

Reibach receives lifetime achievement honor from Global Music Awards

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Grand Ronde Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach has received the Odyssey Award for lifetime achievement in music from the La Jolla, Calif.-based Global Music Awards.

The award was announced on the Global Music Awards' website on Wednesday, July 15. He joins film composer Alan Williams and jazz bassist Ron Carter, who have previously won the award.

"Jan's talent, creativity, quality of his work and generous contributions to other musicians are unique in the field of music," Global Music Awards' website states. "We appreciate his insistence on using and supporting the many skilled crafters of Native American-style flutes. Jan has been a pivotal force in promoting and sharing both traditional and new Native American music in America and around the world."

Reibach, 54, has released 25 full-length albums, as well as hundreds of singles and solo works. His recordings have garnered more than 70 awards, multiple Native American Music Awards honors and he has been inducted into the One World Music Radio Hall of Fame.

"Looking Wolf has pioneered a trail into new areas for the Native American flute that spans musical genres, including country, folk, rock, new age, classical, blues, jazz and even a solo on a rap/hip hop album. He has collaborated with dozens of other renowned Native American music recording stars in the studio and live on stage," states the Global Music Awards' website. "Over the years, he has recorded music for several causes, including social justice, youth drug and alcohol prevention, children's cancer research, global fracking, homelessness and much needed help for victims of natural disasters."

"For me, music without purpose is like paint without a canvas," Reibach said. "As an Indigenous person, I always feel close with my ancestors. However, as a human being I feel connected to Mother Earth, Father Sky and everyone in between. The purposes of my music is to help inspire healing, peace and harmony for all people of the world. After all, regardless of



Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach

our ethnicity, we are all indigenous to the Earth, and in that way we belong to one Tribe together."

In addition to his musical output, Reibach instructs classes in Native American flute in the Music Department at Oregon State University in Corvallis and is the author of two published books centered on the Native American flute.

"I've had the unique privilege of years of listening to hundreds of musical traditions around the world," said Global Music Awards founder Dr. Thomas Baker. "For those of us who live in North America, Native American music is our most undervalued original art form. The cultural bias fostered by Hollywood movies and television about Native Americans and their music was never accurate and does not credit the dynamic, diverse nature of traditional and contemporary Native American music. It's accurate to say that most Americans do not understand the depth of traditional Native American music, nor have they heard the contemporary music of exceptional artists like Jan Michael Looking Wolf."

Reibach, who combines Kalapuyan and Irish ancestry, also works for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde as its Lands Department manager.

To read more, visit <http://www.globalmusicawards.com/Odyssey.html>. ■

ELECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Election Ordinance at the June 10, 2020, Tribal Council meeting. The Tribal Council then adopted, on an emergency basis, additional amendments to the Election Ordinance at the June 24, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The purpose of the proposed amendments adopted on June 10, 2020, was to protect voters during the 2020 Tribal Council election due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Protective measures included: (1) limiting the election to vote by absentee ballot only which must be returned by mail or dropped in the designated ballot boxes by Election Day; (2) providing that the Tribal Community Center polling location will be closed; (3) reducing the required weekly Election Board office staffing from 20 hours to 15 hours during the election process and (4) expiring on Sept. 30, 2020. The temporary amendments were to apply only to the 2020 Tribal Council election.

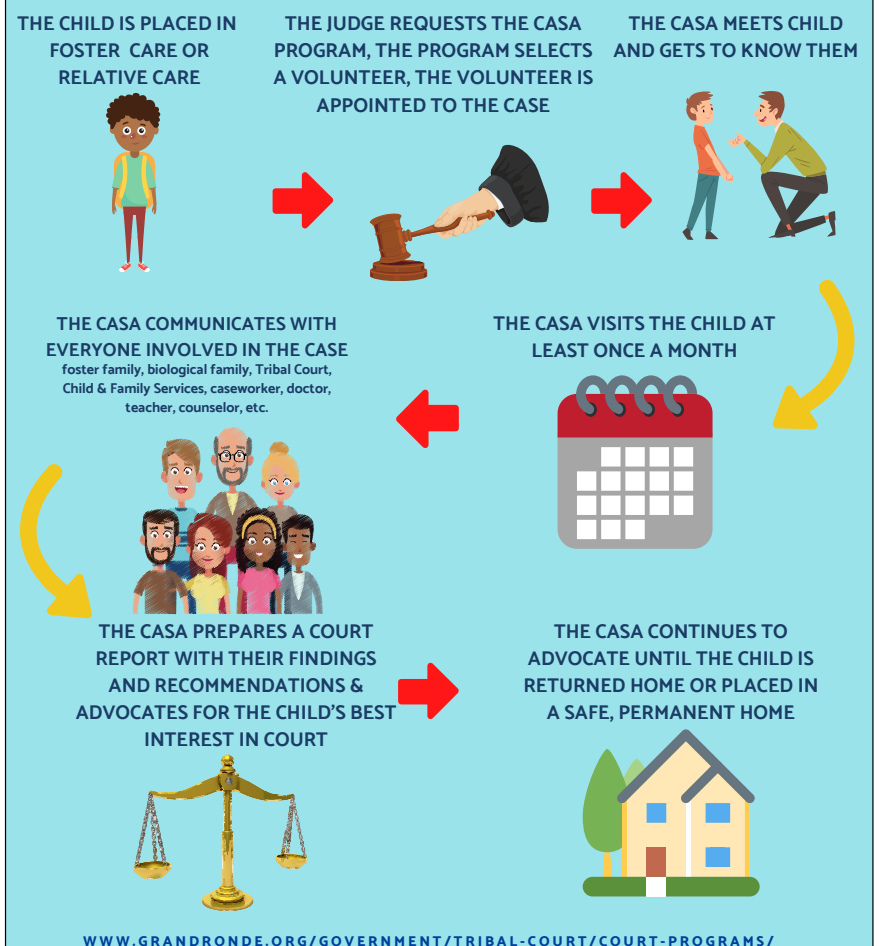
After further discussion, it was decided that the standard Tribal Council election voting process, with appropriate COVID-19 mitigation, would be the best course of action. The purpose of the proposed amendments adopted on June 24, 2020, was to remove the temporary 2020 Tribal Council election voting process provisions and return to the standard voting process, including the Tribal Community Center polling location, but allow the reduction in the required weekly Election Board office staffing from 20 hours to 15 hours during this election process. These temporary amendments apply only to the 2020 Tribal Council election.

Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Election Ordinance that were adopted on an emergency basis. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Aug. 15, 2020.

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