

Reibach receives three Native American Music Awards nods

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Tribal member Jan Looking Wolf Reibach received three Native American Music Awards nominations when they were announced Thursday, Sept. 7, in New York City.

Reibach was nominated as Flutist of the Year for his contemplative compact disc “Ascension,” which was released earlier this year. In addition, the Looking Wolf Band of Brothers was nominated for Duo/ Group of the Year and the video filmed for the CD’s title track was nominated for Best Music Video – Performance.

The Looking Wolf Band of Brothers on “Ascension” included guitarist Nathan Myers, percussionist George Bobnett and guitarist/ flutist Tim Yett.

“Ascension” is Reibach’s 18th release. The three new nominations bring his total to 27 Native American Music Awards nods over the last 14 years. He has won four times.

“This is a great honor to be nominated among such talented Native American musicians,” Reibach said. “Through the process of recording ‘Ascension,’ I really reconnected with why I make music to begin with. It’s to share love and inspiration in a good way. This is a gift to be able to share it on an international level.

“From the beginning, my music is inspired by our Tribe. These nominations belong to every Grand Ronde Tribal member. It is a blessing to stand with you.”



Jan Looking Wolf Reibach



Ascension album cover

“Ascension” marked Reibach’s return to recording music after his December 2015 retirement.

The 17th annual Native American Music Awards will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Seneca Niagara Events Center in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

General public voting on the nominees is open at www.surveymonkey.com/r/NATIVEMUSICAWARDS. Public voting will determine the winner of each category.

Music tracks from all nominees also are featured at the awards’ website www.NAMALIVE.com. ■

Board seeking younger veterans

The Tribal Veterans Special Event Board is recruiting younger veterans – Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans – to join.

“Our committee is getting older,” said Veterans SEB Chairman Steve Bobb Sr., who is a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran.

Members of the Special Event Board attend events as flag carriers and represent the Tribe and their branch of service. Veterans interested in volunteering should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org. ■

Gift Making Workshop



All are invited !!

Join in and help make giveaway gifts for events the Tribe host’s throughout the year.

Main events: Plankhouse Birthday Celebration, Round Dance, Canoe Journey, Youth Powwow’s, Elder’s Honor day and Cultural Exchanges.

This is a wonderful way to be a part of our tradition of giving, creating gifts filled with good thoughts and blessings for our fellow Tribal Families and guests.

Dinner provided

September 14th

September 28th

October 19th

October 26th

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Location: the Tribal Community Center

(the workshop will be a year round event, future dates will be advertised at a later date)

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For more information or questions contact Mercedes Jones at 503-879-2282 or mercedes.jones@grandronde.org or April Johnson at april.johnson@willamina.k12.or.us

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