



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: First Thursday Film Night

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**Miss Navajo by Billy Luther
at the Morris Graves Museum of Art
Thursday November 1, 2007
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Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art (MGMA) in conjunction with KEET-TV and Humboldt State University as they present **Miss Navajo by Billy Luther** November 1, 2007, from 6-7:30pm the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This is a FREE monthly event.

Following contestants in their quest for the Miss Navajo Nation crown, and featuring personal stories of recent winners, MISS NAVAJO is a celebration of womanhood.

A post-screening discussion will be led by Marlon Sherman, Assistant Professor of Native American Studies at Humboldt State University. Marlon Sherman earned a law degree from the University of Colorado and has extensive experience as a mediator and peacemaker. He has also taught numerous courses in the past at HSU including Native American Poetry and Native Americans in Film. He is currently teaching several Native American Studies courses, such as Environmental Justice and Federal Indian Law. He was awarded the 2003 First Book Award for Poetry by the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas. His poems and articles have appeared in *Conciliation Quarterly*, *Cream City Review*, *American Book Review*, *MANY VOICES*, *AN AMERICAN STUDIES ANTHOLOGY*, and have been translated into Hebrew in *TRIBAL POETS*.

First Thursday Film Night, as part of larger project, ITVS COMMUNITY CINEMA, is a monthly screening series showcasing the Emmy Award-winning PBS series *Independent Lens*. Presented in partnership with KEET TV, the Morris Graves Museum of Art and Humboldt State University, ITVS COMMUNITY CINEMA aims to build connections among diverse communities, public television stations and leading community organizations working on a range of important social issues.

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The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public Noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.