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NATIVE AMERICAN ART FEATURED AT CONFERENCE

MISSOULA--

Native American culture and art will be featured at the 13th Annual Kyi-Yo Conference Thursday through Saturday, April 30-May 2, on the University of Montana campus. All events and exhibits are free to the public.

Based on the theme "Native American Culture Expressed through Art," the conference will include a Native American art show, film review, concert, cultural demonstrations, panel of speakers, dance contests and pow wow.

More than 50 artists will display their work in the art show which will be exhibited from April 30 to May 3 in the Southgate Mall shopping center. The show will be co-sponsored by a grant from the Montana Arts Council.

An exhibition honoring artist Al Whiteman will continue through May 2 in the UM University Center Art Gallery located on the second floor of the center.

The concert will feature Phil Lucas, Seattle, Wash., composer, vocalist and filmmaker, from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 1, in the University Center Ballroom.

Cultural exhibits and workshops will include demonstrations of Native American sign language, art slide shows, Indian quillwork, dance and poetry by Native American artists in the University Center Montana rooms and Ballroom. Phil Lucas, Seattle, Wash., producer of the television series "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," will discuss the series and speak on "Images of the Native American Through the Native Eye."

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Speakers at the conference events will include Tex Wounded Face, a Mandan-Hidatsa sculptor from Boise, Idaho; Kim Snyder, curator of the Idaho State Historical Museum in Boise; Doug Allard, St. Ignatius, art dealer and museum curator; Roberta Haines, Seattle, director of the Ch'ah'Kwa Indian women artists' cooperative; artist Arthur Amiotte and writer Vic Charlo.

The annual Kyi-Yo Pow Wow, which attracts Native American dancers, drummers and singers from throughout the western United States and Canada, will be from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday May 1 and 2 in the UM Harry Adams Fieldhouse. Traditional and fancy dance contests, tribal and honor dances will be featured at the pow wow.

The annual conference is sponsored and directed by the Kyi-Yo Club, a UM student group, with assistance from the UM Native American Studies program and the Associated Students of UM.

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