



PRESS RELEASE: Native American Activist, Journalist, Poet Harjo to Speak at Ferris

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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming on-campus appearance of activist, journalist and poet Suzan Shown Harjo as part of the Ferris Arts and Lectures Performing Artist Series and Native American Heritage Month. She will be on campus Wednesday Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in IRC Room 120. This release was written by student writer Angie Walukonis. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – The Ferris State University Arts and Lectures Performing Artist Series welcomes Native American activist, journalist and poet Suzan Shown Harjo to campus on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Harjo's lecture begins at 7 p.m. in Room 120 of Ferris' Interdisciplinary Resource Center. The admission charge for any student with a valid ID or senior citizen is \$3 each. General admission tickets are \$5 apiece. A question-and-answer session follows Harjo's presentation.

“Because Native American culture is part of Michigan, we felt that it was important to include someone like Suzan to inform our community about different aspects of this culture,” said Cate Arroe, Ferris assistant professor of Music and chair of the 2011-12 Arts and Lectures Committee. “Many of our students have Native American backgrounds, so we felt that they would enjoy this event.”

Arroe explained that the Arts and Lectures series tries to bring events that will appeal to “a wide range of audiences.” Harjo was invited to speak at Ferris as part of the celebration of November as Native American Heritage Month.

Harjo has spent her life protecting sacred places and has recovered more than one million acres of land. Harjo is the founder and president of The Morning Star Institute, a national Native rights organization. The organization was founded in 1984 and is based in Washington, D.C. Harjo is also known for directing the National Museum of American Indian Native Language Project and has hosted the NMAI Native Writers Series.

For more information about the event contact Cate Arroe at arroec@ferris.edu or (231)

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This event is brought to campus by the 2011-12 Arts and Lectures Performing Artist Series.

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