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PRESS RELEASE

GrandMother Drum: Awakening the Global Heart

A new documentary film about the building and travels of world largest crystal inlaid Grandmother Drum sounding a message of unity and peace from the hearts of the grandmothers.

PALMER, AK Co- Producers Brad J. Swenson and White Eagle Medicine Woman (Suraj Holzwarth) are pleased to announce the worldwide premiere of *Grandmother Drum: Awakening the Global Heart*. The film documents how the healing sound of one giant heartbeat, gives people the power to reconcile and come together in peace and understanding.

Seven years in the making, this documentary film tracks the journey of the large seven -foot, crystal inlaid GrandMother Drum. From a vision given in dream, to a year long building process in Chickaloon, Alaska, to traveling the world gathering thousands in worldwide drum vigils for peace and dynamic multicultural performances, the GrandMother Drum sends out her heartbeat of love from the Alaskan people.

According to creation stories of the world's religions, creation started with sound, with the Word, with the Big Bang. For thirteen years White Eagle Medicine Woman (Suraj Holzwarth) was visited in dreams by indigenous grandmothers giving her spiritual guidance to build a giant healing drum. With the help of the Alaskan multicultural community, the large seven foot crystal inlaid GrandMother Drum was built in 2000 for just that, to sound a Big Bang of Love and create a new age of peace and illumination among humanity.

As foretold by the Otomi Elders of Mexico, "*when the sound of 8,000 drums would be heard the Earth would begin her renewal*". The GrandMother Drum tours the world to fulfill the ancient prophecy and gather thousands in worldwide drum vigils for peace. Journey with her across the outback of Australia to work with the Aboriginal "Stolen Generation", into remote northern villages of the Yukon to California's main stage setting the Guinness Book of World Records for the Largest Drum Ensemble For Peace.

The **Soundtrack of the DVD, *Songlines of the Soul*** was written and produced by White Eagle Medicine Woman and is her second CD. Her first CD, *Journey of the Heart*, won awards in the 2004 Alaska Song of the Year Contest. The Soundtrack will be released at the premiere, making this a double-header evening. The film and the music are truly an Alaskan inspiring good news story.

*Proceeds from the film support the GrandMother Drum International Peace Project in promoting unity and peace through the universal language of music, dance, cultural and healing arts.