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Documentary film about Native American suffrage Premieres in New Mexico

RECLAIMING Their VOICE:
The Native American Vote in New Mexico
narrated by Peter Coyote

Friday, August 13, 6:30 pm
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
2410 12th St. NW, Albuquerque
&

Sunday, August 15, 2:30 pm
Center for Contemporary Arts
1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe

KUNM will host a series of film screenings of ***RECLAIMING Their VOICE: The Native American Vote in New Mexico*** (narration by Peter Coyote) a new film by OSCAR-nominated and EMMY Award-winning filmmaker, Dorothy Fadiman (*STEALING AMERICA: Vote By Vote*). A panel of interviewees who appear in the film will speak and answer questions after the showing. The filmmaker will also be present at all screenings.

The Albuquerque & Santa Fe panels include:

Joe Garcia - Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council

Roland Johnson - Former Governor of the Laguna Pueblo

Teresa Leger de Fernandez – Indian Law/Voting Rights Attorney

Laurie Weahkee – Co-Founder of SAGE and NAVA.

Arcie Chapa, host of KUNM's Call-in show, will be the moderator for this panel.

RECLAIMING Their VOICE follows people moving from disenfranchisement to becoming politically active. Interviewees include voices from Laguna, Acoma, the Navajo Nation, Taos, Ohkay Owingeh, plus Chicano/a voices and more. Each story illustrates courageous stances taken by Native Americans, with examples of people stepping forward and speaking out. The film also highlights key moments from New Mexico history, including the Pueblo Revolt.

We also follow the Sacred Alliance for Grassroots Equality (SAGE) Council, a diverse group of urban minority activists, in their efforts to protect the sacred rock art of the Petroglyph National Monument from being bisected by a highway.

Another story documents the Laguna 500 Voter Project. Their goal, which they exceed, is to register at least 500 new voters before the 2004 election. Their initial frustration gives birth to a realization that it is their responsibility to be informed and involved, and not to be victimized by a system that treats them unfairly. Both stories underscore the ways people can work together to improve their lives through education and activism.

The public is warmly invited to the screenings. Admission \$5. Free admission for KUNM members includes 2 free tickets per member household and requires an RSVP stating which screening (Taos, ABQ, or Santa Fe) at membersfree@kunm.org or 505-277-3968. For details regarding the Taos (Aug. 12) screenings, visit our website at www.concentric.org/reclaiming.

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