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Iowa's Forgotten Tribe to be Remembered in Lost Nation, Iowa

"Lost Nation: The Ioway" film event comes to town that inspired title

Lost Nation, IA – The dramatic saga of Iowa's forgotten Ioway Tribe will be remembered in Lost Nation, Iowa if Leslie Schultz has anything to do with it.

Schultz jumped at the opportunity to bring the critically-acclaimed documentary "Lost Nation: The Ioway" to the small Iowa town that inspired the title, and with the help of numerous town sponsors a movie event with extra bonus features was organized for April 12th.

"This is an Iowa story that Iowans need to know," Schultz said. "Lost Nation is happy to sponsor this event and bring this important story to surrounding communities."

"Lost Nation" tells the dramatic true story of two brothers' struggle to save their people from inevitable American conquest, and the Ioway's current fight to reclaim and maintain their unique history and culture. After the tribe was removed from its land in the 1830s, the 36 million acres it called home was named "Iowa." Then, the tribe was forgotten.

Award-winning Film Producers Kelly and Tammy Rundle, Ioway Tribal Member Pete Fee, the only Ioway living in the state of Iowa, will take part in the event, as will Archaeologist Mark L. Anderson of the Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist--University of Iowa, and film participant John Palmquist. (Movie event details below.) This will be Fee's last appearance before moving to the Ioway Nation in Perkins, Oklahoma in May.

The film was featured by invitation at the Beloit International Film Festival in January 2008—one of four film festivals in the country hailed by the *New York Times* as an alternative to Sundance—and has since been selected for several more festivals.

Film critic Linda Cook of the Quad City Times gave "Lost Nation: The Ioway" 4-out-of-4 stars and said, "The Rundles' "Ioway" is perfectly complete... A fantastic documentary... You don't have to be a history buff to enjoy this film."

The Rundles began shooting the Ioway documentary in July 2005, and in considering a title for the project came upon the small Iowa town of Lost Nation.

"Growing up in the Quad Cities, I was aware of the town of Lost Nation, and always thought the name was intriguing," said Director Kelly Rundle. "After pulling the Ioway project together, 'Lost Nation' seemed like the right title to describe the tribe's story of loss--loss of land, loss of language, and loss of culture."

The film combines commentary from loway Tribal Elders, loway Tribal Members, historians, archaeologists, and anthropologists, with new footage of historic sites, historical photographs and documents, artifacts, art from loway artists and national museums; loway music, legends, dances, and powwows.

The “Lost Nation: The loway” movie event is sponsored by Lost Nation Visions, Ltd., and the combined efforts of numerous Lost Nation businesses, organizations, and individuals. The special event takes place on Saturday, April 12th at the Midland Lost Nation Center, 100 Winter Street, Lost Nation, Iowa.

From 1pm-2pm pre-show events for children and adults include a traditional tipi and artifact exhibit, story-telling with loway Tribal Member Pete Fee, and a presentation and spear-throwing demonstration by archaeologist Mark L. Anderson of the Office of the State Archaeologist, and refreshments by the local Boy Scout Troop. The one-hour film will screen at 2:00pm, followed by discussion and Q&A with film producers Kelly and Tammy Rundle, and film/program participants Fee, Anderson and Palmquist. Tickets: \$5/pp or \$10/per family.

Lost Nation Visions, Ltd. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization. Its function is to aid in securing grants for community projects.

The Rundles are the owners of Fourth Wall Films, an award-winning independent film and video production company formerly located in Los Angeles, and now based in Moline, Illinois. Visit FourthWallFilms.com for more information.

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