

American Indian Institute Traditional Circle of Indian Elders and Youth

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To Whom It May Concern:

Betty Laverdure
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This letter is written in support of Danny Beaton, Mohawk Six Nations, who will be producing a film, "Native Americans Speak for Mother Earth and Peace".

Jose Lucero
Tewa

Oren Lyons
Onondaga

We have known Danny Beaton as a member of the Traditional Circle of Indian Elders and Youth for a number of years. We can testify that he has the support and confidence of this select group representing grass-roots leadership throughout North America. He has our endorsement for assistance in producing the film noted above.

Janet McCloud
Tulalip

Joseph Medicine Crow
Crow

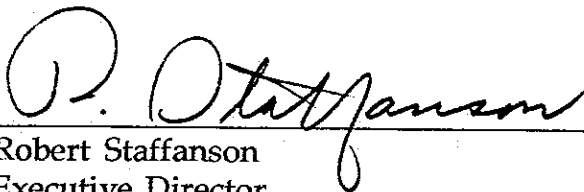
Dana Mitchell
Penobscot

The American Indian Institute, of which I am Executive Director, is the administrative agency and support source for the Traditional Circle of Indian Elders and Youth. This relationship has been underway for more than twenty years. In that period of time we have been associated with a number of outstanding young Native Americans, among whom is Danny Beaton. Danny was brought into the Circle in 1989 by Onondaga Chief Oren Lyons. He has proved to be a sensitive and perceptive student of the Elders in the Circle, and has earned their confidence. That confidence is reflected in their acceptance of him as their official photographer.

David Risling
Hoopa

Priscilla Vigil
Tewa

Danny Beaton's sensitivity and respect for the ceremonies and life-ways of traditional Native Americans uniquely qualifies him, along with his professional skills, to produce the film "Native Americans Speak for Mother Earth and Peace". We heartily encourage support for him in this endeavor.


Robert Staffanson
Executive Director

The American Indian Institute's function is to serve the policy directives of the Traditional Circle.

Reaffirmed at the 18th International Council of the Traditional Circle of Indian Elders and Youth, Hosted by the Crow Nation, July 1995.