

Native Americans top Winter Games cultural events

Comic Charlie Hill and Hollywood actor/singer Floyd Redcrow Westerman, both prominent Native American entertainers, will travel to Anchorage as part of a full cultural program during the Arctic Winter Games.

The cultural program is an important part of the Games, scheduled for March 3-10, and features a wide variety of Alas-

kan talent. The program consists of four main events: a Native American Concert on March 4, Cultural Galas on March 7-8, and a March 9 pow-wow featuring the Northern Lights Inter-Tribal Drummers, Morning Star Drum and Walking Hawk Drum from Fairbanks. All will be held at Chugiak High School.

Diane Benson, cultural coordinator

for the Arctic Winter Games, said ticket sales for the events are going fast.

Hill is a popular and widely respected comedian best known for his American Indian parodies on multi-cultural and inter-tribal relationships which he plays to diverse audiences at universities, concert halls and comic clubs across the nation.

Westerman is a veteran performer. As an actor he has appeared in many different television episodes ranging from primetime programs to soap operas and features. He is best known for his feature film roles as the Chief in *Dances With Wolves*, the traditional dancer in *The Doors* and the father in *Renegades*.

Hollywood fame has not diminished Westerman's career as a country/folk singer. Often an activist, he has played and supported such events as international inter-tribal gatherings, and performed the opening act for Sting on a year-long world tour.

The Arctic Winter Games is not the first venue that the two have played to-

gether. Both were recently seen on *Roseanne* in a Thanksgiving episode written by Hill himself.

Joining Hill and Westerman at the Native American Concert will be Kenaitze musician and songwriter Bunny Swan, backed up by her indigenous folk/rock band. The show will open with the Yupik/African-American Blanchett Brothers performing with Ossie Kairaiwak.

The two Cultural Galas will also feature Native American talent. Renowned Athabaskan fiddler Bill Stevens and Palmer's own 10-year old Bobby Bowlin—also a fiddler—will join performers traveling with athletes from Canada, Russia and Alaska.

For information about tickets, call Diane Benson at 694-8866 or Carrs Tix at 263-2787.