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THE GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL

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PRESENTS Puhutawi

Celebrating the National park Service Centennial

Thursday, August 25 and Saturday, August 27, 2016

WHAT: A new genre of Hopi music, Puhutawi takes the power and sophistication of Hopi traditional music and expands its sonic possibilities via fusion with contemporary chamber music, enticing the audience to listen to the environmental and spiritual forces that bring life and motion to the Grand Canyon, the Hopi ancestral homeland, to experience the rhythmic transformations created by traditional Hopi instruments, pushing and pulling the listener into and out of the unique time and space created by evocative texts and music.

This collaborative piece was composed by Hopi traditional musician Clark Tenakhongva and Hopi composer Trevor Reed, and was funded in part through the Imagine Your Parks grant initiative from the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the National Park Service to support projects that use the arts to engage people with places and landscapes of the National Park System.

WHO: Clark Tenakhongva, Jeffrey Koyiymptewa, Clare Hoffmsn, Catalyst String Quartet, others TBA.

WHEN and WHERE: Thursday, August 25 at 7 p.m., Desert View Watchtower, South Rim Grand Canyon National Park

Saturday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m., Shrine of the Ages, Rim Grand Canyon National Park

TICKETS: Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (age 6 and up) and students, Season tickets to all 7 concerts, \$90. Visit our web site for tickets and more information or email gcmf@infomagic.net or call 928-638-9215.

NOTE: August 25th is a free concert open the the public.

Winner: New Music USA's New Music Educators Award Winner: President's Council on the Arts and the Humanities National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Winner: Governor's Arts Award

Two-time Winner: ASCAP-Chamber Music America Award for Adventurous Programming

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