

# Benefit dance to feature fiddlers

After a long winter, everyone looks forward to the middle of March, when once again Alaskan's celebrate the beginning of Spring with a week of many exciting events, ranging from dog races to Eskimo dancing. As you plan your calendar, mark March 14, 1985 to attend a benefit dance featuring Athabascan Old-Time fiddling.

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts announces a benefit dance at Eagles Hall in Fairbanks on March 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will offset costs expended for its annual Athabascan Old-Time Fiddling Festival held in

Fairbanks in November each year.

IANA has invited fiddlers and musicians who will be in town to play. Within one day of the invitation, fiddlers from Fort Yukon and Huslia responded, agreeing to play at the benefit. Many others have also responded all willing to help out at the benefit.

A feature of the dance will be a "Beaded Boot and Slipper Contest" for couples. Beaded boot and slipper contests are held in some Interior villages during celebrations such as New Years.

Also as part of the fund-raising effort, the Institute will be drawing raffle tickets.

There will be no alcohol served and admission to the dance is \$5.00 and tickets will be sold at the door.

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts is a statewide program service organization with not-for-profit status which advocates for Alaska Native artists and their work. For more information contact the Institute of Alaska Native Arts P.O. Box 80583, Fairbanks, AK 99708 or phone (907) 479-8473.