



HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood is about to welcome hundreds of Indian Country's most talented dancers and drummers to the 47th annual Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow Wow. Dressed in their



finest regalia, participants will compete for their share of the \$150,000 prize purse from Feb. 9 to 11 at Hard Rock Live.

The celebration of Native Arts and Culture will kick off with Grand Entries at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feb. 9 and at noon and 7 p.m. Feb. 10. The drum and dance competitions will commence after the Grand Entries, which will feature Tribal leaders, Seminole royalty and dancers.

Competitive dance events will feature Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional, Northern Cloth, Northern Buckskin, Southern Straight, Southern Cloth, Jingle, Southern Buckskin dances and categories for men, women and teens. The drum competition will include Northern and Southern combined categories.

Since Tribal Fair is so close to Valentine's Day, Wanda Bowers will sponsor a special Sweetheart dance on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening. Couples will dance together and synchronize their steps, earning points for each session.

"Pairs have to dance together the same way," Bowers said. "It's fun and really pretty to watch."

Tribal members who don't want to compete on the dance floor can show their talent in the clothing and arts and crafts contests. The clothing contest will be held Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Hard Rock Live. Arts and crafts will be judged Feb. 9 and be displayed for the weekend in the VIP area on the third level of Hard Rock Live.

Entertainment will include alligator wrestling and wildlife shows and Seminole vendors will display and sell their wares. The Cowbone Band will perform Friday at 5 p.m.; Osceola Brothers Band will take the stage Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Taboo and Mag 7 featuring Spencer and Doc Battiest will perform Saturday at 6:15 p.m. Tribal Fair will conclude Feb. 11 with a concert by the Cowbone Band at noon, Osceola Brothers at 1 p.m., an alligator wrestling show at 2 p.m. and country artist Jamey Johnson at 3 p.m.

The Native Reel Cinema Fest will be held in the Hard Rock meeting rooms Friday and Saturday nights from 8 to 10 p.m. Featured films include "Rumble" and "Wind Across the Everglades," which stars Mary Osceola Moore and a special screening of "Ronnie BoDean." A question and answer period with producers Steve Salas, Christina Fon and special guest Taboo will follow.

More special guests, including Martin Sensmeier, Michelle Thrush, Spencer Battiest, Steven Paul Judd, musicians Taboo & Mag 7 and actor Wes Studi, will be available for meet and greets in the Hard Rock Live lobby Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tribal Fair and Pow Wow event schedule:

Friday, Feb. 9

- 12 p.m. Alligator wrestling and wildlife show
- 1 p.m. Seminole warfare tactics demo
- 2 p.m. Pow Wow grand entry
- 5 p.m. Cowbone Band
- 6 p.m. Native celebrities meet and greet at Hard Rock Live lobby and Seminole warfare tactics demo
- 7 p.m. Pow Wow grand entry
- 8-10 p.m. Native Reel Cinema Festival presents "Rumble"
- 11 p.m. Pow Wow ends

Saturday, Feb. 10

- 9 a.m. Traditional Seminole clothing contest (Tribal members)
- 12 p.m. Kids' Bill Osceola Memorial Rodeo at Hollywood Rodeo Arena
- 12-5 p.m. Pow Wow grand entry
- 4-6 p.m. Native celebrities meet and greet at Hard Rock Live lobby
- 5 p.m. Alligator wrestling and wildlife show
- 5:30 p.m. Osceola Brothers Band
- 6:15 p.m. Taboo and Mag 7
- 7 p.m. Adults' Bill Osceola Memorial Rodeo at Hollywood Rodeo Arena
- 7 p.m. Pow Wow Grand Entry
- 8-10 p.m. Native Reel Cinema Festival presents "Wind Across the Everglades"
- 11 p.m. Pow Wow ends

Sunday, Feb. 11

- 12 p.m. Cowbone Band at Hard Rock Live
- 1 p.m. Osceola Brothers Band
- 2 p.m. Alligator wrestling and wildlife show
- 3 p.m. Jamey Johnson concert
- 5 p.m. Tribal Fair ends

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