



CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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who: The Rainbow Creek Dancers
what: Performance Art from British Columbia, Canada
when: Saturday, August 5 @ 10am & 11am
where: IAIA Museum Art Park, 118 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe
cost: Free

One of Canada's premier First Nations performing arts companies, the Rainbow Creek Dancers of British Columbia, will be showcased in two performances at the IAIA Museum Art Park in downtown Santa Fe.

Both performances take place on Saturday, August 5. The first 30-minute performance begins at 10 am, followed by a second, 30-minute performance at 11 am. Both shows are free to the public.

Traditional Haida dances such as the Salmon Dance, Shark Dance and Raven Dance are among the half-dozen works presented by The Rainbow Creek Dancers in their performances. Headdresses, costumes and traditional Haida songs characterize the elements of the company's presentations.

Company founder, Robert Davidson, named his performance art group in honor of a creek that flows through the Haida village of Masset on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Through the guidance of Haida elders such as Florence Edenshaw Davidson, Robert's grandmother, these important expressions of Haida history, culture and tradition have been preserved for future generations.

The IAIA Museum in downtown Santa Fe is the premier exhibiting institution for contemporary Native and Indigenous art from across North America. The Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development (IAIA) is a Congressionally chartered, multi-Tribal center of higher education dedicated to the preservation, study, creative application and contemporary expression of American Indian and Alaska Native arts and cultures. IAIA achieves its mission through programs of higher education and outreach to students, Tribal communities and the public. IAIA is committed to quality education programs and an individual-centric approach that enrich career opportunities for students.