

2016: Southeastern Oregon

Southeastern Oregon (Malheur, Lake, Klamath, and Harney counties) is a rural area encompassing 73,000 square miles, which is roughly the size of South Dakota. OFN's Culture Keepers Roster hosts 39 traditional artists from this region, representing art forms such as Native American beadwork, silversmithing, ranching, buckaroo rawhide braiding, fly fishing, Mexican baking, and Japanese Taiko drumming. We partnered with three arts and culture organizations for the 2016 program year.

Event Data

1205+



Audience Members

17



Art Forms

16%



Indigenous

Artist Data

27%



BIPOC

100%



Rural



The Harney County Cultural Coalition funds a broad range of cultural work in Harney County.

They produced a Tradition Keepers Showcase featuring 24 artists, including **cowboy poets**, **Taiko drummers**, **Old Time fiddlers**, **cradleboard makers**, **Mexican American baked goods**, and more.

“Artists got to know each other in a more personal way and appreciate each other more fully. This was *the* most important thing that happened here.”

-Kate Marsh, Coalition Volunteer

Burns

“Our community depends upon a strong sense of place and knowledge of history and western heritage.”

-PLAYA Staff



PLAYA hosts residencies and workshops on the edge of the Great Basin, Oregon's legacy ranching country.

They featured three **cowboy poets** in a two-hour program and reception.

Summer Lake



Four Rivers Cultural Center features and celebrates the many cultures in the Treasure Valley.

They hosted a **Taiko Drumming** performance during Ontario's Veterans Day parade and a Taiko workshop facilitated by the internationally known Taiko group, Unit Souza.

“We are introducing a cultural pursuit that many outside of the Japanese population can learn about. It is not only music lessons but a history lesson on this ancient art.”

-4RCC Staff

Ontario

2017: Columbia River Gorge

The Columbia River Gorge (Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gillam, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wallowa counties) is a **river canyon carving through the Cascade Mountains, serving as a natural barrier between Oregon and Washington state**. OFN's Oregon Culture Keepers Roster hosts 23 traditional artists from this region, representing art forms such as Mexican foodways, buckaroo leather working, ranching, and Native American jingle dancing and basket weaving. We partnered with three arts and culture organizations for the 2017 program year.

Event Data

6500+



Audience Members

10



Art Forms

76%



Indigenous

Artist Data

100%



BIPOC

100%



Rural



“Music creates harmony and unity, our diversity adds value, and all of us are important and a necessary part of the fabric of this nation.”

-Gale Arnold, President Board of Directors Radio Tierra

Radio Tierra, a non-profit radio station, broadcasts in Spanish throughout the Columbia Gorge region.

They aired a live performance of two groups, Los Temerosos de Juan Antonio and Los Amigos de la Sierra, who played **Mexican Mariachi and Norteño** over the Fourth of July holiday.

Hood River

“We were able to bring this mythical place back to life for one evening.”

-Tamástslíkt Staff

Umatilla Indian Reservation



The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indians is a federally recognized union and home of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla people.

At their Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute center, the Tribe held a **Native American storytelling** event featuring stories such as Pawiyáls'taksha Wayámna, in remembrance of Celilo Falls.



The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum preserves and highlights the traditions of the surrounding area.

On Mother's Day they hosted a native plants tour about **indigenous ceremonial, medicinal, and food uses** of the plants. On Father's Day, they hosted a salmon bake and two workshops; **Native American drum and basket making**.

“The stories of the local culture... need to be available to the public and appreciated by modern-day inhabitants who now live in the locations where they took place.”

-Catilyn Pluceil

The Dalles