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FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHTS NATIVE ART, DRESS, DANCE

MISSOULA --

A festival of American Indian art, fashion and dance will get the limelight at various Missoula venues Thursday and Friday, April 25-26, in conjunction with the Kyi-Yo Powwow.

"A Cultural Exchange: Success Through Entertainment and the Arts," sponsored by The University of Montana—Missoula Chapter of the American Indian Business Leaders, will feature professional native dancing and works by more than a dozen Indian artists from around the country.

An art show is scheduled Thursday and Friday at the Monte Dolack Gallery, 139 W. Front St.; Sutton West Gallery, 121 W. Broadway; Art Fusion, 111 N. Higgins Ave.; and the Kerting-Vick Gallery, 129 W. Front St. Participating artists will include Kenny Blackbird, Justin Clark, King Kuka, Nathan Beaudry and Bob Tail Feathers. Sutton West Gallery will host a public reception for the artists from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.

The second annual "Elaine Clayborn Memorial Fashion Show and Native American Dance Showcase" will take the stage from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in UM's Montana Theatre. Tickets, \$8 for general admission and \$6 for students and senior citizens, are available at the door and the Native American Studies Program office, 600 University Ave., 243-5831.

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