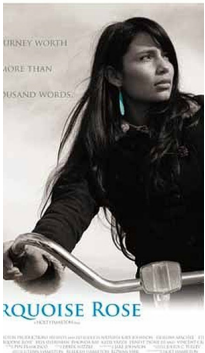


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Gesture recognizes Native American Heritage Month

In commemoration of Native American Heritage Month, and in advance of its next feature-length film, the Mesa, Ariz.-based Holt Hamilton Films is offering free film screenings.

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The announcement was made Oct. 25 by Travis Holt Hamilton – the writer and director of several Native American-themed films that have been produced over the years around Gallup and parts of the Navajo Nation.

“Our goal is to release one movie per week to allow people who haven’t seen our films to enjoy them and share them with others,” Hamilton said. “In the spirit of the season, we want to show our fans how thankful we are to them by offering them this special gift. Every week [on Friday] a new film will go up.”

To view the films and to learn when they will become available for viewing, Hamilton said interested parties can join the email list at HoltHamilton.com.

“People can visit the website every Friday for a Vimeo link and password, or follow Holt Hamilton Films on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for updates and get access to the online films,” Hamilton said.

Originally from Idaho, Hamilton shot to fame in 2007 with the making of *Turquoise Rose*, which introduced actress Natasha Kaye Johnson of Twin Lakes to viewing audiences, and pushed entertainer Ernie Tsosie of Fort Defiance, Ariz., further along the path of success. Tsosie, who recently released a comedy CD and DVD, is one half of the Ernie & James duo and also performs with the Native comedy troupe 49 Laughs.

Hamilton’s films are considered low budget and remain popular around greater McKinley County and the Navajo Nation. Hamilton made *Blue Gap Boy’z* (2008), *Pete & Cleo* (2010), *More than Frybread* (2012), and *Legends From the Sky* (2015).

Hamilton is scheduled to make an appearance at Gallup’s Octavia Fellin Public Library on Nov. 9, when *Legends From the Sky* will be screened.

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For a short time, Hamilton resided in Shiprock and Kayenta, Ariz. His films have featured actor and entrepreneur Tatanka Means of Chile and entertainers Dey & Nite of Gallup. Means is the son of the late Native American activist and actor Russell Means.

November is Native American Heritage Month, which honors the contributions of Native peoples throughout the world.

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