

The "Rez Kitchen Tour" Slated for Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Public invited to sample dishes inspired by thousands of years of tradition and to vote for a favorite

The very first "Rez Kitchen Tour" event is a competition between chefs representing the nine Oregon Tribes, showcasing the use of local and traditional foods. (In Indian Country, the word "Rez" is often used to refer to an Indian Reservation.)

This inaugural Oregon Tribal culinary event is a cooperative project of Oregon's nine Tribes with initial funding from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund and support from Chinook Winds Casino

Resort and the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation. The competition will be held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Nov. 19-20, 2009.

A private, panel-judged competition will take place Nov. 19. On Nov. 20, starting at 10 a.m., the public is invited to observe chefs demonstrating preparation of dishes and to taste the various chefs' creations so they may vote for a favorite. Voting closes at 3 p.m. Event winners for both the judged and People's Choice awards will be announced at 4 p.m. on

Nov. 20. Admission to the tasting on Nov. 20 is free and open to all ages.

The Rez Kitchen Tour was developed from the work of the Oregon Tribal Tourism Working Group, which has previously cooperated with Travel Oregon and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to develop several Visitor Guide publications and other projects.

A vendor area will be available to Native American food vendors, Tribal restaurants, resorts, food outlets and advocacy

or sponsor groups. A significant outcome of this event is to encourage new and innovative use of Tribal foods and flavors, as well as make connections with Tribal and Indian food suppliers across Oregon and the Northwest.

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Music and Culture Go Hand-in-Hand at Native American Arts Festival

Chinook Winds is proud to sponsor the second annual Native American Arts Festival on Nov. 20-22, 2009, in the casino showroom.

American Indian artisans will be on hand to showcase their work. The show is free to the public and open to all ages.

Robert Mirabal, a phenomenal American Indian dancer and entertainer, will perform in the showroom Nov. 20 from

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 21 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mirabal has won many honors, including two Native American Artist of the Year awards, three Songwriter of the Year awards, Best Male Artist of the Year in 2007, a 2006 Grammy Award for Sacred Ground and again in 2008 for Johnny Whitehorse Totemic Flute Chants, Best Native American Album of the Year.

His 2001 breakthrough PBS musical production, *Music from a Painted Cave*, remains a benchmark of American Indian musical expression. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with this award-winning artist and hear readings from his new book.

Singer/songwriter Karen Therese (Checotah) will perform selections from her upcoming CD on Nov. 21 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Therese's performances will be accompanied by the Traditional Children's Group from the Warm Springs Tribe and American Indian traditional dancers Gerry Rainingbird and Donnetta Squiemphe, also from Warm Springs.

This event offers a terrific opportunity for the public to view American Indian craftwork, original paintings, handmade baskets, jewelry and beadwork.

Comedy on the Coast Performers Will Bring You to Tears

Kivi Rogers, Benny Ricardo and Lang Parker will bring you to tears at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Nov. 27-28 during Comedy on the Coast.

Kivi Rogers has performed at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colo., after which he landed a development deal with Castle Rock Entertainment to star in his own sitcom.

He appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* in 1998 and also has appeared on such shows as *The West Wing*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *Diagnosis Murder* and *Dharma and Greg*.

Kivi also appeared in the Mira Sorvino, Lisa Kudrow feature film *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*. This is a comedian you won't want to miss.

When Benny Ricardo takes the stage, members of the audience may recognize him as a place kicker during his 11 years in the NFL.

Ricardo has been playing comedy clubs across the country for decades, including the Playboy Club, and has opened for Judy Tenuta as well as other well-known comedians.

Lang Parker gained national attention on the Emmy-nominated NBC hit show *Last Comic Standing*. Since then, she won California's Funniest Female Contest in 2008.

Parker has spent time entertaining our troops overseas. She entertains audiences with her real-life stories of a Wisconsin girl trying to deal with the glitz of Hollywood.

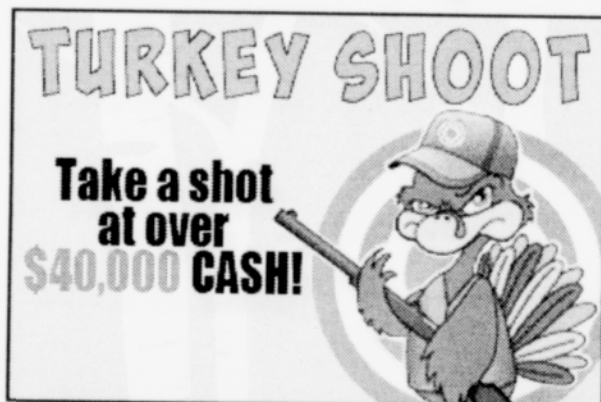
Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Take a Shot at Cash with Turkey Shoot

We'll draw for three contestants on Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. through Nov. 19. All three contestants will team up and each will take three shots at the turkey board.

The combined number of roast turkeys bagged determines how much cash all three take home. As an added bonus, each contestant gets a decoy. We'll spin the bonus decoy wheel and the contestant who matches gets an extra \$250 in Sand Dollars slot play!

It's easy to collect entries; just drop by the Winners Circle every day during the Turkey Shoot promotion. Then play in the casino and receive even more entries!



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