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American Indian Heritage Month Program

“Celebrating Our Past, Creating Our Future”

Snake Dancer
Alabaster and Wood
George Hill (Spokane)

November 21, 2002
10:00 a.m.
Sidney Yates Auditorium
Main Interior Building

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Della Warrior
Otoe-Missouria

President
Institute of American Indian Arts

Ms. Warrior brought over 30 years of professional experience in Administration and Development to her role of President of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), when she assumed this position in early 1998. She was IAIA’s Development Director for over four years prior to assuming the presidency. In both capacities, she has raised over $9.5 million for the establishment of IAIA’s new permanent home. In her five years as President, she has led the Institute to full accreditation for its two-year and four-year academic programs.

The first and only woman elected as Chairperson and to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Ms. Warrior completed her undergraduate work at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where she majored in Sociology. She received a Master of Arts Degree from Harvard University’s School of Education and has 40 credits toward her Doctoral Degree in Educational Administration from the University of New Mexico.

Ms. Warrior has extensive experience in education within Native American communities. She has served as a Consultant and Educational Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and several tribes and national organizations. As Director of Indian Education for the Albuquerque Public Schools, she was successful in substantially reducing the percentage of Native children who were performing under the average grade point level. Her innovations led to the development of the first Upward Bound project designed exclusively for Native American junior high school students. She is a Board Member of the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institute, and of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. In July 2002 she was appointed to President Bush’s Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities. She is a Chartering member of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium, also established in July 2002. Ms. Warrior has also served on the boards of many other organizations committed to Native American youth, women, law and education.

PROGRAM

Traditional Plains Flute Music
Geraldine Barney (Navajo)
IAIA Alumnus

Welcome
Phil Hogen (Ogala Lakota)
Associate Solicitor-Indian Affairs

Master of Ceremony
Vietnam Era Veterans
Inter-Tribal Association

Presentation of Colors
Black Bear Singers

Flag Song & Veterans Song
Jerry Cordova (Taos & Teseque Pueblo)
Native American Coordinator, BLM

Opening Prayer

Traditional Navajo Song
Geraldine Barney
IAIA

Reading of President’s Proclamation & Introduction of
Keynote Speaker
Neal A. McCaleb (Chickasaw)
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

Keynote Speaker
Della Warrior (Otoe-Missouria)
President, IAIA

“Journey Song”
Written & Performed by
Geraldine Barney

Closing Remarks
Neal A. McCaleb

Closing Prayer
Jerry Cordova

Retire Colors
Vietnam Era Veterans
Inter-Tribal Association

Food tasking following the program in the South Penthouse

Visit the IAIA 40th Anniversary Celebration Art Exhibition in the DOI Museum