

**PYATT PRODUCTIONS
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*"Manitou API - Where the Sun Rises,
is by far the best Native American
film I have ever seen."*

**Diego Mulligan, Anchor,
The Journey Home,
KSFR 101.1 FM,
Santa Fe Public Radio**

*"I loved Manitou API and can't wait
for the Taos screening."*

**Harlan McKosato,
Host/Producer, Native
America Calling,
Koahnic Broadcasting,
Anchorage, Alaska**

*"Manitou API is reminiscent of Dan
Brown's, Lost Symbol but with a
decisive difference.... it is true."*

**Larry Dossey, MD,
Author, Healing Words
and the Power of
Premonition**

*"To return to the Center is to return to
the heart. We've all been called to
wake from sleep to feel our power to
dream again – a dream of peace."*

**Elder, Dave Courchene,
Anishnabe Nation**

*"These caretakers of the earth have
a very great reverence for nature,
and everything they do is not just
for this generation but for many
generations... perhaps they'll be the
way showers for the days ahead."*

**Frank Albo,
Architectural Historian**

www.the8thfire.org/manitou_api

MANITOU API - Where the Sun Rises

SPECIAL SCREENING

When:
Sept. 23 & 24, 2010 - 7 p.m.
Box Office Opens @ 6 p.m.
\$12 at the Door (All proceeds
go to *Rites of Passage, ACA*)

Where:
Taos Community Auditorium
www.tcataos.org
Highway 68 Right at light at
Civic Plaza Dr., which is ½ block
North of Taos Inn

Advance Tickets:
Taos Center for the Arts
133 Paseo del Pueblo Norte
Mon. - Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
575.758.2052

FX-18 Gifts and Jewelry
Mon. - Sun., Noon - 5:30 p.m.
On Bent St. Across from
The Taos Inn, 575.758.8590

FEATURING: Dave Courchene, First Nations Elder - Anishnabe Nation; Film
Directors Cindy and Andy Pickard; Cody Little Hawk Swimmer, Native American
Flutist; Jonathan Warm Day, Taos Pueblo Artist; Harlan McKosato, Radio Host,
Native America Calling; and White Wolf, Taos Pueblo Youth Drum Group.

SYNOPSIS

In the spirit of Taos's 2010 theme, "Return to Sacred Places" and the opening
of the "Taos Fall Arts Festival", filmmakers, Cindy and Andy Pickard invite
you to two gala screenings of their recent documentary film, Manitou API –
Where the Sun Rises.

In the heart of Canada, Anishnabe Elder, Dave Courchene strikes up an
unusual partnership with Architectural scholar, Frank Albo. At the center of
this documentary lies a classically designed building in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Locals know it as the legislative building for the Province, but Frank recognizes
it as an homage to the legendary King Solomon's Temple with its Ark of the
Covenant. Loaded with classical and esoteric symbolism, this Masonic temple
goes a step further. It resonates with the Native American 7 Sacred Teachings
of the Anishnabe people.

Upon meeting Frank, Dave Courchene begins to see a connection between the
building and the spiritual teachings of his people and ancestors. Together they
form a bond that may help release valuable information to a new generation: a
generation that has been prophesied as the new leaders on a path to peace.

At times, mysterious, other times, humorous, this beautifully rendered docu-
mentary takes the viewer on a journey with two unlikely brothers as they
discover a prophetic message for peace hidden in the relics of the past.

New Mexico's Grammy-award winning Native American music producer, Tom
Bee also deserves credit for creating the film's powerfully moving soundtrack.



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Dave Courchene



Frank Albo



Tom Bee



Cindy Pickard



Andy Pickard

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BIOS OF FILM ARTISTS AND PARTICIPANTS

DAVE COURCHENE (*Neeghani Aki Innini – Leading Earth Man*) has traveled internationally carrying a message of hope and peace while sharing ancient Indigenous knowledge that he believes can act as the foundation supporting the New Life that Mother Earth is now entering which the elders have confirmed has arrived.

He has created a special place for sharing ancient Indigenous knowledge which was based on a vision he received many years ago. It's called The Turtle Lodge. Indigenous people have always relied on visions and dreams to give guidance and direction in life. Dave was recently honored by Indigenous leaders and elders at the 2010 International Indigenous Leadership Gathering for work associated with his message and vision including his contribution inspiring young people.

www.theturtlelodge.org

FRANK ALBO

Frank Albo is a Cambridge scholar, architectural historian and a specialist in Western esoteric traditions. His groundbreaking discoveries on the hidden Freemasonic symbolism in government architecture has earned him the title, "Canada's Dan Brown". A visiting lecturer at the University of Winnipeg, Frank Albo's lively and engaging knowledge of secret societies, mysticism and the occult have been featured in numerous articles, radio and television programs.

Albo has been the recipient of many prestigious awards and holds graduate degrees in Religious Studies (Toronto), Western Esotericism (Amsterdam) and The History of Architecture (Cambridge). www.frankalbo.com

TOM BEE

Tom Bee was born in Gallup, New Mexico and has become one of America's foremost Native American Music Producers. This legendary multi Grammy award-winning musician and producer has created the powerfully moving soundtracks for all of the Pickard's films; *Starblanket*, *A Spirit Journey*; *The 8th Fire* and *Manitou API – Where the Sun Rises*. He is the founder of SOAR Corporation, Sound of American Records, headquartered in Albuquerque, NM. Tom Bee created the Native American music category at the Grammy's. He has written for Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and distributes Robbie Robertson's Native American music. His label distributes Virgin Records multi-million dollar seller, *Sacred Spirits*. Tom is also the founder and leader of the infamous Native American Rock Band, XIT. www.soundofamerica.com.

CINDY AND ANDY PICKARD

Cindy Pickard is the founder of Rites of Passage, ACA, a Texas based nonprofit organization that provided services for terminally ill people and their families. For her work in this field she was honored by the Giraffe Project, an international organization that recognizes people who stick their necks out for the common good. www.giraffe.org It was during Rites of Passage's pioneering work with AIDS patients that Cindy and her son embarked on their first film documentary film, *Jason - the Way We Live Today*. Later the Pickards collaborated extensively with Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and produced one of the few films on her work, an award-winning documentary entitled, *We're Almost Home Now*. This film and their subsequent award winning film, *Turning Towards the Morning* continue to be widely used throughout the country by hospitals, hospices and grief centers. Andy Pickard later became the Director and Senior Managing Editor of the History Channel's production of *Nostradamus 2012*, the third most watched show in that network's history. Cindy and Andy have created three Indigenous documentary films: *Starblanket - A Spirit Journey*, *The 8th Fire* and *Manitou API – Where the Sun Rises*. Andy continues to grow his company, Imagica Pictures, while developing exciting new programming for TV and delving into a feature film screenplay. www.imagicapictures.com

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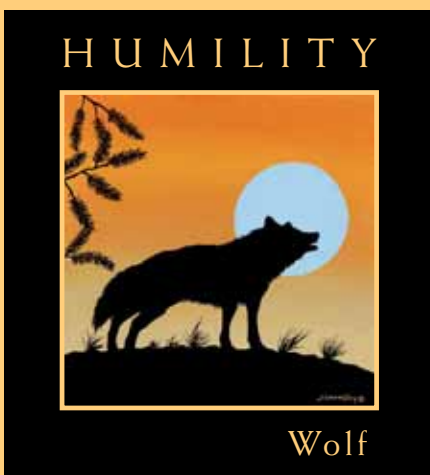
Jonathan Warm Day



Cody Little Hawk Swimmer



Julia Bortz Pyatt



7 Sacred Teachings t-shirts and hoodies designed by Taos Pueblo artist, Jonathan Warm Day will be available at the screenings and afterwards through the www.the8thfire.org. Click on the image to see slide show.

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ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS

JONATHAN WARM DAY

Jonathan Warm Day, a self-taught artist. His paintings have shown at The International Museum of Art, El Paso, Texas; Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University, New York and most recently at The Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Santa Fe, New Mexico where he was the only living artist featured among the greats, in a year long show, Native American Picture Books of Change. His first book, *Taos Pueblo Painted Stories* has just gone into its third printing. Jonathan's photo was taken by Mona Makela. www.monamakela.com

CODY LITTLE HAWK SWIMMER

Cody Little Hawk Swimmer was raised in the old traditions of the Eastern Cherokee of the Qualla Reservation in Cherokee, NC. For 26 years, he has been a composer, songwriter, recording artist, performer, storyteller, spiritual teacher and counselor. He is a Native American Music Award nominee and an international guest speaker. He has shared his gifts and knowledge of Native American music, folklore, crafts and culture worldwide. He has provided music for the films, "Little Dove" and "The 8th Fire".

Cody Little Hawk has made appearances on The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Grand Old Opry, PBS's, Spirit Dance, and has played with Willy Nelson, Bill Miller, Cherokee Rose, Douglas Spotted Eagle, & Robert Tree Cody, to name a few.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND FILM DISTRIBUTION TEAM

JULIA BORTZ PYATT

Julia Pyatt has been a Public Relations and Events Director in New Mexico for 20 years. She is also the host/producer of her radio show, *Exploring Sacred Places*, a documentary filmmaker and television interviewer. Julia lives in Taos, New Mexico.

OSTROW AND COMPANY

Ostrow and Company believes in supporting the creative process behind a motion picture that begins with a compelling story and ultimately changes the way people think globally. The skillful navigation through the Hollywood landscape is what allows the film to arrive and be seen as many people as possible. Ostrow and Company sought Cindy and Andy Pickard out for their film, *Manitou API - Where the Sun Rises*. Ostrow has arranged financing and or negotiated distribution for over 125 feature films, TV Movies, and numerous documentaries. *Manitou API* was marketed at this year's Canne's Film Festival. An international distribution deal is in the works. Pickard Reps: Page Ostrow and Ivan Chen. www.ostrowandcompany.com

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www.touchstoneinn.com
575.758.0192

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Read The Taos News Falls Arts Festival Magazine and check out our beautiful ad on the back cover. On the stands, September 2,2010.

NATIVE AMERICAN CALLING

Tune in for Current Events with Harlan McKasoto, & Julia Pyatt at www.nativeamericacalling.com for 52 affiliate stations and to stream live. Produced by Koahnic Broadcasting, Anchorage, Alaska.

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