

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND



NARF Executive Director John Echohawk welcomes audience to 7th annual auction held August 22nd in Santa Fe at La Fonda Hotel

ART & JUSTICE UNITE TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR NATIVE RIGHTS

NARF's 7th Annual Visions for the Future Benefit Art Auction Sets a Record in Art Sales

SANTA FE, NM-2008 proved to be another banner year for NARF's annual Visions for the Future Art Auction. With more than 300 attendees and over 100 works of art for sale at the auction, NARF raised \$114,411 in art sales and donations that will directly benefit NARF's national work to defend the rights of Native peoples.

Some of the hottest and most respected artists in the Indian art world contributed one-of-a-kind artwork to the auction to support NARF. A range of businesses and tribes also contributed auction items this year. Art sales totaled \$49,064-a new record for NARF besting

last year's record. In addition, more than \$63,000 was raised through major event sponsorships and individual contributions to NARF's event from tribes, businesses and supporters from across the country.

Major highlights of the event included major bidding wars on several pieces including a lithograph by Rance Hood that drew a winning bid by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The piece went for more than three times its value. Nearly every item sold by the end of the night making it a truly a special and successful night to benefit the rights of Native Peoples!



Live Auction

A Native model displays an original ledger art piece by renowned Blackfeet artist Terence Guardipee that was auctioned off during the NARF Live Auction.

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NARF Supporters Help Make Auction One of the Most Successful Ever

Top Left: Grammy-winner Micki Free gets the winning bid on a custom guitar made by Eric Ginsburg and Rance Hood; Center: Donating artists Daniel Jim & Janice Black Elk; Bottom: NARF National Support Committee members Nancy & Wayne Ross with donating artist Stephanie Sorbell. Far right: Members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida delegation who came out in force to support NARF's auction!
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Featured Artist Brent Greenwood, Kimberly MacLoud, Micki Free & the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Na Na Ping, Rance Hood, Eric Ginsburg, Michael Horse, Billy Soza Warsoldier, Eddie Running Wolf, Bunky Echo-Hawk, David Bernie, Terence Guardipee, Hans Rose, Ryan Red Corn, Leonard Benari, Shirley Miolla, Julian Spalding, Chris Pappan, Amado Pena, Kathleen Senzell, Kim Knifechief, Lillian Feldpunsch, Luz-Maria Lopez, Jean Bowerman, Brett Lee Shelton, Thayne Hake, Jesse Hummingbird, Sonny Howell III, Glenda Loretto, Janice Black Elk & Daniel Jim, Michael Roanhorse, J.D. Rhynes, Glenn Booker, Cara McDonald, Votan, Niki Lee, Alyssa Macy, Consuelo Lucero, Diana Lucero, Andrea Hill, Joy Orcutt, Sybil Amber, Joanelle Romero, Andrew Rodriguez, John Gonzales, Fernando Benally, Liz Nicholas, Natasha Wagner, Monty Singer, Rollie Grandbois,

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Visions for the Future: Investing in Indian Country & Ensuring Our Future

SANTA FE, NM-NARF hosted its 2nd annual "Visions for the Future Reception and Dinner" on August 21st, the night before its 7th annual auction. Attendees included tribal, philanthropic and business leaders from around the country. This year's signature sponsor was Eagle Opportunity, an alliance of American Indian Financial Professionals. The dinner was also sponsored by Milberg LLP, who generously helped support NARF's event for the second year in a row.

The theme for this year's dinner was "Investing in Indian Country and Ensuring Our Future." The goal for the evening was to promote cooperation, investment and support between Native businesses, organizations and tribes in order to help strengthen tribal sovereignty, protect Native rights and promote self-sufficiency and the well being of Native peoples.

In line for the theme of the night, Eagle Opportunity representative Lynn Dee Rapp announced during her remarks the

national launch of Eagle Opportunity's "Buy Native" Campaign.

Conroy Chino of the Native Group served as Master of Ceremonies and Milberg LLP attorney and representative Carla Fredericks also made remarks that included strong encouragement and support for NARF's ongoing work for Native rights.

Richard Bowers, President of the The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. delivered the keynote address. President Bowers talked about the incredible success of the Seminole Tribe's business and economic development strategies that were helping to strengthen their sovereignty and provide opportunities for Seminole Tribal Members.

NARF would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our event sponsors Eagle Opportunity and Milberg LLP as well as to our MC Conroy Chino. NARF would also like to thank Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. President, Richard Bowers, as well as the many other NARF supporters, and tribal, business and non-profit leaders who attended this event.



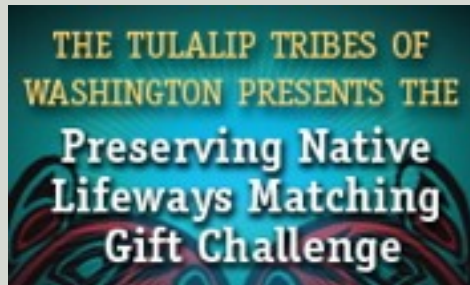
Visions for the Future

Top: Varene Martin of the Sycuan Fund & Eagle Opportunity and Jennifer Hill Kelley of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin enjoy reception. Center: Lynn Dee Rapp of SeaCrest Investment made remarks on behalf of event sponsor Eagle Opportunity. Bottom: NARF Executive Director John Echohawk at reception with Pala Band of Mission Indians Tribal Secretary Kilma Lattin and guest Korina Nejo.

Far Left: Seminole Tribe of Florida Brighton Community Representative Roger Smith, Seminole Chairman Mitchell Cypress, John Echohawk & Richard Bowers, President Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

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Preserving Native Lifeways Campaign Exceeds Its Goal for Native Rights



BOULDER, CO-In July, in an unprecedented move, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington contributed \$50,000 to NARF as a powerful way to show how tribes and Native and non-Native peoples can come together in unity.

And we have seen just that! Using this contribution, NARF and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington launched the Preserving Native Lifeways Matching Gift Challenge to raise a total of \$100,000.

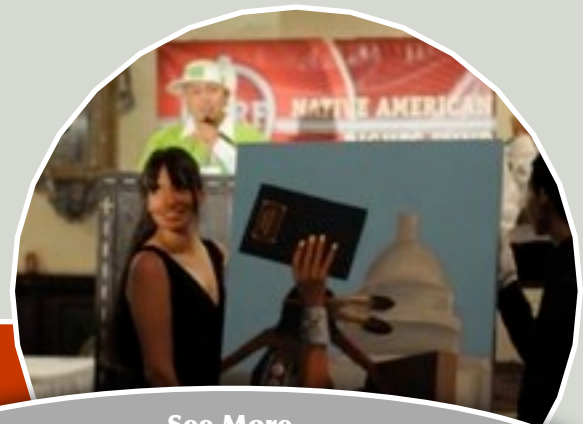
NARF was pleased to announce at our Santa Fe Benefit Art Auction that the Preserving Native Lifeways Campaign has raised \$127,560 in support of defending the rights of Native Americans, their cultural and

spiritual lifeways and the environment.

Chariman Melvin R. Sheldon of The Tulalip Tribes of Washington commented on the campaign by saying, "from the Tulalip Tribes and our Board of Directors, our hands go up to each and every contributor in this campaign. Every day our inherent right as the first people of the United States to govern ourselves, provide for our communities, and retain our cultural identity is under attack. Our collective efforts during this fundraising campaign guarantee the Native American Rights Fund's continued leadership in this battle."

We couldn't have done this without the support of our dedicated friends and supporters. Special thanks to the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin who contributed \$50,000 as well as to the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma and the Citizen Potawatami Nation who contributed \$10,000.

Thank you to each and every one of our Preserving Native Lifeways contributors for all that you have done to defend Native rights!



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