



From left, award-winning artists Aaron White and Tony Duncan

Crazy Horse Memorial®: Memorial Day kicks off the 2022 Cultural Programming season

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The 2022 Cultural Programs at Crazy Horse Memorial® officially kicks off Memorial Day weekend, welcoming over 100 artists and culture bearers who will bring educational material to the Memorial's summer guests!

Friday, May 27th ushers in the first of our Daily Performances on the Veranda Stage with Starr Chief Eagle, Lakota artist and hoop dancer extraordinaire. Daily Performances feature many different cultures and artistic expressions that include traditional and contemporary song, dance, and storytelling. Each performance lasts about 45 minutes and take place daily at 11:30, 1:30, and 4:30 until Sept 30th - amounting to nearly 400 seasonal performances!

Also beginning that Friday is the unique cultural program, Mahkoche Kin (*"The Land,"* in Lakota) - an educational walk with Darrell Red Cloud on select Fridays at 10AM and 2PM. A one-of-a-kind opportunity to see the Black Hills through a Lakota perspective, Mahkoche Kin takes visitors on an hour-long walk around the grounds of Crazy Horse Memorial®. During three stops along the program, Darrell will present about plants and animals, why the Black Hills are sacred and why the Memorial is here, and the land as a home. At the last stop, visitors will have a chance to volunteer in assisting Memorial staff in constructing an authentic tipi. Mahkoche Kin takes place on May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26, and September 23 (weather permitting).

And last but not least, the evening of May 27th is the first night of our celebrated Legends in Light® (nightly) laser light show, starting at 9:30PM!

On May 29th, Crazy Horse Memorial® will welcome Aaron White, the first Living Treasures artist of 2022 who will spend the week teaching visitors how to make their own river cane flute. Additionally that day, Tony Duncan, world-renown hoop dancer and flute player, will be teaching visitors how to hoop dance. The day will culminate in a special performance by the Duncan Family that evening at 6:30PM.

Living Treasures welcomes master artists to teach their craft to visitors. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Native American Educational and Cultural Center® for 60-90 minutes to learn the hands-on activity while an artist is present. The Living Treasures program dates and activities are as follows: May 29-June 4 (river cane flutes), July 3-July 9 (dreamcatchers), July 31-August 6 (medicine bags), September 4-September 10 (birch bark ornaments), and October 2-October 10 (miniature dance sticks and shields).

Special Performances take place on select dates throughout the year and showcase numerous North American cultures through large scale productions.

All programming is included with admission to the Memorial and each activity is modeled to be completed within 60-90 minutes. A full list of programs for 2022 can be found at [Crazy Horse Memorial Special Events](#).

For more information, please visit www.crazyhorse.org and follow The Indian Museum of North America® on all social media or contact Travis Dewes, Cultural Programs Manager, culturalprograms@crazyhorse.org, phone 605-673-4681, ext. 286.