



REVOLT AGAINST VIOLENCE TOUR

Violence on our reservations is at an all time high and something must be done to stop this epidemic. Our people are having their lives taken at the hands of our own people. Domestic violence, gang violence and violence due to substance abuse are now, unfortunately a part of our everyday lives on the reservations.

In the late 1600's many pueblo peoples united in an effort to drive colonization from their homelands. Though colonization eventually came and we now deal with many of the detrimental effects of this: violence, substance abuse, poor health and disease, lose of culture, languages and tradition just to name a few.

Our goal is to look back to these ways of unifying our people and how they were successful and bring this unity to 2009 to fight off some of the ills that face our people and our youth. "My hopes are that together we can combat these things that I know we as Native people have all been effected by, we HAVE to do it together because none of us can do it by ourselves", Yaiva expressed.



Casper Loma-Dawa of the Hopi people, a world-renowned Reggae artist has given his time and music to help deliver a message of hope and peace. Casper has performed with artists such as Santana, The Neville Brothers, Stephen, Ziggy and Damien Marley and through his career, and has received numerous music awards but more importantly he has always worked to bring the message of peace, understanding and one love.

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Gabriel Yaiva, who is also of the Hopi people, has also joined forces with Casper with the hope of delivering a message of peace and love and compassion for our people. Yaiva, a nationally known hip-hop artist, has performed from coast to coast of the Americas, and is the Director of a violence and substance abuse awareness program called Peace and Balance and has also been recognized by Chuck D of Public Enemy for the work he is doing with the youth through hip-hop and music. Peace and Balance is based in Flagstaff and is part of Native Movement.

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Also, on this tour will be JayNez, one third of the Dream Team trio. JayNez of Cheyenne, Dine' and Nambe' Pueblo decent has worked in Native communities doing violence prevention and sharing his story of struggle and time behind bars to becoming one of the most successful musicians in the Native music industry. JayNez is a gifted rhythm and blues signer and is a recipient of the "Debut Artist of the Year" in 2005 from the Native American Music Awards. "My Family", the first full-album from JayNez featured multi-platinum artists Missy Elliot and Sisqo of Dru Hill.



Together, they are putting together the Revolt Against Violence Music Tour. Reaching out to the youth through music has always been an effective tool to change lives, spark one's imagination and offer a glimmer of hope.

This is only the beginning. There are plans to make this a yearly tour, and with the hopes to also provide many events through out the year these artists have the desire to continually deliver the message of peace, hope, love, compassion and to strengthen our roots to our communities.

As of March 9th 2009, they have the first and last show of the tour confirmed. The first show of the tour will be in Taos, New Mexico on July 11th 2009. The final show will be on Tuesday, August 11th in Kykotsmovi, AZ on the Hopi reservation. The goal this year, is to organize between eight to ten shows over the span of one month.

They will be also presenting shows in the Española area, Santa Fe, Santa Domingo, Albuquerque, Acoma/Laguna, Gallup/Zuni and complete our tour in Hopi. The month-long tour will consist of visiting communities, schools, youth centers, elderly centers and sharing dialog, music, hope, peace and compassion for our community.

Along this path, we will feature artists from the local communities, including War Stars from Taos, NM, DJ Kiss from the Zuni nation, and many more.

We are seeking support to make this a reality, whether in the form of volunteers, grant writing, monetary sponsorship, assistance in organizing or in any way shape and form that you would like to help. We would like as many people as possible to come and be a part of this amazing opportunity to serve our communities.

Please contact Gabriel Yaiva with ideas and areas you would like to help with the Revolt Against Violence Music Tour.

Thank you.

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