

Celebration 2006

Juneau, Alaska

June 1-3, 2006

Reflections of Our Ancestors in the Faces of Our Children

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February 16, 2006

Dear Dance Group Leader:

On Behalf of the Sealaska Heritage Institute Board of Trustees, I am please to announce that I've been appointed as the Celebration Coordinator for 2006. Please feel free to contact me for any Celebration related inquiries: (907) 586-9256, or bob.hamilton@sealaska.com . Celebration 2006 is scheduled for June 1st -3rd in Juneau, Alaska. The Heinyaa Kwáan Dancers from Klawock have been selected as the lead dance group. For updated information please review our web page at www.sealaskaheritage.org .

Enclosed you will find an application that will be used to select dance groups to perform during Celebration 2006. **The Deadline for Dance Group Applications is March 15, 2006.** If your group is interested in performing, please return the enclosed application. Applications will be reviewed by the SHI Board of Trustees Celebration Committee, and a letter of invitation will be sent out by March 31st to notify those groups who are selected.

The growing success of Celebration has resulted in increasing requests for dance group invitations. This happily demonstrates a renewed interest in our culture, however, due to the limited stage time available, we must set a priority standard for dance group selection. Thus, clan-based dance groups, established and active groups that have participated in previous Celebrations and groups that represent Southeast Native cultures will be given priority consideration. However, we continue to examine other ways to accommodate the growing number of dance participants.

When your group is selected, additional registration information will be requested such as a list of your dance members, a signed waiver of release for your group and each member, your groups arrival/departure times and any specific scheduling requests. **We will be offering a special discounted admission rate for those groups who complete their registration in advance.** Dance groups who miss the application or registration deadlines will not be eligible for the discount. Each registered group will be scheduled for two performances. Some optional performances locations may also be available.

Please remember that Celebration would not be possible without financial support from community sponsors, dance groups, and a whole network of volunteers. If you or your organization would like to contribute or volunteer please contact the Celebration Coordinator.

Thank you,

Bob Hamilton
Trustee

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Dance Group Application

Application deadline: March 15, 2006

Invitation notifications will be March 31, 2006

Celebration Coordinator: Trustee Bob Hamilton: (907) 586-9256, bob.hamilton@sealaska.com

DANCE GROUP NAME:	
ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF DANCE GROUP NAME:	
NAME OF DANCE GROUP LEADER:	(OPTIONAL) ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSON:
CONTACT ADDRESS:	2 ND CONTACT ADDRESS:
DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER:	2 ND DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER:
FAX NUMBER:	2 ND FAX NUMBER:
LOCAL CONTACT NUMBER: (DURING CELEBRATION)	2 ND LOCAL CONTACT NUMBER: (DURING CELEBRATION)
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	2 ND E-MAIL ADDRESS:
DATE/YEAR DANCE GROUP ORGANIZED:	HAS YOUR GROUP ATTENDED PREVIOUS CELEBRATIONS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> YEARS _____ NO <input type="checkbox"/>
FREQUENCY OF DANCE GROUP PRACTICES: (WEEKLY, MONTHLY, ETC)	
NUMBER OF REGULAR DANCE MEMBERS:	TYPE OF DANCE GROUP: YOUTH/SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> ADULT <input type="checkbox"/> MIXED YOUTH/ADULT <input type="checkbox"/>
TRIBE: TLINGIT <input type="checkbox"/> HAIDA <input type="checkbox"/> TSIMSHIAN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MIXED <input type="checkbox"/>	AFFILIATION: TRADITIONAL CLAN _____ VILLAGE / KWÁAN _____ MIXED CLANS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
LIST THREE MAJOR PERFORMANCES IN THE PAST YEAR: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	
DANCE GROUP DESCRIPTION: PLEASE ATTACH Briefly describe your dance group including information such as your purpose or mission statement, origin of songs performed, list of performance appearances, group history or other information relevant to the selection committee.. If selected this description will be used by the stage moderators to introduce your dance group. It may be edited for length if necessary.	

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