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Seminole Museum Hosts 13th Annual American Indian Arts Celebration (AIAC) in Big Cypress November 5-7

Indigenous Cultural Explosion in the Everglades to Feature Indian Market, Historical Artifacts, Crafts and Live Entertainment

Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, Fla. (October 13, 2010) - The Seminole Tribe of Florida Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is pleased to announce the return of the highly anticipated annual American Indian Arts Celebration (AIAC) November 5, 6 and 7. Now in its 13th year, the AIAC is rated one of the top 20 festivals in the Southeast.

On Friday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m., the festival kicks off with a special ceremony as representatives from the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Everglades Trail will officially recognize the Museum as the 21st site in the 21st century on the Everglades Trail, a driving trail that connects the places where people can have authentic experiences with the nature and culture of the Everglades.

The AIAC will feature an exciting American Indian market complete with food vendors, children's craft corner, archaeology tent, dance demonstrations, alligator wrestling, Critter Show and traditional house building demonstrations. The Indian market will showcase some of the finest native craftsmen from around the country including prize-winning Seminole artisans. Special performances, daily, will include the award-winning Yellowbird Apache Dancers, renowned Native American recording artist Martha Redbone and Seminole country music singing sensation Hank Nelson, Jr. Noted South Florida personality Shane LeMar will emcee the festivities. Attendees will also have a chance to purchase raffle tickets for prizes as well as engage in exciting hands-on activities related to craftmaking, archaeology, the environment and social networking.

The event will take place on the festival grounds across from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.

Admission is \$9 for adults; \$6 for seniors and students. Children four years and under and Museum members are free. Admission includes entrance to the event and the Museum. Parking is ample and free.

For more information on the 13th Annual AIAC please visit www.ahtathiki.com/ahtathiki-museum/american-indian-arts-celebration or contact Dorian Lange at 954-364-5204 954-364-5204 or dlange@semtribe.com.

Visit www.evergladestrail.com for more information about the significance and history of the Everglades Trail.

About the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is the tribally owned and operated cultural museum of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Situated in the Everglades on a 66-acre cypress dome in the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, the Museum offers more than 5,000 square feet of gallery space featuring rare artifacts and lifelike dioramas depicting Seminole life at the turn of the century. It is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and is located on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation north of I-75 at Exit 49.

AIAC SCHEDULE

The weekend schedule of performances (subject to change without notice) is as follows:

- 10:30 a.m. Introduction and National Anthem
- 10:45 a.m. Cowbone
- 11:15 a.m. Traditional Dance Demonstration
- 12:00 p.m. Critter Show

12:45 p.m. 2009 Seminole Star Search Winner
1:00 p.m. Martha Redbone
1:45 p.m. Raffle and Announcements
2:00 p.m. Hank Nelson, Jr.
2:45 p.m. Alligator Wrestling Show
3:30 p.m. 2010 Seminole Star Search Winner
3:45 p.m. Raffle and Announcements