



**Office of Mayor Tom Potter**  
City of Portland

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To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the City of Portland, I am pleased to support an exciting and timely series of events sponsored by the Native American cultural arts program, Painted Sky, and Oregon Public Broadcasting. These organizations are producing, "For the Generations: A Native American Music Special," a multi-dimensional music and dance performance that will feature the top vocal and dance talent from the First Nations. This production will bring these talented performers from locations around the country and Canada to one stage here in Oregon, to perform together for the first time in a major public television prime time broadcast. The national television performance will take place on several platforms: as a live Northwest concert, an OPB broadcast for Oregon and southwest Washington, and an OPB radio simulcast. This event will also feature a companion web site and a strong educational outreach effort, targeting Native American youth on reservations as well as throughout schools.

Native American dance and music is emerging from obscurity, and fusing with contemporary themes and expressions. This national special will raise the level of awareness among adults and youth, and impact public attitudes and knowledge about Native American music here in Oregon and around the country. It will encourage Americans to explore Native American cultural history and the musical arts, as well as help to inspire pride and a stronger sense of identity in Native American youth nationwide.

The City of Portland is honored to support this project and is excited about encouraging the effort to bring Native American music the attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

Tom Potter  
Mayor