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CULTURAL INSTITUTE

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10 Year Community Celebration Event “Remembering 10 Years at Tamástslikt”

News Release

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Pendleton, OR – *10 year celebration of a 10,000 year evolution* – For the past 10 years the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute - a 14,000 square foot exhibit space that incorporates artifacts, photography, video and interactive multi-media in world class exhibits - has told the story of three American Indian Tribes, the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla, who for 10,000 years have inhabited the Plateau region of the Pacific Northwest.

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, which was built by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as a place to preserve the Tribes’ culture and history while also presenting their story to the world, will mark its 10th anniversary Saturday, August 23, 2008. The celebration festivities are free and open to the public.

The community birthday party will feature a full day of festivities, community related activities including the annual CTUIR Salmon Walk (10K, 5K and family walks), fascinating educational booths and cultural displays. Additionally, The International Traditional Games Society of

Montana will be represented. Richard and Helen Horn, a couple who come from highly respected and well known families on the Blackfeet Reservation, and who have been involved with the Society since 1999 will be on hand to help teach and conduct traditional Indian games throughout the day. The celebration begins on Saturday August 23, 2008 at 9:00 am. Admission to the all day event is free, and includes access to the museum. www.traditionalnativegames.org

The Living Culture Village section of the museum, which showcases the evolution of tribal dwellings and lifeways, will feature opportunities to participate in Traditional games throughout the day. Special Indian tacos will be available, and complimentary birthday cake will be served in the Kinship Café from 1pm to 4pm.

Among the traditional activities demonstrated by the village's permanent interpreters are storytelling, basket and tule mat weaving, hide tanning and smoking, sweat lodge construction, flint knapping, hemp cordage making, salmon drying and smoking, venison drying and smoking, dancing, singing, drumming, horsemanship, and the making of traditional clothing.

"We do not live in the past--the past is alive in us. Our Tribal people carry on ancient practices and carry very old knowledge while living in the modern world," says Bobbie Conner, Tamástslíkt director. "Visitors see Tribal people practicing ways that have sustained us for thousands of years. In our outdoor village, the visitor sees, hears, touches and even smells our Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla-Walla life." The free celebration on Saturday reflects that sentiment.

Located five miles east of Pendleton on the grounds of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino against the backdrop of the nearby Blue Mountains, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute has drawn praise for its stunning design. The permanent exhibits that reveal the story were designed by a renowned exhibit designer in Vancouver, British Columbia. Rotating exhibits, changing every six to eight weeks, are always connected to the Tribes' story. As a special gift to visitors on this 10 year celebratory event, admission to the Institute is free all day. Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is open daily 9am-5pm. For more information call 541-966-9748 or visit www.tamastslíkt.org.

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Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is located at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton. From Interstate 84 take exit 216 and follow the signs five minutes to Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Coming from the north, take the Mission exit from Highway 11 just northeast of Pendleton and follow the signs for about ten minutes to the Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Tamástslíkt is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to exhibits telling the story of the three Tribes' history and culture, there is also a Museum Store and the Kinship Café. Tamástslíkt is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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