MOUNDVILLE
33RD NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL
VIRTUAL
OCTOBER 7-9, 2021

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A Message From The Festival Organizers

The year 2021 has brought dramatic changes to our daily lives that no one could have imagined. While we would have preferred to continue our longstanding tradition of bringing together thousands of schoolchildren and families to experience our Festival at Moundville Archaeological Park, we decided, again, that this was not going to be possible. And so, as have many similar events around the world, the Moundville Native American Festival has transitioned to a virtual event. We have worked hard to maintain our annual 4-day on-site event’s dynamic feel, and many of our regular performers and demonstrators will still join you and us this year. We are also excited to present new educational and cultural content. We hope that this second year of change also helps us educate new audiences around the world about Moundville’s incredible ancient Mississippian city (once the largest city north of Mexico!) or the vibrant and resilient Southeastern Native American descendant communities.

Festival Committee

This year’s festival organizing committee was led by Lindsey Gordon, Moundville's Education Outreach Coordinator and Festival Director. Together with UA Museums’ Communication Coordinator, Rebecca Johnson, they developed, wrote, filmed, produced, and narrated much of online content for this year’s festival. They were assisted by Allie Sorlie, who developed much of the k-12 educational content. the festival committee also included Carlton Bates, Dr. Alex Benitez, Wayne Cobb, Tara Jimerson, Dr. Lisa Matherson, John Newman, Lisa Rasco, Amanda Smith, and Janet Wyatt. The committee would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Dr. Bill Bomar, Executive Director of UA Museums and former Moundville Archaeological Park Director.

Join Us!

Over three days, tribal members from numerous Native American nations will come together to share with you their vibrant cultures and enduring traditions. This year’s virtual edition welcomes back many of your favorite artists and performers, including hoop dancer Lyndon Alec, dance group Mystic Wind Choctaw Dancers!
Thursday, October 7
9:00 am: Storytime with Grayhawk
11:00 am: Beadwork with Juanita Gardinski
1:00 pm: TBA
7:00 pm: Moundville Museum Mystery

Friday, October 8
9:00 am: Performance by Lyndon Alec
11:00 am: Language Workshop with Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mvskoke Language Program
1:00 pm: Stickball with Tony Garter
7:00 pm: Cooking Demonstration

Saturday, October 9
9:00 am: Creek Life with Rosa Hall
11:00 am: Birds of Prey Presentation
1:00 pm: Performance by Mystic Wind Choctaw Dancers

Moundville Museum Mystery:
Thursday, October 7 at 10 AM for Students
Thursday, October 7 at 7 PM for General Public

Event Description
This virtual education experience will offer you a chance to connect, play, and laugh your way through Moundville Archaeological Park and the Jones Archaeological Museum. Your Host (Rebecca Johnson, The University of Alabama Museums’ Communications Specialist) will give you clues and instructions while your Tour Guide (Lindsey Gordon, Moundville’s Education Outreach Coordinator) will be in the museum with a live video feed acting as your eyes, ears, hands, and feet. Rebecca will help you watch videos, and help you keep track of the items and clues you find along the way. This interactive experience would be catered to classrooms on Thursday, October 7 at 10 AM. Each class will have to work together using Moundville’s history to solve one of Moundville’s Museum Mysteries!

Educators: Sign your class up for the experience through this online form.
FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

*Full list of participants and programming on our free festival site.

Performers
ALABAMA WILDLIFE CENTER: Birds of Prey Program (Pelham, AL)
LYNDON ALEC: Hoop Dancing (Alabama-Coushatta – Livingston, TX)
NJUNUITY: Contemporary Southeastern Flute Music (Chickasaw/Choctaw – Ada, OK)
MYSTIC WIND CHOCTAW DANCERS: Choctaw Social Dancing & Culture (Choctaw, MS)
GRAYHAWK PERKINS: Emcee, Music & Storytelling (Choctaw/Houma–Mandeville, LA)

Demonstrators
TAMERA BEANE: Repoussé Copperwork (Collinsville, AL)
TONY GARTER: Children’s Stickball (Lakota – New Hope, AL)
JUANITA GARDINSKIJ: Beadwork (Choctaw –Henning, Choctaw, MS)

Living History Presenters
ROSA NEWMAN HALL: Creek Women’s Camp Life (Tuscaloosa, AL)
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