

National creative writing contest for American Indians

The search is on for American Indian writers to take part in a national creative writing competition.

Sponsored by the American Indian Art and Cultural Exchange, the competition is open to Indian students, amateurs and professionals. Entries will be accepted in the following categories: poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and original dramatic scripts. Published as well as unpublished works are

welcome.

Prizes will be given, and in the category of original scripts, the selected script will be performed by the Indian Actors Workshop of Los Angeles.

The competition is one of many events planned by the American Indian Art and Cultural Exchange, a non-profit educational organization, as part of the American Indian Celebration, commemorating the Indian's 25,000 years in North America.

The celebration will be held at Century City in Los Angeles Aug. 19-29. Other events planned include a national invitational art show, a presentation of the Indian drama, "Trail of Tears," by the original company from Tulsa, Okla., a major fashion show and design competition, a festival of Indian dance and a spiritual seminar.

The goals of the exchange are to recognize the achievement of Indian artists and to show their influence on other 20th century art forms. The funds raised in the celebration, which the exchange hopes will become an annual event, will go toward the establishment of such programs as a permanent museum and gallery, an artist-in-residence and artist-on-wheels program, and a nine-area university system for Ph.D. candidates in American Indian art and

cultural history.

Indians interested in entering should send three copies of any written work and a resume including name, address, telephone number or other means of being reached, tribe, and any background material. The deadline is June 30, 1976.

Entries will not be returned but the authors will retain the copywrite. All entrants will be

notified in July.

Entries should be sent to Peggy Ostermann, The American Indian Art and Cultural Exchange, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 90067.