

The Lakota Music Project

GRADES 7–12

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Monday, October 21, 2019

10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The Lakota Music Project is the flagship project of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra's community engagement work with the Lakota community of Pine Ridge Reservation. Using music from both Native and non-Native cultures, the project creates an environment of openness that treats the music of both cultures with dignity and respect. Performers include Lakota artists Emmanuel Black Bear and Chris Eagle Hawk and Dakota cedar flute artist Bryan Akpa. After the performance, be sure to visit the Lakota exhibition in Our Universes gallery to learn more about the traditions of the Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.

Traditional Lakota Music

Music has been and continues to be a central part of Lakota social and ceremonial life. Songs, musical instruments, and dancing are expressions of traditional Lakota beliefs and world views.

Traditional instruments include the flute, drum, and rattles. Each continue to be made and played today by Lakota musicians. As you will see through this performance, many artists today are blending traditional music with other musical genres, from symphony to rap.

Lesson Plans and Resources

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra: Lakota Music Project

+ <http://www.sdsymphony.org/education-community/lakota-music-project/>

Native Knowledge 360 ° Lakota Lessons

Oceti Sakowin Homelands

+ <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/plains-belonging-homelands/oceti-sakowin.cshtml>

Oceti Sakowin Kinship

+ <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/plains-belonging-kinship/oceti-sakowin.cshtml>

Oceti Sakowin Nation

+ <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/plains-belonging-nation/oceti-sakowin.cshtml>



Oglala Lakota flute on display in Our Universes gallery. NMAI 123128.

Lakota Music Project feat. Bryan Akipa on flute performing Pentatonic Fantasy.

