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Yocha Dehe Chairman McKay honored by American Indian Film Institute

Brooks, Calif. – Yocha Dehe Tribal Chairman Marshall McKay has been selected as a recipient of the American Indian Film Institute’s (AIFI) 2009 Eagle Spirit award. Chairman McKay will be presented with the honor at the American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show on Saturday, Nov. 14 in San Francisco.

The AIFI’s Eagle Spirit Award is bestowed upon individuals who exemplify outstanding character, fortitude, career accomplishments in the arts, media, cultural and governmental affairs; and that maintain a solid commitment and connection to their community and community-at-large.

“I am honored to be the recipient of this award. The AIFI’s tireless work to bring a truthful representation of Native Americans to mainstream media is invaluable,” said Chairman McKay.

Founded in 1979, the AIFI is a nonprofit institution that aims to reverse the negative stereotypes that were perpetuated on film since movies were first invented more than 100 years ago. AIFI cultivates understanding of Native cultures, traditions and social issues through several programs, including an annual film festival, the AIFI Film Library and National Distribution Initiative and their Tribal Touring Program.

“The AIFI’s archives of Native American productions is an incredible educational resource,” said Chairman McKay. “These films reflect a wide range of our cultural issues, both past and present, and with the Tribal Touring Program, AIFI engages our youth in important personal exploration and teaches them about their own creative expression.”

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