, this has created confusing, negative impressions in the minds of Native children and youth.

Currently, American Indian producers and directors are developing films and documentaries that accurately and authentically tell Tribal stories and oral

histories, helping to strengthen the identity and resiliency of Native peoples and increase pride in their families and rich Tribal heritage.

The creators of *Discovering Our Story Television Program* want Portland's American Indian community to have a similar opportunity.

26 TV Programs

During a three year period, Wisdom of the Elders Inc. (WISDOM) and several teams of volunteers will produce 26 one-hour cable television programs at PCM.

Funded by Multnomah County's Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission, this partnership will provide opportunities for multi-generational Native teams to train as volunteers in videography, post-production editing, digital storytelling and studio production.

Each *Discovering Our Story Television Program* will feature two program hosts who will air two 15-minute video recordings of local and regional elders, storytellers and cultural leaders, and then lead a discussion with special guests from the Native community.

Excerpts from Tribal storytelling festivals and other celebrations occasionally will be aired. Community members will be invited to phone in to the program during live airings.

Programs also will be rebroadcast through 2012 and shared with neighboring cable stations in the region. Viewers also can access this programming from PCM's and WISDOM's websites.

This media series will provide public audiences with unprecedented access to and knowledge of the authentic and diverse history and cultural arts of Tribes and strengthen their understanding and appreciation for today's First Peoples.

WISDOM is a Portland-area 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation committed to American Indian cultural preservation, education and race reconciliation. WISDOM records and preserves oral tradition and cultural arts of exemplary indigenous Elders, storytellers, cultural leaders and environmentalists. It shares their messages with American Indians and public audiences of all cultures via *Wisdom of the Elders Radio Program*, K-12 curriculum materials, the Northwest Indian

Storytellers Association annual storytelling festivals and other venues.

Radio Programs

Several series of WISDOM's public radio programs, *Wisdom of the Elders Radio Program*, continue to be broadcast nationally on 32 Indian radio stations three times a week and have been broadcast internationally on networks on Turtle Island and in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. They can be accessed at our website - www.wisdomoftheelders.org - at no charge to viewers/listeners along with K-12 curriculum materials that are aligned to Oregon's educational standards.

WISDOM is planning the production of series four and five of *Wisdom of the Elders Radio Program*, which will explore environmental science issues among Northwest and Pacific Rim Tribes. This radio series will encourage youth to explore science, technology, engineering and math as career options and may provide internships in environmental science and other fields of science.

For more information about our launch celebration or to volunteer, e-mail rosehb@wisdomoftheelders.org or call 503-517-9759.

NORTHSTAR

Painted Sky Northstar/ Moveo Dance Company Presents
An Open House Celebration
 in Honor of Native American Heritage Month
Friday, November 13th 2009, 1pm - 9pm

- Native American Dancers
- Contemporary, Hip Hop and Tap Dancers
- Native American and General Arts and Crafts Vendors
- Native American Fry Bread and Tacos
- Raffle

THPRD Garden Home Recreation Center BYM
 7475 SW Oleson Road, Portland, Oregon 97223
 503.629.6341
www.thprd.org/facilities/gh.cfm

Painted Sky Northstar/Moveo Dance Company
www.paintedsky.org
www.myspace.com/northstardancers
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 503.887.0671

Interested Participating Vendors
 Contact Painted Sky
 at 503.887.0671 or
 submit inquiry at www.paintedsky.org

"Circle of Native Nations"
Open Dance Come and Represent!

MOVEO

Northstar Dance Company Announces Auditions

- When: Nov. 1, 2009, at 2 p.m.
- Where: THPRD Garden Home Recreation Center (Studio 2)
 7475 SW Oleson Road, Portland, OR 97223
<http://paintedsky.org/about/contact.php>

Northstar Dance Company is having an open audition for all Native-style dance, including hoop (for both men and women). All participants must be age 16 or older (dancers under age 18 need to have a parent present).

Please bring your regalia outfit to the audition.

What we're looking for:

- Dancers who can change up Native styles
- Background in contemporary styles of dance a plus
- Positive attitude and attendance reliability
- Stage presence
- Must be able to travel



Northstar Dance Company Benefits:

- Involvement in the cultural performing arts
- Paid stipends and performance compensation (per contracted season)
- Work with professional choreographers and outfit coordinator
- Stage performances
- Health and fitness

If you have any questions, please contact us at www.paintedsky.org; www.myspace.com/northstardancers; or 503-887-0671.

Northstar Dance Company believes in the passion of the dance and encourages those who believe the same to come to the audition and represent!