

Native Musicale to run four evenings

Not one, not two, but four evenings of family enjoyment are slated for the 1990 Native Musicale Feb. 13-16, a favorite Fur Rendezvous event presented this year for the 18th year by Native New Life Fellowship.

The whole family is invited to Anchorage's West High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. each night to enjoy musicians from along the Yukon River, Bethel, Kotzebue, Unalakleet, Fairbanks and Kodiak. A new program is promised each night, with live radio broadcasts to Interior residents through Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome and Nenana radio stations.

The musicale is a chance to hear the timeless sounds of Gospel, country and favorite ballads. A few will sing in their Native languages; others will talk about what God means to them.

For many in the audience, the folks on stage are friends and family who make it to Anchorage just once a year. Although the program is filled with talented people, criteria for performance isn't top-notch musical talent, it's evidence of a Christ-centered life, according to organizers.

West High School Auditorium is located at 1700 Hillcrest Drive in Anchorage. Admission is free.

In addition to the musicale programs, Native New Life Fellowship uses this once-a-year opportunity for out-of-town visitors to attend the Native Leadership Conference. The leadership conference will be held at the Evangelical Covenant Church at 12th Avenue and C Street.

This free conference — for Native men and women who are in leadership roles in their cities, villages and churches — opens Feb. 13, with



Photo courtesy Native Musicale

Nemo Stickivan, left, and Buck Delkettie perform in the Native Musicale in 1989. The event runs four nights this year.

registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Featured speakers include Linda Ross of Kodiak, Noah Jordon of Bethel, Helen Gregorio of Anchorage, Simeon Arnakin of Anchorage, Alfreda Claus of Phoenix, Ariz., Paul Boskowsky of Dillingham, Laura Frost of Anchorage and Dwayne King of Glennallen.

Tom Claus, a Mohawk Indian from Phoenix, will be speaking each morning. Sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon from Feb. 13-16. It will conclude at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 16 with a lunch potluck.

A followup potluck is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Feb. 19, at Ronig Junior High School at 27th Avenue and Min-

nesota Drive in Anchorage. The regular New Life meeting will follow the meal.

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