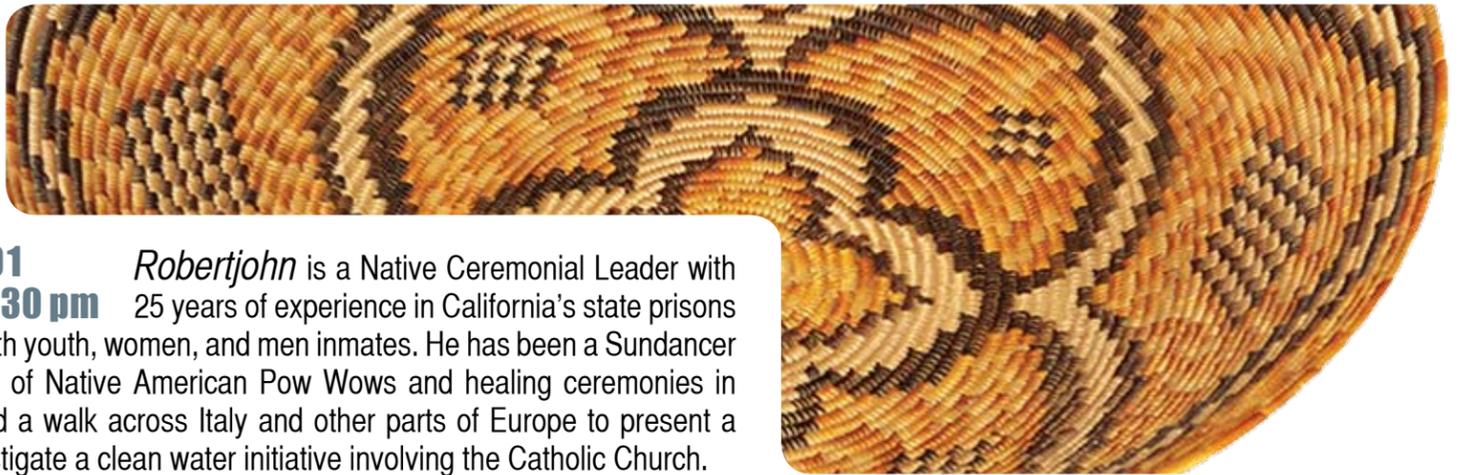


2007

# CALIFORNIA Indian Day

A WEEK OF EVENTS  
IN CELEBRATION OF  
CALIFORNIA INDIAN DAY,  
SPONSORED BY CSUSM,  
THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
STUDENT ALLIANCE,  
THE TRIBAL COMMUNITIES  
INITIATIVES TASK FORCE,  
AND ARTS & LECTURES



**SEPT 24** **AGD 201** **2:30-5:30 pm** *Robertjohn* is a Native Ceremonial Leader with 25 years of experience in California's state prisons conducting healing ceremonies with youth, women, and men inmates. He has been a Sundancer and a requested Spiritual Leader of Native American Pow Wows and healing ceremonies in California. Robertjohn recently led a walk across Italy and other parts of Europe to present a ceremonial staff to the Pope to instigate a clean water initiative involving the Catholic Church.

**SEPT 25** **Library Plaza** **12:00-1:00pm**

*Rose Ramirez* (Chumash/Yaqui) and *Lydia Vassar* (Luiseño) are basketweavers and members of the California Indian Basketweavers Association. Lydia works at the Pechanga Reservation School teaching students basketweaving and native plant use, and she leads several basket circles in the San Diego region. Rose is one of the founding members of the California Indian Channel, a non-profit Native American documentary company dedicated to insuring that Native Americans are more involved with producing and disseminating information about themselves. Both basketweavers work actively with governmental agencies and educational institutions to help revitalize Native California traditions.



**SEPT 26** **Arts 111** **5:30-8:00 pm**

*Michael Wilken*, Founder and former Director of the Native Cultures Institute of Baja California (CUNA), a non-profit association working for the preservation and revitalization of the cultural practices of native people of the peninsula. Michael will present photographs of the remarkable revival in the creation of handcrafts by native artisans in their efforts to preserve, practice, and reinterpret traditional knowledge to meet the challenges of survival in a rapidly changing world.

**SEPT 27** **Forum Plaza** **12:00-1:00pm**  
*BIRD SINGERS*

**SEPT 28** **Library Plaza** **5:00-6:00pm**

*Cathleen and Chaz Chilcote*: **NATIVE TALK** shares traditional California Indian tales and promotes awareness of local Indian history and culture through engaging and educational presentations. Chaz and Cathleen Chilcote are Luiseño storytellers who become the characters in their stories, bringing them to life. Luiseño musician, Brandon Chilcote Wallace, provides flute music and sound effects using a variety of folk instruments to accompany the stories



**SEPT 25** **Forum Plaza Overlook** **5:00-7:00pm**

*Intertribal Drum Group*: The Intertribal Drummers include members from local Tribes as well as throughout the United States. They have been playing together for over a decade, and bring the spiritual traditions of the Tribes to their playing. "The drums keep you straight, on the red road as they say." —Steve Mojado. Refreshments will be served.



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**SEPT 28** **Library Plaza** **6:30-8:30pm**

*Lake County Pomo Dancers*: The Lake County Pomo Dancers include twelve singers and dancers of all ages from Pomo Tribes around Clear Lake in northern California. They dance together regularly in sacred ceremonies across the state. For California Indian Week, they will be performing Shakehead dances, which are among the oldest of the dances that they present, and which are offered for the betterment of all peoples. Refreshments will be served.