

Famed flutist to perform at COCC March 11



Native American flutist, educator and story teller, R. Carlos Nakai, will appear March 11 at the Pinckney Center for Performing Arts on the

Central Oregon Community College campus. The performance begins at 8 p.m. and all are welcome.

Nakai's music is heavily influenced by his personal tribal stories and the history of his culture. Over the past two decades, Nakai has melded his classical training with his expertise on the cedar flute to form a complex, sophisticated sound that covers the spectrum of musical genres including jazz, piano and guitar collaborations, and classical music. He also is a pioneer in integrating Native American flute with electronic technology such as synthesizers and digital delay. Nakai crafts his own flutes and views each of them as "a sound sculpture, a piece of art that also creates sound."

While Nakai may not have been "born to the flute", it was curiosity about his heritage that led him to it. Along the way, he relied more on research and innovation and less on his Navajo-Ute heritage. The Dine' had a strong flute playing tradition,

although it was lost when they migrated from the Northwest Plains of Canada to the Southwest.

A Canyon Records recording artist, Nakai's collaboration effort in 1994, "Ancestral Voices", was nominated for a Grammy award for best traditional folk album. A prolific artist, during one 12-month period, Nakai recorded over eight albums and in all, has 23 albums in commercial distribution.

As a part of an on-going campaign to promote and explore cultural diversity, this event is jointly sponsored by the Associated Students at Central Oregon Community College, COCC's office of Student Life and with help from the Native American Student Union of COCC.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$8 for students. Tickets will be available in Bend at the Curiosity Shoppe and Boomtown Records and in Warm Springs at the COCC office at the Education Center.

Third Annual Children's Art show begins March 15

Creative drawings, pottery, masks and other artwork will be featured in the Third Annual Warm Springs Community Children's Art Show set for March 15, 1996 through May 27, 1996 in the Museum At Warm Springs Changing Exhibit Gallery.

The public is invited to the show's opening reception scheduled Thursday, March 14, 1996 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Museum's lobby area. Students, parents, teachers and community members are especially encouraged to attend to get a sneak preview of the event.

The show features Native American student artwork from schools in the 509-J School District. The annual event gives students from preschool through high school an opportunity to showcase their art.

The current show in the Changing Exhibit Gallery, "Quilters of the Wasco, Warm Springs, Paiute," ends March 8, 1996. For more information contact The Museum at (541) 553-3331.

Fashion Show will feature traditional and modern attire

"Traditional Treasures Through Time," a fashion show featuring both traditional and contemporary regalia is scheduled Saturday, March 16,

1996 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at The Museum At Warm Springs.

The fashion show will feature traditional antique outfits, contemporary fashion outfits, powwow regalia, along with Indian cowboy/cowgirl outfits. Local, regional and international regalia will be featured. Event coordinators are Museum Education/Outreach Coordinator Jeanne Thomas and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal member Bridgette Scott.

For more information contact Jeanne Thomas at The Museum at 553-3331.

Staff is updating its mailing list

Because of the increase in mailing costs, The Museum At Warm Springs staff is updating its mailing list and is asking all local box holders and others to please notify The Museum, if one wants to remain on the mailing list.

The Museum staff is asking people to call or return the following form to the Museum with a correct mailing address to continue to receive Museum mailings. If someone is not currently receiving mailing but would like to, then also notify The Museum by telephone call or return the form.

For more information, call The Museum at 541-553-3331.

Reminder

The submissions deadline for The Museum At Warm Springs Tribal Member Art Show is Friday, April 26, 1996.

The show is scheduled June 3, 1996 through September 20, 1996.

For information call The Museum at 553-3331.

Senior Day set for May 2

The sixth annual Warm Springs Honor Seniors Day will be held Thursday, May 2, 1996 at the Agency Longhouse. The popular event, which draws hundreds from throughout the northwest, was moved from March to May so as to eliminate conflicts with other senior events and to avoid possible bad weather. This year's event coincides with the National Seniors Health and Fitness Month. The theme for this year's Day is "Hooray for Hollywood!" Individuals are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Hollywood movie star.

Hooray for Hollywood!

Following is the day's schedule:

- 8 a.m. Registration
- 10 a.m. ECE Children's Powwow
- 11:30 Flag Ceremony, welcome and sack lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Special Awards and games galore
- 5 p.m. Festive Honor Dinner
- 7 p.m. Hollywood Style Powwow with special entertainment and numerous fun events.

Contributions for dinner are encouraged. \$2 for those under 60 and \$.50 for those under 12.

Special dance performances will be featured throughout the day. Participants are encouraged to bring something soft on which to sit as seating is wooden bleachers.

Vendors' sales must benefit senior citizens, either individual or programs.

For further information, call the Warm Springs Senior program at 553-3313.

Suggestion boxes placed in area

Suggestions boxes have been placed out in the community for your convenience to voice your concerns with the various branch of operations. Please feel free to submit your concerns, comments or issues you would like to see addressed by the Management Team. You may also include compliments if you like!!

Your input is important to the Team and would help us correct, improve or develop strategy in the services provided to you as a Tribal Member or an employee of the Confederated Tribes. You may submit suggestions anonymously or include your name if you would like a personal response. The issues could be addressed in the Spilyay Tymoo for input from the community.

Also, public meetings will be offered through the year for the community to present their concerns or share ideas on improving our services to you.

Title IX to meet March 12

The Title IX Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at 7 p.m. A report will be given on the efforts to improve student attendance at WSE and on the success of the full day Kindergarten program.

Tribes, CRITFC meet to discuss variances

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, provided testimony on February 16 in support of a variance of Oregon state water quality standards that would allow sufficient water to be spilled over dams to assist juvenile salmon migration to the Pacific Ocean. When spill is used, the young salmon do not go through turbines where many of them are injured or killed.

Variances were requested by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. They involve modifying the states Total Dissolved Gas Standard for the mainstem Columbia River to allow for gas saturation levels above 110 percent for a number of spills between March 14, 1996 and August 31, 1996.

These variances are necessary because when water is spilled over dams it traps nitrogen, a gaseous chemical, from the air and creates concentrations higher than are normally found in the river's water.

When young salmon are exposed to very high levels of dissolved nitrogen for prolonged periods, they can develop gas bubble trauma, a condition similar to "the bends" that divers experience. Critics of spill have claimed that even very low concentrations of dissolved nitrogen pose extreme risks to juvenile salmon and have advocated the use barges to transport juvenile salmon past the hydrosystem.

Joining tribal speakers were representatives of Oregon and Idaho fish and wildlife departments, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Fish Passage Center, the Northwest Sportsfishing Industry Association, Trout Unlimited, Idaho Rivers United, Oregon Trout and the Oregon Natural Resources Council who testified at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality hearing on the fallacy of that claim. In fact, tribal representatives requested that the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) approve levels of total dissolved gas even higher than requested by the federal agencies.

"We do not make this recommendation lightly," said Jim Griggs, speaking on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "The importance of salmon to the tribes cannot be overstated. If we thought the threat of gas bubble trauma was even remotely similar to the threat posed by passage through turbines and barges, we would not be here today."

In addition, the tribes asked the EQC to assist them in urging the Army Corps of Engineers to improve operations, including the installation of flip lips, in order to reduce levels of total dissolved gas. "The Commission can also take a leadership role by calling on the Corps to fully fund and implement a good monitoring program to ensure that spill is done safely and effectively," said Raphael Bill, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee member. "You can call on the Corps to make the design and structural changes that can reduce any potential gas problems from spill."

FSA program aims to help farmers

Sam Brown of the Jefferson County FSA Office announced recently that the Farm Service Agency has been authorized to implement the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and in Jefferson County. The ECP program is to be used to rehabilitate farmlands damaged by recent flooding. Funds are to provide cost share assistance to eligible agricultural producers who have suffered severe damage to their farmland that will be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is needed.

The Jefferson County FSA Committee has implemented the program and the following ECP practices will be available:

- * Removing debris from farmlands
- * Grading, shaping or releveling farmland and re-establishing vegetative cover.

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- * Restoring permanent fences
- * Restoring structures

The Jefferson County FSA Committee decided that to qualify each producer must have suffered at least \$400 of flood damage to be eligible for cost-share assistance.

Producers wanting to apply should call 475-3869 to make an appointment. Applications will be taken at the FSA office in Madras. In March the Farm Service Agency will be in the tribal Natural Resources office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to take applications. Producers who request assistance and begin restoration work must understand that cost share under ECP will be contingent upon necessary funds becoming available as there currently is no money for this program. Don't forget you must make application before starting any work. The deadline to apply is April 30, 1996.

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Title IX meetings are open to all

members of the public. The committee meets at 7 p.m. at the WSE Library on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192 if you have any questions.

Powwow canceled; girls continue to sell raffle tickets

The 1996 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow and Sovereignty Celebration was canceled this year due to flooding.

There was a strong message in the flood and rains. It is an old Indian tradition that we mourn one full year when we lose a loved one. We lost a beloved elder who was the founder of the powwow late last year when Matilda passed on. Additionally, the powwow committee chairman Pierson Mitchell was in mourning and coordinator Rudy Clements has been ill and could not attend this year's event.

The powwow will be held next February with added money and three specials. We expect the 1997 powwow to be bigger and better than ever.

Junior and senior queen candidates continue to sell raffle tickets with the drawing scheduled for Root Feast Sunday at the Simnasho Longhouse. (The date for Root Feast has not yet been set.) The queens will be crowned during feast weekend. Senior queen candidates are Barbie Jackson, Edna David and Crystal Scott. Valerie Suppah and Larita Greene are junior queen candidates.



Edna David and Barbie Jackson are senior queen candidates for the Lincoln's Birthday powwow.



Crystal Scott is a candidate for the senior queen.



Larita Greene and Valerie Suppah are candidates for the junior queen title. All girls will continue to sell tickets until Root Feast, later this spring.

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Items include: Pendleton blanket, Pendleton coat, Bike, Fringe shawl, Buckskin vest, Ribbon shirt, Shell dress, Hand drum, Quilt, \$100 cash (two), \$50 cash (two), \$25 cash.

Need not be present to win.