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Reimagining Our Stories: Storytelling in the 21st Century

**15th ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT IDYLLWILDARTS**

*Summer events are open to the public free of charge (\*see workshop charges below)*

 **(Idyllwild, CA) JUNE 2014**—For the 15th consecutive year, Idyllwild Arts will bring the rich cultural foundation of Native American Arts to the public with its Native American Art Festival, held the week of July 4th. This year’s theme (*Reimagining Our Stories: Storytelling in the 21st Century*) will challenge the power stories - both traditional and modern - have to ignite change with collaborative, collective action.

Through the Michael Kabotie lecture series, daily food tastings, exhibitions, demonstrations, and films (as well as informal discussions with visiting scholars, tribal elders and Native American artists); the Festival engages a broad spectrum of society, participants from all walks of life, and a diverse audience of Native and non-Native people from all over the nation, and the world.  Long held beliefs of Native American art and culture are examined and alternative ideas and possibilities are presented in a beautiful, pristine landscape.

In addition to a full calendar of events **(open to the public free of charge)**, there are intensive one-day to one-week workshops teaching traditional and contemporary Native American art-making techniques such as Northwest Coast Cooking & Food Culture, Cahuilla and Haida Basketry, Navajo and Hopi Jewelry, Hopi-Tewa, Santa Clara and Cahuilla Pottery, the Use of Native plants, and Chumash Stone Carving. Instructors are Native American master artists. \*Tuition for the workshops range from $175 to $725.

“Contemporary Native expression is being censored by the absence of its progressive and experimental voices,” says Consultant Joe Baker (Delaware Tribe). “The Idllywild Arts program is a platform for the traditional and an experimental lab for the new; attempting what is rare.” See [www.idyllwildarts.org/nativearts](http://www.idyllwildarts.org/nativearts)

 or call 851-659-2171 ext. 2365 for information and a schedule of events.

Located in the San Jacinto Mountains - just two hours east of Los Angeles - IdyllwildARTS offers a fully accredited, boarding arts high school **Academy**, and an extensive **Summer Program** with 100-plus intensive hands-on workshops for students of all ages. The Academy, opened in 1986 offers majors in music, dance, theatre, visual arts, writing, filmmaking and Inter-Arts. With a 200-acre campus; extensive studio, exhibition and performance spaces; and a notable faculty; IAF also has a history of visiting artists such as Ansel Adams, Meredith Wilson, Bella Lewitzky, Fritz Scholder, Maria Martinez, Pete Seeger, and Norman Corwin.

Special thanks goes to the 2014 Native American Festival sponsors which include: San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Cahuilla Band of Indians and Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations.

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**FESTIVAL WEEK EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

6:30 p.m. Native American Radio Show: Live Taping

**MONDAY, JUNE 30**

7 p.m. Gallery Talk:
            Scott Andrews, Skawennati, Mario Martinez,
*Art as Story*

8 p.m. Invitational Exhibition,
             *New Stories from Native America*
             Opening/Reception

**TUESDAY, JULY 1**

12–1 p.m. Kabotie Lecture Series:
                   Matika Wilbur,
                   *Stories Through Photographs*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**

12–1 p.m. Kabotie Lecture Series:
                    David Treuer,
*Writing Indian Life/Indian Writing Life*

**THURSDAY, JULY 3**

12–1 p.m. Kabotie Lecture Series:
                 Deana Dartt, *Removing the Middle-Man:
                 Integrating Native American Object Stories
                 into Museum Interpretation*

7 p.m.  Film Night

**FRIDAY, JULY 4**

7 p.m. Performances:
              Mt. Cahuilla Bird Singers
              Git Hayetsk Northwest Coast Intertribal
              Dance Group

**SATURDAY, JULY 5**

8 a.m. Hopi-Tewa Pottery Firing, Mark Tahbo
      Santa Clara Pottery Firing, Nathan Youngblood