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83rd Annual Hopi Festival showcases artistry, cultural traditions July 2 & 3

(Flagstaff, Ariz.) April 13, 2016 – More than 60 award-winning artists and presenters from the Hopi villages in Northern Arizona will bring their cultural traditions and talents to the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA) for the 83rd Annual Hopi Festival of Arts & Culture Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. MNA is located at 3101 N. Fort Valley Road in Flagstaff.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adult and \$8 student (with ID), American Indian (10+ with tribal affiliation) and youth 10-17. Children under 10 are free.

Attendees will enjoy two days of authentic food, artist demonstrations, musical performances by The 'Yoties, dancing by the Tsootro Hopi Dance Group and a not-to-be missed children's area that will entertain the young at heart. Heritage Insight programs by Hopi educators, scholars and artists highlight ancestry, migration, and efforts made to preserve language, arts and agricultural traditions. KUYI Hopi radio will broadcast live all weekend.

"For more than 80 years, the Museum and Hopi artisans, native scholars and performers have collaborated on a rich presentation of Hopi life and culture for the public," said Carrie M. Heinonen, MNA Director & CEO of the Museum of Northern Arizona. "This event provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about aspects of Hopi life directly from artists and presenters."

Festival attendees can peruse and purchase thousands of distinct art pieces from emerging and master Hopi artists including jewelry, paintings, katsina dolls, baskets, rattles and pottery at a wide range of prices.

"Our festivals offer a balance of ancient and modern cultural presentations, performances and activities," said Cristen Crujido, MNA Director of Marketing & Public Affairs. "Each provides insight into the peoples living on the Colorado Plateau. The Hopi festival is a wonderful event to meet and buy directly from the artists, learn the cultural significance behind their work and spend a day or two immersed in the history and artistry of the tribe."

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Feature Heritage Insight Lectures include:

Ed Kabotie: *A History of The Pueblo Revolt of 1680* The Pueblo Nations (Hopi, Tewa, Zuni, Tiwa, Towa and Keres) of northern New Mexico and Arizona are the only group of Native Americans in recorded history to oust an established European colony from their homeland. This remarkable and yet curiously obscure event took place in the summer of 1680 after over 80 years of oppression from Catholic Spain. This lecture, accompanied by a selection of songs, tells the story of this triumphant rebellious spirit.

Susan Sekaquaptewa: *Re-Connecting Hopi Seeds* This program will educate audiences about Hopi farming practices and the creation of a sister seed collection at MNA and the Museum of Anthropology in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This program highlights the dynamic educational and technical resources that are vital to cultural preservation.

Emerson & Dorothy Ami: *Hopi Pottery Demonstration* Emerson and Dorothy Ami are traditional pottery artists from the Hopi village of Polacca. Together they have been making pottery for over 30 years, a process that requires the discipline of selecting clay from the mesa, clay processing, hand coiling, polishing with rocks and outdoor firing. Just as they have been mentored by family and elders, the Ami's continue the pottery tradition by presenting pottery classes and demonstrations throughout the Southwest.

A free member preview will be held Friday, July 1, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., and includes a juried arts award ceremony, silent auction and first opportunity to purchase artwork from participating artists. To become a member of the Museum of Northern Arizona, call (928) 774-5211, ext. 219.

The Museum of Northern Arizona is located three miles from historic downtown Flagstaff on scenic highway 180 to the Grand Canyon.

The festival is supported by the Arizona Commission on the Arts which receives support from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts, Arizona Humanities, City of Flagstaff BBB Revenues and Flagstaff Arts Council.

For more information, including a complete list of scheduled performances and participating artists, visit musnaz.org. Information is also available by phone at (928) 774-5213.

The **Museum of Northern Arizona** inspires a sense of love and responsibility for the beauty and diversity of the Colorado Plateau. Founded in 1928, the 200-acre campus includes an historic exhibit building with nine galleries showcasing the geology, anthropology and art of the region; research and collections facilities; a museum shop and bookstore; and more than 450 public programs annually. To learn more, visit musnaz.org or call (928) 774-5213.

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