

Athabascan Fiddlers' benefit to be held in Fairbanks

If you missed the Third Athabascan Old Time Fiddling Festival last year, you don't have to wait until November to dance to the tune of fiddling music. You can come to a benefit and dance the jig, reel and two-step or just sit and listen to Athabascan fiddle music.

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts announces a benefit dance to be held at the Eagles Hall in Fairbanks on March 13, 1986 from 7 p.m. to midnight. All proceeds from the benefit will go toward the next festival, to be held in November.

Musicians and support staff have already volunteered to help the Institute raise money during the benefit. Local musicians and those traveling to Fairbanks for the North American Dog Races, the Fairbanks Native

Association Potlatch and Ice Festival events, will be performing. The benefit is open to the public, with minors allowed. Admission price will be \$5, and door prizes will be given away.

In addition to these fundraising efforts of IANA volunteers, local Athabascan beadworkers are assisting with the production of a beaded mossehide sled bag to be raffled off along with other special prizes.

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts is a statewide Native arts organization with non-profit status whose mission is to provide opportunities for the continued development of the arts of Aleut, Eskimo and Indian people. For more information about the benefit, or if you would like to help, contact the

Institute of Alaska Native Arts, P.O. Box 80583, Fairbanks, Alaska 99708 or call (907) 456-7491. The Institute

is located at 524 Third Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska.



Old Time Athabascan Fiddling Festival, 1984.

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