



# SANTA CRUZ DANCE FOR ALL PEOPLE

Indian Canyon, Hollister, CA  
October 12-15, 2017

<http://scnaraya.org>

Dear ones,

Imagine extending your arms out a few inches from your sides, opening your palms, and feeling your neighbors on either side of you clasp your hands. The evening breeze carries the smell of cedar, tobacco, red paint, and that undefinable scent of ceremony. The song leader empties her lungs, preparing to take the deep breath in that will become opening notes of the song. You look up and see the stars appearing, framed by live oak trees, whose acorns have fed the people of this land since the beginning. In this pause, the quiet before the first breath is taken, anything is possible.

Will you join us?





With gratitude to our ceremonial leader Clyde Hall, the Santa Cruz Naraya Hosting Circle invites you to dance with us around the Tree of Life. Come pray for the healing and renewal of the Earth and all beings, and for the specific transformations that you are ready to experience in your own life. When we come together in an intentional way with the support of community, elders, and the Great Mystery, profound change is initiated on all levels.

We are honored to Dance once again at Indian Canyon, sacred land that has never been colonized and that to this day serves as a sanctuary for coastal native peoples. This land is the only federally recognized California Indian Country in a 300-square-mile area on the California Central Coast. Today ceremonies of indigenous traditions from around the world take place here. We are deeply grateful to Ann Marie Sayers, Mustun/Ohlone elder, for opening her home to us.

The purpose of the Dance for All People is to honor and renew our relationship with the earth, the ancestors, and all beings through creating a common ground for all. Inspired by Great Basin Plateau tribal traditions and originating in their ancestral Round Dance, the Dance for All People today incorporates singing and dancing in a simple side-step around a tree. The Naraya is a living ceremony. Few of us can claim this tradition, yet we come as welcomed guests, participating in the ceremony with humility and respect.

At this Dance we all help to create the infrastructure necessary to support our ceremony. Service is an essential aspect of our dance! For all returning dancers, please consider what you have to offer; your gatekeeper will help you discern how you would like to serve before, during, and/or after the ceremony.

If you feel called to dance with us in Santa Cruz, there are a number of steps to follow.

## **1) GATEKEEPING**

In preparation for the Dance, all dancers must contact one of the gatekeepers listed below to set up a phone conversation. The gatekeeping process is an opportunity to clarify your intentions for participating in the ceremony. Our collective intent is about healing and renewal for the Earth and all beings, and this includes your personal intention for healing. You may choose to reflect on these questions as you prepare to meet with your gatekeeper:

What calls me to this Dance?

What is the change that is most needed in my life?

How am I a vessel for the healing and renewal of this world?

Your gatekeeper can help answer questions you have regarding our Dance, discuss logistics to guide your preparations, and support you in discerning how you will step into service for our Dance. Please note that there are specific gatekeepers available for new dancers, Indigenous dancers, families with children, and those called to volunteer in the kitchen.

## **Santa Cruz Gatekeeping Team**

### **Chuck**

(415) 374-3736

### **Dawn & Willow Walking**

*Families with children*

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### **Jasmine Tea**

*New dancers*

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### **Kwai**

*Kitchen dancers*

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### **Little Wolf**

*Native dancers & New dancers only*

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### **Lily Moon**

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### **Lorenzo / Monkey Bear**

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### **Mālama ManyGifts**

*New dancers*

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### **Marissa**

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## 2) THE AGREEMENTS

We ask that every dancer commit to the following agreements, which strengthen our time in ceremony and demonstrate respect to the traditions of our ceremonial leaders:

- Participate fully from your arrival on Thursday afternoon, October 12, through the end of the ceremony on Sunday, October 15.
- Contribute your emotional, mental, and physical energies to the ceremony, to the best of your abilities.
- Commit to safely clear your mind and body of the effects of any recreational intoxicants before arriving for the Dance and to abstain for the entirety of the ceremony.
- Refrain from sexual activities that will dissipate your energies from your arrival until your departure.
- Respect all people and items in the ceremony.
- Complete registration and payment before arrival at Indian Canyon.



### **3) REGISTRATION**

Once you have completed your gatekeeping, your gatekeeper will send you the link to our online registration form. Your registration is complete when you have submitted the form and paid registration fees via PayPal or by mailing a check. Please complete your registration promptly and pay all fees before arriving at the Dance.

#### **Fees**

Adults: \$250 - \$400      Youth (10-17): \$50 - \$150      Children (under 10): Free

There is no cost to participate in our ceremony. The fee you are asked to pay covers the expenses of food, materials used in ceremony, and elder travel. Portions of the fees are gifted to Indian Canyon and to the elders and leaders who facilitate the ceremony to show our gratitude and acknowledgement for their hard work and sacrifice.

#### ***Indigenous Dancers***

While this dance is open to all people, we recognize that this Dance comes from Native American tradition. To honor that gift, we waive the requested registration fee for those who identify as First Nations, American Indian, and/or Native American. We invite Indigenous people to contact Little Wolf to gatekeep and learn more about the ceremony.

#### ***Kitchen***

Our meals at this ceremony are lovingly prepared by a team of dedicated kitchen volunteers. We are calling out to those who would like to dance in the kitchen! This is a wonderful opportunity to be in service to community. Partial scholarships are available. If you feel called to engage in the sacred work of feeding the people, please contact Kwai for gatekeeping.



## **THE NARAYA CULTURAL PRESERVATION COUNCIL**

The Santa Cruz Naraya is one of eight Dances in the United States held under the auspices of the Naraya Cultural Preservation Council (NCPC), a public non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to preserving traditional Native ceremonies, protecting sacred sites, and supporting the Intermountain culture of the Great Basin Plateau. NCPC has contributed financial support for the Santa Cruz Naraya and to Indian Canyon. Whether or not you dance with us, please consider a contribution to the NCPC. You can mail a check or pay online: NCPC, PO Box 6089, Pocatello, ID 83205.

*To learn more about our ceremony, visit [danceforallpeople.com](http://danceforallpeople.com)*

