

Land Acknowledgement Circle DVD Catalog (7/15/24)

1. **Aboriginal Architecture**

Can buildings talk and tell stories? How traditional architecture influences contemporary indigenous architects. Haida, Pueblo, Mohawk, Iroquois, Inuit, Crow, Navajo, Coast Salish. There is a renaissance of indigenous-inspired design of public buildings on reservations. (2005, 93 min)

2. **Apache 8: Facing Fire**

Story of an all-women wildland firefighter crew from the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Many personal stories of triumph, loss. More than 100 Apache women have worked as wildland firefighters. (2011, 57 min)

3. **Badger Creek**

Four seasons in the life of a Blackfeet family in Montana. They practice a traditional Blackfeet lifestyle that includes language immersion school, traditional Blackfeet (Pikuni) worldview, that stopped the cycle of drinking and violence. Four seasons on the magnificent and traditional territory of the Pikuni Nation. (2017, 27 min)

4. **Blackfeet Encounter**

Beautiful footage of landscape. The Lewis and Clark 's only deadly encounter- with the Blackfeet Nation. Explore rich Blackfeet history and culture that is alive today. (2007, 57 min)

5. **Blood Memory**

An adoption survivor of the Indian Adoption Era reclaims the missing pieces of her stolen past. Communal healing of a stolen generation of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. (2020, 56 min)

6. **Columbus Day Legacy**

(Show Columbus Day week)

Film explores the American issues of free speech and ethnic pride. Navaho filmmaker takes viewers into a very personal and public conflict in Denver, CO. 1977 was the first Indigenous People's day celebration, and in 1988 there was a campaign to stop the Columbus Day parade. But in 1992, the Italian-American community revives the

Columbus Day parade tradition, to the dismay of the local American Indian Movement (AIM) chapter. (2011, 50 min)

7. Crying Earth Rise Up

(Show same month as film about different reservations and mining)

A Lakota mother seeks source of water contamination causing her daughter's health problems, while a grandmother fights the regional expansion of uranium mining. Explores cost of uranium mining and Great Plains drinking water. (2015, 57 min)

8. Finding Refuge

Isabella, a stage-four cancer patient, travels to Refuge Rock, locale of her tribes last stand in the Aleutian Islands. She seeks to understand how history has shaped the lives of her Alutiq people, and how shame is an innate feeling for Alaskan Natives. Wonderful story. (25 min)

9. Grab

(Show at Thanksgiving)

Intimate portrait of Grab Day in the villages of the Laguna Pueblo. Objective: to share your wealth. A Thanksgiving for support and good will to the community. (2011, 56 min)

10. Growing Native Oklahoma: Red People

Oklahoma is home to 39 traditionally recognized tribes. A few of these tribes are highlighted here: Kiowa warrior nation and artistic style. Osage nation working to keep language. Choctaw nation seed preservation. Buffalo. Loretta Oden Barrett, Potawatomi Chief. Chris Eyre, host. (2018, 57 min)

11. Growing Native Northwest: Coast Salish

"Our ancestors spirits don't die if we continue to do what they taught us." Canoe Journey, Cedar, Celilo Falls Lillian Pitt, Camas. Film gives us a sense of place and shared rhythm of the Tulalip, Grand Ronde, and Warm Springs tribes. Chris Eyre host. (2018, 57 min)

12. Harold of Orange

Well-known indigenous comedian pokes fun at white colonizers. Tricksters. (1984, 27 min)

13. Horse Tribe

Nez Perce horses, revered as source of spiritual strength, were taken in 1877. In the 21st c. the tribe decides to bring horses back into tribal culture. An epic story of vision and grit, a community in conflict, a man in crisis, and a beloved herd at risk. Excellent documentary. (2014, 57 min)

14. Indians Like Us

A group of French residents in love with Native American culture are invited to visit Pine Ridge, Little Big Horn, and Wind River. They discover the reality of contemporary Native Americans is quite different from their weekend reenactments in France. Humorous and enlightening encounters. (2010, 57 min)

15. Indian Country Diaries: Seat at the Drum

How Native people in urban America resist assimilation in Los Angeles. History of Urban Indian Relocation Program of the 1950s. Explores challenges facing Native Americans today. Includes powwow scenes. (2005, 86 min.)

16. Injunuity

(Show in segments: pride month, 4th of July, LGBTQ Pride)

Animated film about language, cultural connection to past. It's time to listen to Indian voices. Giving vs. getting. Acculturation vs. assimilation. Iroquois influence on U.S. Constitution and values. Two Spirit: revered, but destroyed by white religion. (30 min.)

17. Keep Talking

Enjoyable film

"Language is life." Four Alaska Native women work at preserving Kodiak Alutiiq language and culture. A troubled teen is inspired to learn language and dance of her ancestors. Bigfoot native story included. Inspirational work with young and dance. (79 min, 55 min version, 18 bonus)

18. March Point

(Show with Crying Earth Rise Up)

Three Swinomish teenage boys become aware of destruction of their communities by oil refineries in Anacortes, Washington. This is the topic of their investigative video assignment which leads them to experience the need to understand and tell their stories, and the power of the process to change their lives. They even go to D.C. (2006, 56 min)

19. Medicine Game: Two Brothers, One Dream

(Show at football season?)

Importance of Lacrosse, and a father who nurtures the talent of his four sons. The film follows the two eldest brothers – these players are active today. (2013, 70 min)

20. Medicine Woman

(Show during Women's History Month?)

The story of the first Native woman doctor, and modern day medicine women from the Omaha, Lakota and Navajo tribes. How can they mend the wounds of body and spirit that history has created? (2016, 60 min)

21. Navaho Math Circles

(Show in September: back to school)

Math educators tie math principles to Navajo environment and culture, emphasizing student-centered learning. Math circles raise the hopes of parents and students for a brighter future. Emphasizes visual/kinesthetic learners, spirit of math. (2016, 58 min)

22. Ohiyesa: The Soul of an Indian

Excellent. We own his collection of books about traditional culture and stories. Well-known to boy scout leaders!

Charles Eastman (Ohiyesa) was born in 1858. He became an activist, author, and first Native doctor, grew up with traditional ways in Canada until his father brought him back to the U.S. to boarding school. He became a doctor, was at Wounded Knee. Wrote of Native character and spirit. Part of first Native rights movement. Can indigenous people retain their cultural traditions and worldviews while working within institutions and a society that was created to oppress them? (2018, 57 min)

23. People's Protectors, The

(Show Memorial Day, Veteran's Day)

Four Native American veterans' experiences during the Viet Nam war, and how their communities helped them carry their warrior legacy proudly. There are many ways to be a Protector, an important role in tribal society.

24. Red Power Energy

Can energy development empower a people while powering the United States? How do different tribes use their reservations to maintain economic sovereignty? Divisive views on caring for earth vs. income for the tribe. Southern Ute, Mandan-Hidatxa-? Nation, Northern Cheyenne, Crow and more. Uranium mining, coal, oil and gas, wind and solar energy. (2016, 57 min)

25. Rising Voices Hothaninpi: Revitalizing the Lakota Language

Imminent peril to Lakota language. "The spirits don't hear English." Explores the historical attempt by U.S. to annihilate the language, the rise of immersion language schools, and participation of outsiders. History is interwoven with present-day short films about Lakota culture. (2015, 57 min)

26. Sacred Stick

(Show at football season?)

Oneida nation. History of what we call Lacrosse, which was a originally a sacred game tied (to the creation story, that Natives adapted within the dominant culture. Now the fastest growing sport in America. Contains clips from real games. (2012, 57 min)

27. Seasoned with Spirit: Bounty of River's Edge

Culinary dishes. Northern California Klamath Yurok culture. Salmon, seaweed, medicines, acorn, basketry, cedar, dwellings. (2006, 26 min)

28. Seasoned with Spirit: Cuisine of the Desert Southwest

Culinary dishes. Arizona Sonora Desert- Tohono O'odham. Food sources, saguaro cactus, wild spinach, mesquite juice, yucca baskets. 25 min.

29. Seasoned with Spirit: Food upon the Water

Show with Tedx video of Winona LaDuke—see Resources list

Culinary dishes. Ojibwe people of the Great Lakes. Winona La Duke, wild rice, swamp tea, stuffed acorn squash, birch trees, basketry. (2006, 26 min)

30. Seasoned with Spirit: Gulf Coast Originals

(Show around Mardi Gras)

Before the arrival of the Acadian French, Native Americans lived in Louisiana's bayous. Houma Nation. Culinary dishes. Creation story about crawfish. History of area. Basketweaving, fishing, cypress tree loss. (2006, 26 min)

31. Seasoned with Spirit: Return of the Buffalo

Culinary dishes. Cheyenne River Sioux reservation in South Dakota. History of buffalo loss and restoration. Culinary use of buffalo today. (2006, 30 min)

32. Smokin' Fish

Shown on PBS- a humorous and very interesting documentary about a quirky Tlingit businessman of Juneau, Alaska, who spends the summer smoking salmon at his family's traditional fish camp. Interweaves history of his people and process of preparing traditional food. Story of a man who has reclaimed his Tlingit heritage? (2011, 56 min)

33. Spirit in Glass: Plateau Native Beadwork

Columbia Plateau Native beadwork, Warm Springs, WA. Glass beading is a traditional and a contemporary art. "It heals you when you give a piece you have made away." Pendleton Rodeo is featured. (2014, 30 min)

34. Standing Bear's Footsteps

"All I ask is what is mine...my land, my freedom, my dignity as a man." In 1877, the Ponca people were moved 600 miles south from Nebraska to Oklahoma. Chief Standing Bear took their case to court where it was decided that Indians have a right to habeas corpus—personhood under the law. The Chief later cut ties with his tribe in order to be

as free as the white man, and not be a ward of the government. What does it mean to be a person? Perhaps to suffer and survive. (57 min)

35. Standing Silent Nation

On PBS POV. Moving documentary. Lakota family's struggle to retain tribal identity and sovereignty against history and federal policy against growing industrial hemp. Oglala Lakota pass legislation to grow industrial hemp, but federal government won't allow it. Alex White Plume is still in the news. (2007, 53 min)

36. Thick Dark Fog

(Show during mental health month? We have his book)

Award-winning documentary. Lakota, Pine Ridge Reservation. Focuses on one man: the effects of boarding school, American Indian Movement (AIM) Wounded Knee occupation. The story of how Walter Littlemoon confronted his past so that he could renew himself and his community. Healing through writing. (2012, 56 min)

37. To Brooklyn and Back: A Mohawk Journey

Mohawk ironworkers helped build many skyscrapers in New York City in 1920's and later. They established a vibrant community in Brooklyn, Little Caughnawaga. Community of families moved back and forth between New York City and Canada for work. (60 min)

38. Twelve Days of Native Christmas

Visual/musical adaptation of the classic Christmas song, representing 12 different native groups. (2009, 5 min)

39. Video Letters from Prison

Pine Ridge Lakota. Touching story of three sisters re-connecting with their father in prison. Amazing mother. (56 min)

40. Waterbusters

No subtitles, voices a little muddly. Affect of dams and water projects on tribal lands and culture. Affect of broken treaties, destruction of family homes leads to generational trauma.

41. What Was Ours

Who owns the past? Tribal recovery of ancient artifacts. Wind River Reservation. Interesting points of view among tribal members. (slow-moving, long story. Good powwow piece)

Recommended on-line:

PBS series [Roots of Comedy: Tatanka Means](#) comedian and actor. (Oglala Lakota and Dine) father= Russell Means, AIM and actor) [Roots of Comedy with Jesus Trejo | Tatanka Means | Episode 4 | THIRTEEN PBS](#)