

Bethel troupe to perform at arts festival

BETHEL — Spirit Theatre, a Bethel-based Native theater company, has been invited to perform at the Festival of Native Arts on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus at the Performing Arts Center Friday and Saturday evening.

The 17th annual festival in Fairbanks will feature dancers and artists

and opens Thursday in Fairbanks.

Under the direction of Jane Lind, an Aleut actress/director now making her home in New York, the 10-member cast of Spirit Theater has performed "The Spirits in All Things" by Juneau playwright David Hunsacker throughout the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta.

Cast members include David Bill Jr., Christina Hunter, Ethel Hunter, Alexie Issac, Greg Kilbuck, Eric Phillip, Sophie Polk, Marjorie Watson and Trim Nick.

The cast also performed last fall at the Alaska Federation of Natives convention on behalf of the Blue Ribbon

Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and more recently at the annual multi-cultural bilingual conference earlier this month in Anchorage.

The play is derived from the oral literature of the Yup'ik and Inupiat people and centers around creation myths of the ancient Eskimo.