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ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN CELEBRATION AT UM APRIL 17-18

MISSOULA—

The public is invited to share in American Indian heritage and artistry during the 41st Annual Kyi-Yo Celebration at The University of Montana on Friday and Saturday, April 17-18.

This year's theme is "Walking in Two Worlds." Events kick off with a grand entry featuring dancers in traditional dress at 6 p.m. Friday in the Adams Center.

The celebration offers community members a chance to enjoy the skills of champion American Indian dancers and drummers from across the region. Dance specials that highlight different styles will be held throughout the weekend. Additional grand entry events take place at noon and at 6 p.m. Saturday.

General admission is \$5 Friday, \$8 for all day Saturday and \$5 for Saturday evening. Weekend passes can be purchased for \$12.

Earl Old Person of **Browning** and Ruben Little Head of **Lawrence, Kan.**, will serve as masters of ceremonies for the celebration. Head dancers are Buddy Omeasoo, Blackfeet, a UM student from Browning, and Whitney Top Sky, Chippewa-Cree, a UM graduate student from **Rocky Boy**.

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