



EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Fashion Show: The American Indian Influence in Fashion

Friday, October 20, 2006; 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 2006; 1:00 p.m.

U.S. Department of the Interior

WASHINGTON, DC (August 31, 2006) -- The **Indian Craft Shop** and the Interior Museum at the U.S. Department of the Interior present an unprecedented fashion show titled "**The American Indian Influence in Fashion**," showcasing nationally renowned designers and authentic American Indian clothes and accessories from multiple U.S. tribes. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

WHAT: "**The American Indian Influence in Fashion**" fashion show, showcasing traditional Native clothing; contemporary fashions with American Indian accessories; and the latest from acclaimed American Indian designers. Many featured items will be available for sale from October 18-27 at the **Indian Craft Shop**, a national source for authentic American Indian arts and crafts from more than 55 tribal areas within the United States.

WHO: Nationally renowned Native American designers **Virginia Yazzie-Ballenger (Navajo)**, **Kathy "Elk Woman" Whitman (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikaras)**, **Marian Hansson (Kiowa)** and **Red Nations Art**.

EMCEE: **Christie Findlay**, Senior Editor of **DC Style Magazine**, the official media sponsor of "The American Indian Influence of Fashion."

WHERE: **U.S. Department of the Interior (Auditorium)**; 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC. PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE TO BUILDING. Enter at 18th & C Streets, NW.

WHEN: **TWO SHOWS: Friday, October 20, 2006 at 2PM; Saturday, October 21, 2006 at 1PM.**
A reception will follow each show at the Indian Craft Shop (same building) with refreshments and the opportunity to meet the designers.

COST: **FREE!** Optional raffle to benefit the Indian Arts Education Association (\$5/ticket).

RSVP: 202.208.4056 or IndianCraftShop@guestservices.com by October 16 (for both shows)

The Indian Craft Shop, managed by Guest Services, Inc., represents authentic American Indian arts and crafts from over 55 tribal areas within the United States. The Shop has been inside the Department of the Interior since 1938 and is under historic preservation. For additional information, call 202.208.4056, email indiancraftshop@guestservices.com, or visit the website at www.indiancraftshop.com. The Shop is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For information about the **Interior Museum** and programs, call 202.208.4743.

The Indian Arts Education Association (IAEA), beneficiary of the fashion show RAFFLE, is the nonprofit arm of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association. IAEA's mission is to produce and distribute educational materials about the authentic, handmade arts and crafts of the only indigenous Native people of North America. For more information, visit www.indianartsedu.us