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To the Friends of Painted Sky and Oregon Public Broadcasting:

Greetings, I am looking forward to the production of "For the Generations: A Native American Music Special" in the coming months and the learning opportunities surrounding it. The commitment and dedication of the artists, personnel, and partners to this program and the long-term outcomes is truly inspiring.

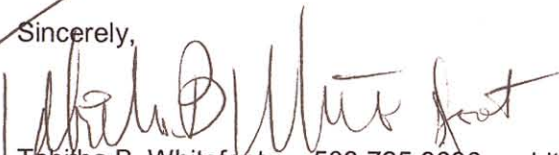
As a native of Oregon, my family goes back over ten thousand years along the banks of the Columbia River; I am encouraged by the effort being made to spotlight those groups and individuals who are preserving, practicing and promoting the Native American expressive arts in the twenty-first century.

One of the major components of the Native American Student and Community Center's mission is to help members of other cultures better understand Native American community and lifeways, another is to promote and invigorate native community activities. Many of the artists and advisor's to "For the Generations" are local, and have performed, lectured, or have art on display, in the center. Their work with the community and students has been, and continues to be, invaluable.

The creative and unique expression of these modern interpreters, coupled with the web and media access, is the kind of activity and documentation that assists us in achieving our goals. We encourage all our students to express who they are and how their culture nurtures and strengthens them. This performance will invigorate and inspire those ideas and encourage positive self-expression.

I see this proposal as a welcome introduction for national audiences to become acquainted with the brightest and best talent Indian Country has to offer. I also see the project producing lasting materials that can be used to promote goodwill and engender community esteem. The Native American Student and Community Center and Portland State University are excited to witness and be a part of the evolution of the native performing arts movement in the Pacific Northwest.

Sincerely,



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