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Anishinaabe & Dakota Powwow Resources



For Teacher Use

Ni-mi-win, a history of Ojibway dance: includes text, photographs, illustrations, and lesson plans for grades K-12, Robert DesJarlait

Curriculum on dance of the Southwestern Ojibwe (Minnesota, Wisconsin and western Michigan). Includes material on contemporary dance, clothing, drums, storytelling and maps.

The people have never stopped dancing: Native American modern dance histories, Jacqueline Shea Murphy

Examines relationship between Native and modern dance choreography, including the role of US and Canadian federal policy, from 1920s through present.

Heartbeat of the people: music and dance of the northern pow-wow, Tara Browner

A dancer and scholar's examination of the Northern pow-wow, including dance, music, traditions, regalia and significance.

****Recording culture: powwow music and the aboriginal recording industry on the Northern Plains***, Chris Scales

An exploration of the Native American recording industry and its relationship to the world of powwows based on research of a record producer and ethnomusicologist, including the role of competition and cultural commodification. (Includes CD of powwow music)

****Powwow***, Clyde Ellis

An anthology of essays on the history and significance of powwows, including the northern plains circuit. Also covered are song and dance aspects and appropriation of powwow customs by cultural outsiders.

For Student Use

Jingle dancer, Cynthia Leitich Smith

Picture book about a young girl of Muscogee and Ojibwe descent participates in a jingle dance. Includes author's notes on jingle dance traditions. Elementary

Powwow: images along the red road, Ben Marra

Gallery of color portraits of powwow dancers from many tribes in full regalia. Includes comments from dancers on the meaning of powwows and a brief introduction. All ages

Powwow, George Ancona

Color photo essay on an inter-tribal powwow held on the Crow Reservation in Montana with information on regalia and traditions. Upper elementary and middle school

Powwow's coming, Linda Boyden

Picture book with cut-paper collage illustrations in verse about powwow participation and traditions, including brief notes on powwow etiquette and instructions for two traditional games. Primary

Dance in a buffalo skull, Zitkala-Ša

Small picture book of a traditional Dakota tale of danger and survival on the prairie. Includes historical introduction and color illustrations of mice dancing. Primary

****Niimiwin/Everyone dance***, Leah Savage

A young boy and girl dancer at Fond du Lac Ojibwe Head Start prepare for a powwow. Includes color pictures, information on regalia and traditions, and a glossary of Ojibwe words. Primary

****Shannon: an Ojibway dancer***, Sandra King

A 13-year-old Minneapolis fancy shawl dancer and her family are featured as she prepares and dances at the Mille Lacs Reservation powwow. Includes some tribal history and culture, color photographs and maps. Upper elementary and middle school

****Powwow summer: A family celebrates the circle of life***, Marcie R. Rendon

Photoessay following an Anishinabe family's summer travels on the powwow trail. Includes information on the history and significance of powwows and color pictures. Upper elementary

Music

Ojibway music from Minnesota: a century of song for voice and drum, Minnesota Historical Society Press

CD with 15 songs from earliest-known recordings to contemporary urban and powwow songs. Includes booklet with extensive information on powwow and music.

Watch this dancer, Black Lodge Singers

CD with 12 Northern style songs from Blackfeet and Cree drum group popular at powwows. Includes fancy dance, women's traditional and round dance songs. (Available on iTunes)

****Dance hard!***, Northern Cree Singers

CD with 10 songs recorded live in Alberta, Canada from powwow drum group. Includes fancy dance, women's traditional, jingle dress dance and round dance songs. (Available on iTunes)

****Southern and northern style pow-wow songs!***, Young Bird and Midnite Express

CD with 10 songs from Minnesota drum group including fancy dance. (Available on iTunes)

****Live 2000!***, Eyabay

CD with 12 songs from Red Lake, Minnesota drum group including jingle dress, women's traditional, men's fancy, men's traditional and grass songs. (Available on iTunes)

DVD/Video

Live and remember/Wo kiksuye, Henry Smith

30-minute VHS documentary set on Rosebud Reservation with sections on song and dance, oral tradition, living today, and medicine and spirit world. Includes dance footage and interviews with traditional singers and dancers.

What we have been gifted, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

60-minute DVD documentary on preservation of history, culture and language with interviews of tribal elders, artists and educators including powwow dance and music footage.

Seven directions: a performance, Kevin Locke

28-minute VHS performance for schoolchildren includes flute pieces, songs, stories, a hoop dance, and a round dance with children by a Lakota artist.

The American Indian Dance Theatre: finding the circle, American Indian Dance Theatre

58-minute VHS performance of dances with drumming and dancers in full regalia. Includes ladies fancy shawl dance and men's fancy dance; settings include a powwow.

****Into the circle: an introduction to the powwow***, Oklahoma Indian Arts Council

2-hour DVD documentary with performances and explanations of various types of singing and dancing, including jingle dress, fancy and northern traditional. Includes interviews with singers, dancers and tribal elders.

Web Resources

Jingle dress dancing creates a glorious tintinnabulation that mends the spirit, Sara Shahriari

Article; Accessible online at Indian Country Today Media Network.com

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/03/22/jingle-dress-dancing-creates-glorious-tintinnabulation-mends-spirit-148301>

Two-page article on the significance of jingle dress dancing with comments from dancers and academics, including photos. Middle school and up

Excerpts from dances from a tribal life, American Indian Dance Theatre

Video clips; Accessible online at <http://www.americanindiandancetheatre.org/>

Both clips are live performances in a theatre. 12-minute video clip "Excerpts from Dances from a Tribal Life" includes women's traditional dance. 12-minutes video clip "Excerpts from Dances from a Tribal Life featuring the Fancy Shawl Dance" also includes men's fancy dance.

American festivals project: Oglala Lakota Nation Powwow, National Geographic

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/places/culture-places/american-festivals-project/pine-ridge-pow-wow/>

2 ½-minute video of a Dakota dancer speaking on meaning of powwows including music and powwow dance footage.

Womens fancy shawl Prairie Island 2012

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/9V1Vo5HSGDU>

2 ½-minute video of powwow dancing with music.

Northern Cree at BlackEagle Powwow best footage

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/CTAQMdxRHAY>

7-minute video of closing song drumming and singing.

Powwows.com

Video clip library; Accessible online at <http://tv.powwows.com/>

Hundreds of webcasts and videos of various lengths from powwows around the country featuring dancing, drumming and singing in various styles.

Tulsa Powwow 2010

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/3g8tPm7yY8s>

1 ½-minute commercial of two dancers putting on regalia to audio of singing and drumming.

Womens jingle classic best 2011 Gathering of Nations

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/ysaoj2GI5eo>

13-minute video of powwow competition with drumming and singing.

Smokey Hill Singers talk about the reservation and life on the powwow trail

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/ksUvzyXzIKA>

5-minute video of Gene Boshey, Estevon Dominguez and Bradley Bloom, members of a drum group based in White Earth, talking about living on the reservation and life on the powwow trail.

Jingle dress dancers at White Earth Reservation

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/5diXF9MJ-ns>

4-minute video of Janelle Auginaush, Leslie Stevens and Autumn Johnson, students at Bagley High School, speaking about dancing and their plans for the future.

Alex Mason on native traditions and White Earth Reservation

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/9llinpAREtY>

4-minute video of Callaway, Minnesota, grass dancer, hockey player and senior at Detroit Lakes High School, telling about his dancing, aspirations, and being a native student in a school off the reservation.

James Dean Allen and Bruce Armstrong at White Earth

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/SFu3NAHvYVU>

5-minute video of two young men expressing their thoughts about jobs, education and sobriety.

Portrait of George, Tom Kanthank

Video clip; Accessible online at <http://youtu.be/1mw8dd4lo-E>

George Earth, Sr. is a hereditary chief of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. This 3-minute video portrait deals with his history as a dancer and its significance in his life.

Wacipi Powwow, TPT

Website and video; Accessible online at Minnesota Video Vault <http://www.tpt.org/powwow/>

Website contains basic information on significance of powwow, drums, music, dances and regalia. Links to 56-minute documentary in 5 segments, including 10 minutes on regalia and dance, and 11 minutes on jingle dance and grass dance (dancing is for everyone).

*Teacher's guide including video and transcript, background information, summary of video segments, grade-specific lesson plans and reproducible student handouts also available.

The Perpich Library collection includes the books, CD's and DVD/videos listed in this bibliography. Items marked with an * will be available for check-out this summer.

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