

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE HARD ROCK HOTEL SAN DIEGO TO FEATURE MARTIN SENSMEIER AND SURPRISE GUEST

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Washington, D.C. — April 3, 2017 — National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. welcomes Martin Sensmeier and a surprise guest for a major announcement to be made at the Chairman's Welcome Reception at the Hardrock Rooftop. Tuolumne Chairman Kevin Day and Mohegan Ambassador Mark Brown will join them to make the announcement.

Martin is an Alaskan Native actor of Tlingit, Koyukon-Athabascan and Irish descent. Raised in a Tlingit Coastal Community in Southeast Alaska, **Martin** moved to Los Angeles in 2007 to pursue acting and modeling. He recently starred in last year's *The Magnificent Seven*, directed by Antoine Fuqua; appearing alongside Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke, and Vincent D'onofrio. He will next be seen in Taylor Sheridan's *Wind River*, which premiered at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival, where Martin stars alongside Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen.

Martin is an ambassador to Nike N7. He is also an ambassador for The Native Wellness Institute, as well as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and advocates for wellness among Native people of all Nations - focusing largely on the youth. On March 28, 2017, Martin appeared before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, where he testified: "It's a responsibility to promote healthy lifestyles, and active lifestyles in our communities to prevent diabetes." He also said: "I was always taught that physical fitness and applying myself and learning a nutritional education, things that were provided through the clubs, would help me get to the level I'm at today."

National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. said: "Martin is a rising star in our community. We are excited to welcome him to our special event and look forward to joining the Tuolumne and Mohegan Nations in making this major announcement to Indian Country."

Chairman Stevens invites all registered attendees and guests to enjoy this complimentary event, which includes an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dancing, and celebration. The evening will feature special presentations and entertainment!