



Robert Aiken and Lawrence Kaleak of the Barrow Singers and Dancers perform in Anchorage. More photos, page nine.



Barrow Singers and Dancers brought their thousand-year-old traditions to Anchorage recently at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. Top photo features, from left, Mamie Okpeaha, Martha Panningona and Marjorie Pikok doing the "Motion Dance." At left, the group includes, back row, from left, Rhoda Nageak, Rhoda Pikik and Martha Aikan; center, Mamie Okpeaha, Marjorie Pikok and Martha Panningona; and front, Robert Okpeaha, Robert Aiken, Lawrence Kaleak and Fred Okpeaha. Shown below, Lawrence Kaleak and Robert Aiken dance.

Museum features Native performers

The Alaska Native Dance Performance Series recently featured the Barrow Singers and Dancers.

The group of Inupiat performers follows the thousand-year-old traditions of their people using dance as a means of celebration, particularly for success in hunting and other survival activities.

The group won the Gold Medal at the World Eskimo and Indian Olympics competition in 1988.

The series continues this week with the King Island Inupiat Singers and Dancers at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. They follow the Tlingit-Haida Singers and Dancers, who performed last week.

The performances are seven days a week at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 are free.

The group will be performing today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Starting Thursday will be Chunta MacIntyre, a Yup'ik Eskimo artist from the village of Eek. He will perform songs, stories and dances, learned from village elders.



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