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**THE 36th SEASON OF THE  
GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL PRESENTS  
THE NINETEENTH SEASON OF ITS  
NATIVE AMERICAN COMPOSER APPRENTICE PROJECT (NACAP)  
Sunday, September 1, 2019  
Grand Canyon National Park Centennial Celebration**

**WHAT:** Native American Composer Apprentice Project (NACAP). Recipient of the New Music USA New Music Educators Award and the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, presented by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House.

For three weeks NACAP teaching Composers-in-Residence Raven Chacon and Michael Begay tutor talented school students from Navajo, Hopi, and Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community schools in the art of composition, resulting in new works for string quartet. Students participate in workshops, rehearsals, performances and recordings of their works with NACAP's 2019 ensemble-in-residence The Catalyst Quartet. The student composers' works are performed at Native American reservation schools, and at the Heard Museum on August 30th, culminating in world premiere during an all-day NACAP Fair at Grand Canyon Music Festival on Sunday September 1st.

**WHO:** COMPOSERS-IN-RESIDENCE Raven Chacon and Michael Begay (Navajo Nation); ENSEMBLE-IN-RESIDENCE The Catalyst Quartet; Students from 5 Navajo and Hopi Reservation schools and Salt River High School in Scottsdale.

**WHEN:** RESERVATION TOUR, August 26 - August 30, 2019.

HEARD MUSEUM August 30, 2019 at 7 p.m.

GRAND CANYON world premiere performance of student works, Sun., Sept. 1, 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Reservation tour: Tuba City High School, Tuba City Boarding School, Grey Hills Academy, Tuba City, AZ; Chinle High School, Chinle, AZ; Whitehorse High School, San Juan, Utah; Hopi High School; Salt River High School, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Scottsdale.

Community Concerts: Heard Museum.

World premiere performances of student works: Shrine of the Ages, Grand Canyon National Park

Admission to NACAP events is free.  
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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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