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***JOURNEY TO MUTUM: A CULTURAL ENCOUNTER  
WITH THE YAWANAWÁ TRIBE OF THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON***  
**SACRED MUSIC. TRIBAL DANCE. A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT.  
EXPERIENCE THE NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN RITUALS OF THE  
YAWANAWÁ TRIBE OF THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON AS THEY JOURNEY  
FROM THEIR HOME TO BRING AN INDIGENOUS CELEBRATION THAT  
IS SURE TO TRANSPORT YOU.**

**PRESENTED BY INDIGENOUS CELEBRATION IN COLLABORATION  
WITH MIAMI THEATER CENTER AND THE SUPPORT OF THE  
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

**New York, NY (September 2016)** – Indigenous Celebration is proud to present *Journey to Mutum: a Cultural Encounter with the Yawanawá of the Brazilian Amazon*, featuring rituals never-before-seen in the United States. From deep in the Amazon forest of Acre, Brazil, eight members of the Yawanawá Tribe take a journey from their home to share their sacred songs, ancestral dance, language, and spiritual heritage. Be among the first to experience this intimate, once-in-a-lifetime encounter with a culture that lives in true harmony with nature.

The members of the Yawanawá Tribe who are participating in “Journey to Mutum” have trained with an elder named Pajé (shaman) Tata who is approximately 98 years old – and only one of two remaining elders of the tribe. Knowledge is passed down from one generation to the next through the spiritual initiation known as the “Muka Dieta”. This involves a year-long spiritual diet and several months of isolation in the forest where they train with their tribal elder – dedicating themselves to studying the spiritual and ceremonial traditions of the tribe.

In addition to the seventy-five minute “Journey to Mutum” performance experience at West Park Presbyterian Church- Sanctuary Theater, the Yawanawá will host a “Sacred Music Performance and a Presentation of “A Dieta with the Pajé Tata” at Tibet House, Union Square. These extraordinary events are brought to us by IC’s collaboration with Tibet House, West Park Presbyterian Church- Sanctuary Theater, Miami Theater Center and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Officially launching its New York tour stop, *Sacred Music Performance and a Presentation of "A Dieta with the Pajé Tata"* will premiere at Tibet House, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2016, and *Journey to Mutum: a Cultural Encounter with the Yawanawá of the Brazilian Amazon* premieres at West Park Presbyterian Church, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Show times are October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, respectively. Appropriate for all ages. Tickets: \$20 General Admission. Proceeds will benefit the establishment of the Traditional School of Mutum (TSM) in the Mutum Village of Acre, Brazil for Yawanawá children ages 7-14.

**Sacred Music & A Presentation of**  
**"A Dieta with the Pajé Tata"**  
**October 13, 2016**

Join IC's Indigenous Advisory Committee Chair, Jordão Souza, as he talks about his personal journey to the Yawanawá Tribe, and his eventual participation in an intensive, one-year "Muka Dieta" study with one of the great Pajés (shamans) of the Amazon, 98-year-old Tata.

As the first person outside the tribe to embark on this "dieta" study, his profound insights provide a glimpse into the beauty and struggles of his historically significant spiritual evolution. Accompanied by 9 Yawanawá, a performance of sacred songs and chants will open and close the presentation.

Thursday, October 13 at 7:30pm  
Appropriate for all ages  
Tickets: \$20 General Admission

Tibet House  
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New York, NY 10011

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**Journey to Mutum: a Cultural Encounter**  
**with the Yawanawá of the Brazilian Amazon**  
**October 14, 2016**

Sacred music. Tribal dance. Experience the never-before-seen rituals of the Yawanawá Tribe of the Brazilian Amazon here on our stage, and be among the first to welcome them to New York. They will journey from their home to bring an Indigenous celebration that is sure to transport you – don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Friday, October 14 at 7:30pm  
Appropriate for all ages  
Tickets: \$20 General Admission

West Park Presbyterian Church- Sanctuary Theater  
165 W 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10024

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**ABOUT INDIGENOUS CELEBRATION**

Indigenous Celebration, Inc. is a Florida based 501(c)(3) non-profit company that was formed in April of 2015 to facilitate the exchange and preservation of the unique culture of Indigenous Peoples of North and South America. IC works to preserve unique Indigenous Cultures by sharing them with people in the western world so that we can all see the value and beauty of Indigenous Peoples.

Funds raised by Indigenous Celebration's *Journey to Mutum* tour will be allocated towards establishing the Traditional School of Mutum (TSM) in the Mutum Village of Acre, Brazil for Yawanawá children ages 7-14. The TSM will provide food, lodging and school supplies to children learning their native Yawanawá language, traditional legends, ancestral spiritual practices and sacred plant knowledge, as passed down orally from generation to generation. For more information visit: [IndigenousCelebration.org](http://IndigenousCelebration.org), [ICTickets.org](http://ICTickets.org) or call 917-981-7423.

## **ABOUT NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

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For information call: 305-751-9550

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## **ABOUT MIAMI THEATER CENTER**

Your Home for Culture and the Arts

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MTC's initiatives include: MTCperformance, innovative theater, dance, and music; MTCeducation, learning opportunities for students, professionals, and members of the general public; and MTCfilm, partnerships with O Cinema and local film festivals that turns MTC into a movie theater 100 times a year. For more information, visit [www.mtcmiami.org](http://www.mtcmiami.org) or call 305.751.9550.

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