



Tulsa Art Market & Pow Wow

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7TH ANNUAL TULSA INDIAN ARTS FESTIVAL TO FEATURE OKLAHOMA'S BEST

Oklahoma's finest American Indian artists and craftspersons will be featured in the seventh annual Tulsa Indian Arts Festival, scheduled February 19-21, 1993, at the Tulsa Trade Center at Expo Square. Tulsa is enriched by having the county's second-largest urban Indian population in the nation and proudly hosts a plethora of outstanding Oklahoma Indian artists. "There is no reason to market out-of-state artists, when we have the best Indian artists right here," states Festival Coordinator Fran Kimmel. "In addition to being a quality art show and festival, the event is a fundraiser which benefits youth scholarships in the arts," states Kimmel.

The festival began seven years ago as the first major Indian art show in the state and was considered by collectors from all over the country to be one of the top three shows in the United States. The Red Earth Festival was started later the same year and many other Indian art shows have since evolved.

"The goal of the committee has been to make this festival a source of pride for the Indian community and to make the city of Tulsa recognized as a marketplace for quality Indian art," says Kimell. "There is no paid staff, only a network of volunteers who strive for unity and harmony among the Tulsa community, the fine artists and craftspersons, the collecting public, and the tribes. Because of this goal, the colorful exhibit of quality artwork is also a place where the Indian and non-Indian alike come to enjoy Indian culture. This harmony is the catalyst of the Tulsa Indian Arts Festival and is the reason it is different from other art shows. It is a special event where the artists, the collectors, and the Indians gather under one roof in a spirit of unity." The festival features the art market, juried art show, student art show, theatre performance, and pow wow.

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