



Celebration 2008

Juneau, Alaska
June 5-7, 2008

Dancing on the Land

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Meelgm da lack yuub

February 1, 2008

Dear Dance Group Leader:

On Behalf of Sealaska Heritage Institute, I would like to remind you that Celebration 2008 is scheduled for June 5th -7th in Juneau, Alaska. The Mt. St. Elias Dancers from Yakutat have been selected as the lead dance group for this year! Many of you have been practicing and fundraising for months and it's now time to submit your applications. Yarrow Vaara will once again be coordinating the dance groups and scheduling, please feel free to contact her regarding any dance group related inquiries: (907) 586-9228, or yarrow.vaara@sealaska.com.

Enclosed you will find an application that will be used to select dance groups to perform during Celebration 2008. **The Deadline for Dance Group Applications is March 22, 2008.** 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 April 3rd to notify those groups who are selected to participate.

Our Board of Trustees has set a standard of selection for dance groups that represent Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian cultures. They have identified clan-based dance groups, those that focus on language revitalization, and dance groups that have a long history of Celebration participation will be given priority consideration for scheduling while maintaining a balance between tribal Nations. We also encourage participation from other Northwest Coast dance groups representing tribes neighboring our traditional boundaries and those that have a history of trade relations with Southeast Alaska. In addition, one guest group will be selected from outside our cultural region by special invitation from our Board of Trustees.

After receiving your invitation letter, additional registration information will be requested such as a list of your dance members including their Native name, tribe and clan, a signed waiver of release for your group and each individual member, your group's 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.

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 group would like to contribute or volunteer please contact Sealaska Heritage Institute. For updated information or history of this event please review the Celebration page on our website.

Thank you,

Rosita Worl
President

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Dance Group Application

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Invitation notifications will be sent by April 3, 2008

Dance Group Coordinator: Yarrow Vaara, 586-9228, yarrow.vaara@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:
TRIBE: TLINGIT <input type="checkbox"/> HAIDA <input type="checkbox"/> TSIMSHIAN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MIXED <input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH/SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/>
	ADULT <input type="checkbox"/>
	MIXED YOUTH/ADULT <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 major performance appearances, group history or other information relevant to the selection committee.. If selected, this description will also be used by the stage moderators to introduce your dance group. It may be edited for length if necessary.	

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