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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 THE
OJAI FOUNDATION, MIAMI THEATER CENTER AND THE SUPPORT OF THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

Los Angeles, CA (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.

The Ojai Foundation will host an unprecedented and intimate 2-day retreat with the Yawanawá on their beautiful grounds beginning with a Friday eve Fundraising Community Dinner with songs & storytelling in the Deep Kiva. The following day’s Workshop will include an opening Supa Prayer and Cleansing Fire Ceremony, traditional games, body-painting, ancestral songs and dancing, ending with an opportunity for all to sit in circle together in the Grand Council.

The Workshop will be followed by a seventy-five minute “Journey to Mutum” performance of songs and ceremony in the Council House. The final morning, the Yawanawá will host a Sunrise Ceremony and final circle under the Teaching Tree. These extraordinary events are

brought to us by Indigenous Celebration's collaboration with The Ojai Foundation, Miami Theater Center and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ticketing available for full retreat or by individual event. 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.

Fundraising Community Dinner

October 28, 2016

This special evening will feature supper at TOF followed by an intimate Yawanawá experience: songs and storytelling in the Deep Kiva. ALL proceeds for this event go towards the Traditional School of Mutum (TSM).

Friday, October 28 at 6:00 -10:00pm

Appropriate for all ages

Tickets: \$250 per person; \$300 per person (incl overnight accommodations & breakfast)

30 person limit

For tickets or & information: Info@ICTickets.org

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Yawanawá Workshop

October 29, 2016

Enjoy interacting with Yawanawá Tribe members and experiencing their games, body painting, music, dancing, teachings and healing prayers.

- Opening: Supa Prayer and Cleansing Fire Ceremony
- Traditional games & teachings, intergenerational exchange, body-painting & arts
- Closing: an opportunity to sit in circle together in the Grand Council

Saturday, October 29 at 10:00am 5:00pm

Appropriate for all ages

Tickets: \$125 per person (incl. all events, lunch, dinner & evening Performance); \$190 per person (incl. all events, 3 meals, evening Performance, overnight accommodations, & Sunrise Ceremony)

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with the Yawanawá of the Brazilian Amazon

October 29, 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.

Saturday, October 29 at 7:00pm

Appropriate for all ages

Tickets: \$25 General Admission

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Sunrise Ceremony

October 30, 2016

Open to all those who spend the night. The weekend will close with ceremony and a final circle under the Teaching Tree.

Sunday, October 29 at 6:00am -11:00am

Appropriate for all ages

Pricing: by Donation

The Ojai Foundation

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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, ICTickets.org or call 917-981-7423.

ABOUT NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Established by Congress in 1965, the NEA is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the NEA supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts and the agency is celebrating this milestone with events and activities through 2016.

For information call: 305-751-9550

arts.gov

ABOUT MIAMI THEATER CENTER

Your Home for Culture and the Arts

Led by Miami native and Artistic Director Stephanie Ansin, Miami Theater Center creates, develops, and produces stimulating, inspiring, and thought-provoking productions for audiences of all ages and abilities. We are committed to providing the very best in cultural value to our community, and to ensuring that everyone who enters our theater or engages with

our organization feels the warmth of our welcome, and the transformational power of the performing arts.

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 or call 305.751.9550.

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