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**MUSEUM TO HONOR
NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTOR
DOUG HYDE**

PALM SPRINGS, CA, May 28, 2015 - **Agua Caliente Cultural Museum** will open its 2015-2016 season with ***Dinner in the Canyons*** on Saturday, October 10.

Presented outdoors under the stars in Andreas Canyon, an ancient home of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in Palm Springs, this public event is the Museum's major fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from *Dinner in the Canyons* will help underwrite the cost of 2015-2016 exhibitions, educational programs, and cultural festivals.

The honoree this year is the preeminent sculptor **Doug Hyde**, a descendent of the Nez Perce, Assiniboine, and Chippewa tribes. His sculptures are installed throughout the United States, including Palm Springs.



Sculptor Doug Hyde

The evening begins with a sunset cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m. overlooking the Coachella Valley, followed by an elegant dinner, Native entertainment, and a live auction of one-of-a-kind handcrafted creations by Native American artisans. Over 400 guests will enjoy an evening of Native hospitality and culture, while supporting the mission of Agua Caliente Cultural Museum. Attire is desert casual.

Entertainment for the evening will feature the ***Twice As Good*** blues band (also known by their acronym **2XG**) with Paul and Richard Steward.

Paul (son) and Richard (father) are Native American of the Pomo Indians of the Elem Indian Colony in Northern California. They have been described as the "ultimate blues duo." Backed by their 2XG band, they perform a blend of blues and

soul, R&B, and rock 'n' roll with a hint of the Indian beat. A dance floor will be provided for those who wish to dance during the *Twice as Good* performance.

For additional information, contact Steve Sharp, Director of Development, at 760.833.8167 or ssharp@accmuseum.org.

Sponsorship and ticket information is available at www.accmuseum.org



Twice As Good

About Agua Caliente Cultural Museum

In 1991, a modest museum of less than 1,600 square feet was founded to collect and preserve stories and artifacts of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and share them with local residents and visitors alike. Today, Museum programming provides a thriving resource for Native and non-Native people and a dynamic forum for permanent residents and visitors of all ages.

Museum offerings that serve over 28,000 adults and children each year include: quality exhibitions at the Museum, at off-site locations, and online; stimulating and enlightening lectures; classes and demonstrations that feature hands-on experiences with Native skills and crafts; a six-day Native film festival and other cultural special events; library and archives research opportunities; Museum tours; guided cultural hikes; and presentations for students in schools.

For teachers, students, artists, scholars, and collectors the Museum's holdings provide unique research and archival resources -- from recordings of a tribal *net* (ceremonial and political leader) to the documentation of ongoing challenges made to tribal land and water rights. Free online resources are available on the Museum Web site at www.accmuseum.org.

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution. In keeping with its mission, the Museum inspires people to learn about the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and other Native cultures through exhibitions, collections, research, and educational programs.

In recognition of its role as a regional and national resource, Agua Caliente Cultural Museum was the first Native American museum to be part of the prestigious Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program. The association with Smithsonian Institution provides opportunities for a mutual sharing of resources in collections, scholarship, programming, and technical expertise, and entitles the Museum to bring world-acclaimed Smithsonian exhibitions to the Coachella Valley.

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum is located at 219 South Palm Canyon Drive in downtown Palm Springs. The Museum is open September through May -- Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 PM and June through August -- Friday through Sunday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission to the Museum is free.

- Administration Offices of the Museum are located at 901 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite C-204, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Additional information is available at 760.778.1079 or visit www.accmuseum.org.

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