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New Native American Exhibit at Museum

The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County is presenting a new traveling exhibit featuring California Native American art and poetry. *Sing Me Your Story, Dance Me Home* opens with a reception on Friday, September 26, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The opening program features The Feather River Singers, a Native American women's drum group performing traditional songs with a large drum. It is a rare opportunity to see this talented local group perform, and it is their first performance at the museum.

The exhibit *Sing Me Your Story, Dance Me Home* is an extraordinary exhibit in which California Native stories, songs and dance take form in poetry, painting, basketry, jewelry, printmaking, photography and sculpture. Themes of family history, identity, self-acceptance, cultural traditions, racism, and socioeconomics are explored.

Recognizing the cultural heritage and individual accomplishments of the artists and poets, this exhibit also honors Native California communities. Over 100 federally recognized tribes, 40 groups seeking recognition, and 95 reservations reflect the complexity of histories and diversity of indigenous cultures within our state.

The exhibit is organized by the California Exhibition Resources Alliance (CERA) and was developed in concert with Heyday Books. CERA is a network of professionally operated museums and cultural organizations that collaborate to create and tour smaller, affordable, high quality exhibitions that enhance civic engagement and human

understanding. The exhibit is made possible by generous grants for The James Irvine Foundation, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, Columbia Foundation, LEF Foundation, the Fleishhacker Foundation, The Clorox Company Foundation, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Sing Me Your Story will remain at the Community Memorial Museum through November 16, 2008. The Museum is located at 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City. Open hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 822-7141.