

Tribal Flutist Nominated for Indie "New Age" Award

■ Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach at the top of his game.

By Smoke Signals Staff

Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf's CD release, *A New Day*, was a finalist for the best New Age album in the 5th Annual Independent Music Awards (IMA).

The IMA awards give heightened visibility to artists who work without the marketing power of major labels. Winners are selected from thousands of submissions from around the world representing the growing presence of the independent music community.

Looking Wolf was previously nominated for Best Native Flute Recording by the Milwaukee, WI-based Indian Summer Music Awards (ISMA) in 2004 and 2005, and for Best Blues and Jazz Artist at the Native American Music Awards (NAMMYS) in 2004. His music is a contemporary blend of traditional native flute with a broad range of accompaniment such as acoustic guitars, world percussion, and classical piano. Looking Wolf's website is at www.lookingwolf.com.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by the IMA," said Looking Wolf. "The CD (*A New Day*) is really about cultures coming together, the old and the new. After all, music is a gift to all people."

Established in 1999 by the New Jersey-based Music Resource Group, the Independent Music Awards continue to highlight the best music and graphic designs produced by and for indie artists.

This year's judging panelists included industry artists and professionals including Norah Jones, Melissa Etheridge, Joe Perry, Bill Wyman, and George Clinton.

Category winners for the IMA can be viewed and heard at www.MusiciansAtlas.com, and for the ISMA winners, go to www.indian-summer.org.

Forgetting the awards for a moment, Looking Wolf said that his goals have already been realized. "I just want to play music," he said. ■



Looking Wolf

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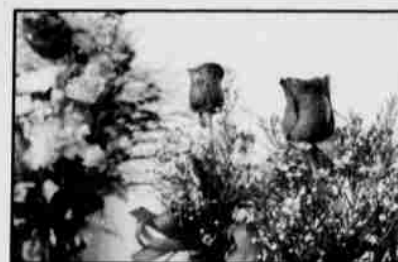
Legend in Front of Legends—

The statue of Martha Jane Sands was moved from the main casino entrance to the Legends' lobby Monday, February 6. Tribal members Bobby Mercier, Mike Cook, Ryan Korn and Tribal Council member Jack Giffen, Jr. all helped to successfully relocate the statue. Martha Jane was moved due to the high number of customers that congest the front lobby each day.



Candy, Flowers and Sweet

Things — Members of St. Michael's Catholic Church, including Tribal member Leonette Galligher, were on hand at the Governance Building on Valentine's Day selling baked goods, handmade crafts and flowers. Here, Galligher shows off a Gardenia for that special someone.



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Heart of Red — On Friday, February 3, the Wellness Department celebrated the national "Go Red For Women Day" by taking blood pressures of Elders, community members and employees. (Left) Registered Nurse Shirley Walkhoff spearheaded the event and asked that members of the community wear red for this special day. "Go Red For Women" is a national campaign

to increase awareness of heart disease in women. Heart disease is the number one killer of women today. (Above) Prevention Counselor Pearl Mekemson takes Tribal Elder Louise Coulson's blood pressure.