



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Celebrate Mother's Day at the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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The Mother's Day program, "Gifts of the Mother", will be presented at the Morris Graves Museum of Art to celebrate the many roles of the mother through storytelling, poetry and song. The program features storyteller/poet Anita Punla, singer-songwriter Aaron Garrett, and line-dancing instructor Nancy Holsey. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 13th, at 2:00 p.m. and is free to the public.

Anita Punla will tell tales that explore the various stages of motherhood from a mother to a child/adolescent/young adult to a mother as lover/elder/Mother Earth. The tales range from the serious "The Lion's Whiskers", an Ethiopian story of a mother's courage in winning the love of her son, to the humorous "The Hungry Goddess", an Aztec creation story of Mother Earth. Anita interweaves stories with poetry, including her "Birth Poems" recently published in *Miracles of Motherhood*.

Aaron Garrett will sing to celebrate mothers and life. Some songs from his recent album, "Headwaters", will be included as well as others he has written. His songs are both melodic and lyrical; some are very contemplative, while others are light, sad or humorous. Aaron will also work in concert with some of Anita's spoken word for a "weaving" of poetry and song or story and song.

Nancy Holsey and friends will provide a line-dancing demonstration with tunes that celebrate the mother. "Dancing to Country Western music is like wearing comfortable boots," Nancy says. Her classes are not limited to a single style of music but include rhythms such as cha-cha, mambo, swing, rock & roll, waltz and, of course, country. She teaches classes in Fortuna, Ferndale, Arcata, McKinleyville and Trinidad.

Join us at the Morris Graves Museum of Art for this special celebration Sunday, May 13, 2007 from 2-4pm. For more information please contact Museum Programs Manager Rebecca Froehlich at (707) 442-0278 ext. 201.