

Frequently Asked Questions about Hosting GrandMother Drum

Are there promotional materials for our events?

Yes. Once you book your events you may download a press release, poster and photos for advertising. Our website is complete with all the information you need. Your host site will then be added to our tour schedule on our website and announcements will go out in our weekly HEARTBEAT emails sent to thousands on our mailing list. See our website www.whirlingrainbow.com.

Just how big is the GrandMother Drum?

The GrandMother Drum is 79" wide by 37" high (depth) and is kettle-shaped. She is made of 1500 strips of cedar and birch and is covered with one large buffalo hide. Her kettle base is inlaid with 200 clear and rose quartz crystal. She weighs approx. 275 lbs. PLEASE CHECK ALL DOORS and DOORWAYS LEADING INTO THE GATHERING HALL WITH TAPE MEASURE. Double doors with no middle barrier are best suited to get GrandMother through. Some single doors to churches or auditoriums are large enough. Again, please call to confirm measurements of doorways.

Is it possible to put the GrandMother Drum on her side to access doorways?

Yes. She can be turned vertically but not onto the floor. Please make sure your doorways can handle the dimensions.

How does the GrandMother Drum Travel?

GrandMother Drum travels in a wooden crate. The dimensions of the crate are 85" x 85" by 45" high. This crate flies airfreight and then is transported to your gathering on a trailer pulled by a truck. We will need six people to unload her from the trailer to and from the gathering hall.

What kind of gathering hall is best for the Prayerperformance and Workshops?

An open performance hall or church is best where chairs can be put up and taken away while participants join us in playing GrandMother Drum and learning interactive sacred mandala dances.

Can the GrandMother Drum perform outdoors?

Yes, depending on the weather and season. If she is being played outdoors, she will need to be under a covered awning or tent to protect her from sun or rain.

What kind of additional equipment is needed?

For groups larger than 50 people, a sound system will be needed. We also need a headphone microphone and two portable microphones. We will also need two large display tables for our promotional information and merchandise.

Can participants bring their own percussion instruments?

Yes of course! Depending on the venue, there will be specific times when the whole group will be invited to play.

Are children welcome?

Yes of course. Children under 16 are by donation. The GrandMother Drum prayerperformances, ceremonies and workshops include guided meditations, prayer and silence, so please be aware that it may be a bit long for little ones so use your discretion here.

Can the ceremonies and workshops be photographed and filmed?

Yes and No. There will be specific times for film use and other times that will not. We will let you know.

Are women on their moon time allowed to play the GrandMother Drum?

In some native cultures, women do not play the drum on their moon time. Since GrandMother Drum is an international, intertribal drum of all races and cultures women are encouraged to play regardless of their moon time. All women, men and children are welcome to play the GrandMother Drum.

Other Important Notes:

The GrandMother Drum needs safe (room temperature) and secure housing throughout the conference or gathering.

All GrandMother Drum events are drug, alcohol and smoke free events. No one that has been using drugs (unless prescription) or alcohol within three days of the ceremonies is allowed to play on the GrandMother Drum, though they may participate in other ways.