

**KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW™**  
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## **Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Scheduled for March 16-17, 2013**

### ***Show to Feature Native American Drumming and Dancing; Early American Music***

More than 10,000 re-enactors from the French and Indian War through the Civil War, history buffs, collectors and the general public from the United States and Canada are expected to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™. The juried, nationally recognized show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, 2013, at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The show attracts over 270 of the finest craftspeople and dealers of pre-1890 living history supplies and related crafts from throughout the United States.

#### ***Period Music and Native American Drumming and Dance a Highlight of the Show***

Scheduled musicians and performers include the **Bush Native American Drum and Dance**, **SouthEastern Water Spider**, and the musical duo **Jim's Red Pants**.

Members of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians, the **Bush Native American Drum and Dance** tell the story of their People through their outstanding drumming, singing, and dancing. As the Pokagon Potawatomi tribal educational material states: "...the drum for the Nishnabe has special meaning: it represents the heartbeat of our people. The word *dwégen* has its root in the word *odé*, which means heart in our language. In a traditional sense, our instruments are more than simple material objects we use to make music. They are representative of where we come from, our connection to *Nokmeskignan*, Grandmother Earth." The Bush Native American Drum and Dance perform at many pow wows and historical festivals. They are always great favorites wherever they appear, and their music and dance are eloquent representations of a vibrant culture.

**SouthEastern Water Spider** is a Native American Drum group dedicated to the Native American culture, with special attention to that of the Woodland American Indian tribes of the Northeast and Southeast United States. Members of SouthEastern Water Spider are true Southeastern Peoples with members of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Lumbee, Shawnee, as well as Northeastern Susquahanna Indian tribes. The SouthEastern Water Spider Drum sings and plays authentic Native American music and instruments. The drum performs songs learned from their Elders as well as composing songs approved by their Elders and appropriate to the Native American culture. SouthEastern Water Spider has been a part of Native American events, living history events, and educational

days, including celebrations, ceremonies, conferences, festivals, workshops, and powwows in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Florida, Colorado, and the District of Columbia.

As the musical duo “**Jim’s Red Pants,**” Rick and Hillary Wagner play a variety of original, historic, and contemporary American, Celtic, Scandinavian, and other world folk music. Rick and Hillary have performed at many living history events, including the Feast of the Hunters’ Moon, Mississinewa 1812, Roscoe Village, the Lore of the Laughery, Ohio Folk Festival, Penn’s Colony, and Caesar’s Creek Pioneer Village. They have recorded six CD’s. In addition to their main instruments of fiddle and guitar, Rick and Hillary play Norwegian Hardanger Fiddle, mandolin, bouzouki, penny whistle, concertinas (Anglo and English style), flute, and banjo.

Program times will be posted on our website several weeks prior to the show.

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™ is open to the general public Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 for a single day adult pass; \$10.00 for a weekend adult pass. Children 12 years of age and under admitted free when accompanied by a parent.

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