



The Indian Craft Shop and the Interior Museum Present THE AMERICAN INDIAN INFLUENCE IN FASHION

**The American Indian Influence in Fashion Exhibit
The Indian Craft Shop, October 18-27, 2006**

Fashion Show, October 20 & 21, 2006

**Reinventing Tradition: American Indian Design in Contemporary Clothing
A Preview, Interior Museum, October 20, 2006-March 30, 2007**

Washington, D.C. (October 3, 2006) – The Indian Craft Shop and the Interior Museum are hosting a Fashion Show during the Shop's "American Indian Influence in Fashion" exhibit. The exhibit dates are October 18th to the 27th, with a Fashion Show with featured designers scheduled for Friday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. The engaging quality of American Indian fashion and the wealth of history behind the culture shine in mainstream fashion design now more than ever. The Fashion Show will present traditional clothing and dance regalia worn by tribal members, today's fashions with American Indian jewelry and accessories worn by local Washingtonians and patrons of the Shop and . . . the very latest in designs by American Indian designers worn by local models and patrons.

There will be many special guest designers and artists on October 20th and 21st. The following will be present with clothing selections: **Virginia Yazzie Ballenger** (Navajo), **Marian "Spotted Wings" Hansson** (Kiowa), **Kathy "Elk Woman" Whitman** (Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara) and **Red Nations Art**. Other designers represented are: **Betty David** (Spokane), **Ardina Moore** (Quapaw/Osage), **Virgil Ortiz** (Cochiti), **Patta** (Choctaw), **Margaret Roach Wheeler** (Chickasaw) and **Wendell Sakiestewa** (Hopi). Clothing will be available throughout the exhibition. The jewelers who will be present include: **Michael "NaNa Ping" Garcia** (Pascua Yaqui); **Terrill O'Brien** (Mohawk), **Charlene & Frank Reano** (Santo Domingo); **Kathy "Elk Woman" Whitman** (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara) and **Gloria Yellowhorse** (Navajo).

Christie Findlay, Senior Editor of DC Style Magazine will emcee the Fashion Show. Following the show, guests can meet the talented designers at The Indian Craft Shop, where many of the featured items will be available for sale until October 27. This collection augments the Shop's regular assortment of American Indian arts and crafts from all over the United States, giving it a true niche within the DC marketplace. While the event is free, guests will have the opportunity to purchase \$5 raffle tickets to benefit the Indian Arts Education Association. The event will be held at the Department of the Interior Auditorium. RSVP required by October 16, 2006: The Indian Craft Shop, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. Call (202) 208-4056 or email IndianCraftShop@guestservices.com.

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The Indian Craft Shop, managed by Guest Services, Inc., represents authentic American Indian arts and crafts from over 45 tribal areas within the United States. Named by Native Peoples Magazine as one of the "Top Twelve Places to Buy Indian Jewelry in the Nation," the Shop has been inside the Department of the Interior since 1938 and is under historic preservation. For additional information contact: The Indian Craft Shop, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. Call (202) 208-4056 or email IndianCraftShop@guestservices.com.

While the event is free, patrons have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets from or make donations to The **Indian Arts Education Association** (IAEA). The mission of IAEA 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. IAEA is the nonprofit arm of the **Indian Arts and Crafts Association** (IACA) whose mission is to promote, preserve and protect authentic American Indian Arts and Crafts. For more information, visit www.iaca.com.