

Journey to Mutum: A Cultural Encounter Brings Brazilian Tribe to Austin

From deep in the Amazon rainforest 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 through Journey to Mutum: a Cultural Encounter. Presented by Indigenous Celebration, based out of Florida, the Yawanawá will treat the public to rituals never before seen in the United States. The first performance, Journey To Mutum: Cultural Encounter, will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., October 7, at Unity Church of the Hills. The next day, Mini-Festival Family Day will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., October 8, at Whole Life Learning Center. Family Day will feature tribal games, body painting, stories, jewelry making and dancing.



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Attendees can be among the first to experience this intimate, once-in-a-life-time encounter with a culture that lives in true harmony with nature. The members of the Yawanawá tribe that are participating in Journey to Mutum have trained with an elder named Pajé 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 an initiation that involves a yearlong spiritual diet and several months of isolation in the forest where they train with their tribal elder.

On the way through their five-city North American tour, the Yawanawá is pleased to present sacred sounds, tribal dance and artwork in Austin. Proceeds will benefit the establishment of the Traditional School of Mutum, in the Mutum Village of Acre, for Yawanawá children ages 7 through 14.

Location: Unity Church of the Hills, 9905 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin; Whole Life Learning, 10801 Old San Antonio Rd., Austin. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit IndigenousCelebration.org.

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