



THE WHIRLING RAINBOW FOUNDATION

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Hosting GrandMother Drum: Frequently Asked Questions

Is there PRESS 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 monthly HEARTBEAT email newsletter and all social networks. See our website at www.whirlingrainbow.com. White Eagle Medicine Woman is available for local radio, tv, and newspaper interviews.

Just how big is the GrandMother Drum ?

GrandMother Drum is 80" 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. Some single doors to churches or auditoriums are large enough. Again, please contact us 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 cannot be weighted on the ground. 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 47" high. This crate flies airfreight and then is transported to your gathering on a trailer pulled by a truck. We will need six to eight people to unload her from the trailer to and from the gathering hall.

Do we as Host Sponsors pay for Grandmother Drum's transportation costs?

All transportation costs are included in the Host Sponsorship Fees. See the Host Sponsorship contract for details.

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 circle dances. A theatre space with a large stage also works.

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 large covered awning or tent to protect her from sun or rain. Depending on temperature a heater might be needed.

What kind of additional equipment is needed?

For groups larger than 50 people, a sound system will be needed. We usually travel with our own mics, but please contact for details. 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 audience will be invited to play.

Are children welcome?

Yes of course. Children under 16 can attend our events 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. Some of our workshops and portal ceremonies are not designed for children. Ask us for details.

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 anytime.**

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

Other Important Notes:

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