

# Film premieres in Taos, Albuquerque & Santa Fe!

By Mary Oishi, KUNM Development Director



KUNM is hosting three film screenings of *Reclaiming Their Voice: The Native American Vote in New Mexico*, a new film by OSCAR-nominated and EMMY-winning filmmaker, Dorothy Fadiman (*Stealing America Vote By Vote*).

This film weaves together two documentary stories: each drama moves from disenfranchisement to realization to taking action. Interviews include people from Laguna, Acoma, Taos, Ohkay Owingeh, the Navajo nation—plus Chicano/a voices and more. The story is woven artistically and succinctly—in less than 1 hour.

The KUNM-presented New Mexico screenings happen Thursday, August 12, 7 pm at the Taos Center for the Arts, 145 Paseo Del Norte, Taos; Friday, August 13, 6:30 pm at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2410 12th St. NW, Albuquerque; and Sunday, August 15, 2:30 pm at the Center for Contemporary Arts, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. The filmmaker will be present at all 3 screenings.

A panel of interviewees from the film will speak and answer questions following the film. In Albuquerque and Santa Fe, the panel will be moderated by KUNM's Call-In Show host, Arcie Chapa, and will include:

• **Joe Garcia - Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council**

Joe Garcia was born and raised in Ohkay Owingeh and continues to serve his community in traditional, educational, tribal government, and economic development efforts. Chairman Garcia is the former President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the largest national Indian organization representing over 250 member Tribal Nations from throughout the United States. Actively involved in NCAI since 1995, Joe Garcia served two 2-year terms as the 1st Vice President of NCAI prior to being elected President in November of 2005 and re-elected in 2007. Chairman Garcia completed his 3rd term (Jan 2005-Dec 2006) as Governor of Ohkay Owingeh which is located in northern New Mexico. After his term as Governor he was elected as Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council (AIPC). He will serve as Chairman for 4 years (2007-2011).

• **Teresa Leger de Fernandez - Indian Law/Voting Rights Attorney**

Teresa Leger de Fernandez is General Counsel to several Native American Tribes and their economic enterprises. Her work ranges from financing to protecting sacred sites to negotiating renewable energy development; it includes the development of the legal, legislative and physical infrastructure. She won a complex redistricting case under the Voting Rights Act to ensure Native Americans are adequately represented in the state legislature. On behalf of the Pueblo of Laguna, she wrote and worked for the passage of the early voting bill and other voting rights legislation. Among numerous director positions, she has served as the Vice President of MALDEF which is a national civil rights leader on voting rights. President Clinton appointed her as a White House Fellow where she served as a liaison with the White House on public/private financing of affordable housing and other community development initiatives. She has been recognized as one of the top 40 lawyers in the country by the National Law Journal.

• **Roland Johnson - Former Governor of the Laguna Pueblo**

Roland Johnson is the former 7-term Governor of the Laguna Pueblo. During his terms of office he dedicated himself to a range of concerns. His commitment to education included his being a Fellow in the Kellogg Leadership for Community Change Program. Another area of attention was the Laguna elders: "Our most valued resource and key to the past." This interest included supporting the development of increased social services and a nursing home facility. He led the community in registering new voters for the Laguna 500 Voters Project and in getting out the vote in the 2004 Election. He was a charter member of a unique Indian organization, The Laguna Colony of Albuquerque, bringing together property-owning, taxpaying, urban Tribal members. The goal was to preserve their Native culture in an urban setting and adhere to the pueblo's constitution, ordinances, customs and regulations, as well as provide educational and charitable services to members.

• **Laurie Weahkee - Co-Founder of SAGE and NAVA**

Laurie Weahkee (Diné, Cochiti, and Zuni) helped found the [Sacred Alliance for Grassroots Equality \(SAGE\) Council](#) in 1996 (originally the Petroglyph Monument Protection Coalition), which has been at the forefront of the struggle to protect Petroglyph National Monument from the construction



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of two major freeways through the area. She earned a BA degree from the University of New Mexico. She has been a community organizer for over twenty years, working in Native and Chicano communities on land, water, and sacred site issues. She also co-founded the [Native American Voters Alliance \(NAVA\)](#) in 2002. Laurie served as the first Native American Democratic Super Delegate from the state of New Mexico in 2008. When asked to define herself, Weahkee says she's an organizer doing her best to ensure her community is treated fairly.

**The Taos panel includes:**

• **Linda Yardley - Tribal member, Red Willow people, Taos Pueblo**

Linda was born and raised at the Taos Pueblo. She is a trained mediator. Linda has immersed herself in land conservation for the future of our children and grandchildren, volunteering as a Board Member of the Taos Land Trust. She recently completed her term as the Vice-Chair of the Taos Pueblo-Picuris Health Board, but continues on the Health Board. She represents the Taos Picuris Health Board as an executive council member of the Albuquerque Area SW Tribal Epidemiology Center and serves as a community member of the Albuquerque Area Tribal Institutional Review Board. She is a Precinct Chair representing her Pueblo. Linda worked as Regional Coordinator/Outreach liaison for of the National Tribal Development Association, whose goal is to increase economic development opportunities in farming and ranching for Indian tribes and individuals. Linda has the honor of chairing the 40th Anniversary celebration of the return of the sacred Blue Lake to the Taos Pueblo.

• **Billy J. Knight - Taos Community Foundation Board**

Governor Bill Richardson appointed Taos independent financial broker William J. Knight to the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation. (NMSBIC), created by state legislation to provide equity or loan capital to small businesses in New Mexico. Knight, a Taos native, is active in the Taos Community and has served as the treasurer of the Taos Art Association Board, President of the Vista Linda Neighborhood Association, and the Treasurer of the Society of the Muse of the Southwest (S.O.M.O.S.)

• **GloJean Todacheene - San Juan County Commissioner**

GloJean Todacheene is Commissioner of District 1. Commissioner Todacheene has lived in San Juan County for 51 years and is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, where she earned a Masters Degree in Educational Administration.



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She spent more than 20 years working for San Juan County schools as an educator and administrator and has been recognized professionally throughout her career with umerous awards including: NM Outstanding Women (2005), ZIA Award- UNM Alumni Association (1995), Milken Family Foundation Award for Excellence in Education (1994), Parent Magazine Achievement Award featured for making a difference in the lives of children (1994), UNM Outstanding Native American Alumni (1989), and Who's Who in American Education (1989).

Her Navajo Clans are Honaghaanii and Naalani (other tribe), Tl'aashchi'i and Naalani/Beesh Bi Ch'ahii (other tribe & German).

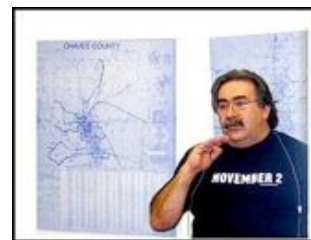
Commissioner Todacheene prides herself on her civil involvement. She held various positions within San Juan County including serving as Shiprock Chapter Council Delegate since 2007, Shiprock Chapter Vice President (2004-2006), San Juan County State Central Committee Member (2000-2006), San Juan County Democratic Vice Chair (1991-1994) and was a San Juan County State Central Committee Member (1987-1992 & 2000-2006).

• **Santiago Juarez - Attorney, Former Executive Director of NM PACE**

Santiago Juarez maintains a private law practice, was on the Board of Directors for the International Relations Center, was a former VP of USAction, and was the Executive Director of New Mexico Progressive Alliance for Community Empowerment (NM PACE). **Mr. Juarez's work with NM PACE focused on Latino and Native American voter registration and fraud in the 2004 presidential election.** He has held organizing positions in Mexicano/Chicano and Native

communities in the western United States since the 1970's. A founding organizer of Seattle's ground-breaking community center, El Centro De La Raza, Mr. Juarez also worked in the 1980's with Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition. Since 1995, Mr. Juarez has worked with communities in New Mexico as an organizer and facilitator for Re-Visioning New Mexico. He coordinated the voter engagement program for the 2004 election cycle for the Diocese of Las Cruces.

Admission is \$5 for the general public. **FREE admission for KUNM Members includes 2 free tickets per member household and requires an RSVP stating which screening** (Taos, ABQ, or Santa Fe) and whether you want 1 or 2 tickets at [membersfree@kunm.org](mailto:membersfree@kunm.org) or 505-277-3968.



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