



Dear Donor,

Thank you for considering making a charitable donation to sponsor the Native Arts Expo 8. My name is Eric Wilder. I am an artist and member of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians. Throughout my career, I've held various roles in the video game industry, including animator, level designer, concept artist, storyboard artist, and character designer. Presently, I work as a graphic designer, and also as a cultural teacher.

Thank you for your valued support for the Native Arts Expo 8, which will take place on October 25th and 26th, 2024 in the heart of the beautiful coastal town of Mendocino at the Mendocino Art Center.

The Native Arts Expo is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage and artistic traditions of Indigenous communities. This event showcases the incredible creativity and talent of Native artists and provides a platform for them to share their stories, traditions, and perspectives with the wider community. Emerging and Professional artists of Indigenous art and culture, come to a place where people of all backgrounds can come together to learn, share, and appreciate the incredible beauty and creativity of traditional and contemporary Native art.

Since it's inception in 2015, the Native Arts Expo has experienced substantial growth, evolving from a small, but well attended event in 2015, into a significant event boasting over 30 artists slated to exhibit their work this year. The event is made possible through a collaborative effort between myself, and the Mendocino Art Center, who are dedicated to promoting the arts and preserving cultural heritage, and will be hosting the event at their venue this year.

To ensure the continued success of the Native Arts Expo 8, and to maintain its accessibility to the widest possible audience, we are actively seeking financial contributions from individuals and organizations that share our passion for honoring Native arts and culture. It is of paramount importance that this event remains free of charge for the exhibiting artists and the public. Your support would make a substantial contribution towards the event expenses, encompassing venue costs, artist fees, workshops, and promotional materials.

There are different levels of support to choose from and recognition will be provided at every level of support.

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As an event sponsor, we would like to acknowledge you in every Native Arts Expo promotion, including radio broadcasts, written publications, online, and social media platforms. Your logo, organization name, or individual name will also be featured in the event program.

To facilitate your contribution, the Mendocino Art Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has agreed to serve as the fiscal sponsor for the Native Arts Expo, which also means that your donation will be tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to the Mendocino Art Center, with the memo "Native Arts Expo," and mailed to the following address:

Mendocino Art Center
PO Box 765
Mendocino, CA 95460

Online donations can be made directly at: <https://www.mendocinoartcenter.org/donate>

I would like to express my profound gratitude for your time and consideration. Your partnership would play a pivotal role in fostering cultural appreciation and nurturing artistic growth in our tribal community. Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss further details or to answer any questions.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Wilder". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Eric Wilder, Event Organizer
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