

Benefit Concert for **HAME**

Tuesday, December 2, 2003

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Myrna Loy Center



Jack Gladstone grew up immersed in the rich oral tradition of the American West. His great, great grandfather Red Crow, legendary chief of the Blood Tribe, was a great warrior and orator. Another grandfather was William Gladstone, a carpenter who helped build Montana's Fort Benton and Alberta's Fort Whoop Up. In understanding the stories of their lives, Jack has discovered both adventure and harmony within Indian and white cultures.

Jack Gladstone & Friends

Born in Seattle, Washington to a Montana Blackfeet father and a German American mother, Jack was a standout scholar athlete in high school. He earned a football scholarship to the University of Washington and proudly wears a Rose Bowl Championship ring from his time with the Huskies. More importantly, he graduated with a degree in Speech Communications.

After college, Jack returned to his native homeland and put down roots. On the Blackfeet Reservation in northern Montana, he taught Public Speaking at the local community college for four years. It was during this time that he also deepened his knowledge of American Indian tradition and history.

In 1985, Jack founded a lecture series for Glacier National Park, organizing and delivering presentations focusing on Blackfeet history and culture. The interweaving of mythology and song is so popular that the "Native American Speaks" series was recently presented, by The Council for American Indian Interpretation, an award for "excellence in the interpretation of American Indian culture."

During the past 20 years, Jack's musical career has flourished. He has performed throughout North America, Europe and Japan and has released eleven albums. With his music being featured on radio and television (and even aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis), Jack has been recognized with nominations for the Grammy and Native American Music Awards.

His latest release, Mountain West Christmas, is the outcome of friendship, family and several weeks of rehearsal last winter. Co-produced by Jack, Kendall Flint and David Griffith, it is a musical Christmas card featuring traditional, contemporary and eclectic arrangements of classic holiday songs.

While attending the University of Washington ('76-'82), Jack was blessed with two exceptional roommates who remain within his closest circle of friends. Jack helped recruit RON BLACKEN for the Husky football program, where he became a standout wide receiver for three championship teams. More than football, however, Ron and Jack's mutual love of music created and sustained a lasting bond. Today, Ron lives in Lake Stevens, Washington with his wife, Kathy, and son, Matthew.

In 1979, KENDALL FLINT became Jack's college roommate. Medicine was Kendall's academic focus, but in a parallel path, he blossomed in pursuit of song. In the early 1980s, "Dr. Harmony" and Jack appeared professionally as the duo "Gladstone & Flint." Upon completion of his medical training, Kendall settled to live and work near the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

DAVID GRIFFITH, long recognized as Montana's premier multi-instrumentalist, has performed with many bands throughout the U.S. and Canada including Rob Quist and Great Northern, Andre Floyd and Mood Iguana and many others. His musical talent has been featured on all of Jack's recording projects. David and wife Margaret make their home in the Flathead Valley.

GARY SNOW, a well known Montana bass player for the past 15 years now makes his home in Creston, British Columbia. When he's not gracing the stage and studios with his rhythmic genius, he helps raise cherries and apples on the family farm.

Jack Gladstone's Mountain West Christmas concert is a benefit for the Helena Advocates for Montessori Education (HAME). HAME is a non-profit organization dedicated solely to funding Montessori training for Helena public teachers.

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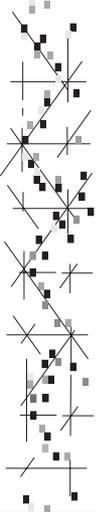


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