

The Pointer Sisters to Headline Annual Wendell Chino Awards Banquet at Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention

NIGA Conference & Tradeshow to feature Grammy Winners at Annual Awards Banquet

WASHINGTON D.C. – March 13, 2017 - The 2017 Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention announced today the event's respected annual Wendell Chino awards banquet will feature the iconic R&B Pointer Sisters singing group as evening entertainment during the event. Owned by the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), the annual tradeshow and conference is the largest gathering of global tribal gaming professionals in North America and will run April 10-13, 2017 at the San Diego Convention Center.

This prestigious event, the **Wendell Chino Awards Banquet**, honoring the legacy of longtime President Wendell Chino of the Mescalero Apache Nation, will take place on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Following the dinner and the awards ceremony, Grammy Award Winners, **The Pointer Sisters** will take the stage. Known for their success spanning four-decades, their repertoire has included pop, disco, jazz, electronic music, bebop, blues, soul, dance, country and rock. The Oakland-born R&B singers have collected numerous awards, including three Grammy Awards and three American Music Awards. They are sure to entertain and delight attendees with their slate of hit singles including Fire, Slow Hand, Neutron Dance, Jump and I'm So Excited.

"We are thrilled to provide our event attendees with an evening of celebration, culminating with an exciting and energetic musical event," said Ernie Stevens, Jr. , Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association. "Our goal is to create an unforgettable evening as we celebrate sovereignty and self-reliance."

For more information on attending or exhibiting at the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention including a complete listing of events, education, and exhibitors visit indiangamingtradeshow.com

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ABOUT National Indian Gaming Association: The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), established in 1985, is a non-profit organization of 184 Indian Nations with other non-voting associate members representing organizations and businesses engaged in Tribal Gaming. The common commitment and purpose of NIGA is to advance the lives of Indian peoples economically, socially and politically. NIGA operates as a clearinghouse and educational, legislative and public policy resource for tribes, policymakers and the public on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development. For more information, visit www.indiangaming.org. The 2017 Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention will take place April 10-13, 2017 at the San Diego Convention Center. For complete details, schedule of events and registration, please visit www.indiangamingtradeshow.com.