

Tonight's entertainment is a scene from a new musical entitled, *The Ghosts of Celilo*. Written by Marv Ross, Thomas Morning Owl, Tom Hampson, and Chenoa Egawa, the play is a fictional work based upon interviews with people on the Columbia River, and, in particular, the boarding school experiences of the late Nathan Jim, Sr. Tonight's excerpt from the play stars Noah Hunt (LUMBEE) as Chokey Jim. He is joined onstage by Albert Worthington, Tila Salas, and Colton Lassiter. Karen Kitchen is the narrator and the director is Greg Tamblyn. We would like to thank Mary Hager and the Painted Sky Northstar Dancers for their contributions.

It is our intent to honor all the people for whom Celilo and the River are sacred places. We hope we have not offended anyone and seek their forgiveness and counsel should we do so. We present this story with the hope that we may all gain some appreciation for the forces that have shaped the people and this landscape we call Celilo.

The Ghosts of Celilo

A love story. A mystery.

A musical like no other.

At the bottom of the Columbia River, a sunken spirit world exists where Celilo Falls once roared before the dam was built. Four ghosts longing to be released reveal their deepest secrets through Native American music and traditional musical theatre.

Presented in conjunction with the observance of the 50th anniversary of the inundation of Celilo Falls.

*A full production of *The Ghosts of Celilo* is planned for 2007. If you are interested in receiving more information about how you can support this work, please contact Marv Ross at marvross@rossproductions.com.*

