

## **Teacher's Guide**

### **Alaska Native Artistic Expression Web Sites**

[www.alaskool.org](http://www.alaskool.org)

The Chevak Tangik Theater video found on the Alaskool web site provides a fascinating look at a contemporary drama and dance experience. The video is accessed through the "Audio Video" link to the "Storytelling" section.

[www.alutiiqmuseum.com](http://www.alutiiqmuseum.com)

"The museum preserves and shares the cultural traditions of the Alutiiq people..." Visitors to this web site can tour the exhibits, as well as learn more about the people, the customs, the beliefs and practices associated with the artistry.

[www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/features/fisher](http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/features/fisher)

View this Smithsonian Museum web site to see the Fisher Collection of Alutiiq garments, masks and instruments. From this web site two Alutiiq dance videos can also be viewed.

[www.alaskanative.net](http://www.alaskanative.net)

The web site of the Alaska Native Heritage Center has a section called "Heritage Gifts." From this site students can view some of the art for sale at the Center and also find out information about the artists.

[www.anchoragemuseum.org](http://www.anchoragemuseum.org)

The "Alaska Gallery" on the Anchorage Museum web site has some wonderful exhibits of Alaska Native art and artifacts.

[www.museums.state.ak.us/sheldon\\_jackson/sjhome.html](http://www.museums.state.ak.us/sheldon_jackson/sjhome.html)

The Sheldon Jackson Museum web site has a collection of videos from Alaska Native artists who demonstrate their various crafts.

[www.alaskanativeartists.com](http://www.alaskanativeartists.com)

This colorful web site from the Sealaska Heritage Institute features Native artists, an art gallery and a video gallery.

[www.pamyua.com](http://www.pamyua.com)

Visit the Pamyua web site to learn more about this award winning and internationally famous group of musicians. The web site states their the music of Pamyua "harmonizes ancient and original music that redefines the boundaries of Inuit

expression."

[www.medicinedream.com](http://www.medicinedream.com)

Listen to the music and read about the group, Medicine Dream. These musicians are based in Anchorage, Alaska and dedicated to the performance of contemporary Native American music.

[www.bethelarts.com](http://www.bethelarts.com)

The Bethel Council on the Arts web site has Information on CAMAI, including text, videos, and pictures. Find out more about this "celebration of culture and dance" by watching movies, learning about the "art of the dance and taking a look at "fancy feet."

[www.weio.org](http://www.weio.org)

Take a look at the official web site of the World Eskimo Olympics to learn more about the history of these games and descriptions of the events.

[www.ankn.uaf.edu/HAIL](http://www.ankn.uaf.edu/HAIL)

The Alaska Native Knowledge Network web site has on "A Celebration of Alaska Native Literature." Visitors learn about some of the contemporary Alaska Native authors and books that they have written. Students may want to do a web search to learn more about the book *Two Old Women* written by Velma Wallis, an Athapascan woman. This book has been very popular internationally and has been translated into many languages. In fact, Ms. Wallis is the most widely translated of any Alaskan author

[www.akart.org](http://www.akart.org)

This site, sponsored by the Anchorage Museum of History & Art and designed for teachers, includes the art and biographies of Alaska Native artists.