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FILM FESTIVAL

Cinetopia Film Festival is proud to partner
with the Washtenaw County Peacemaking Court in presenting

TRIBAL JUSTICE



Tribal Justice focuses on two Chief Judges, the **HONORABLE ABBY ABINANTI** and the **HONORABLE CLAUDETTE WHITE**, of the Yurok and Quechan Tribal Courts, respectively. Over a period of three years, cameras document their committed efforts to rehabilitate tribal members, following the cases of Taos, an excitable and sweet repeat offender; Isaac, Judge White's at-risk teenage nephew, the reunification of nine-year-old Dru Denard with his family.

Tribal courts number in the hundreds throughout the United States. They offer a traditional, communal justice system for Native Americans and have become beacons of criminal justice reform due to their emphasis on restoration and rehabilitation rather than punishment and incarceration.

"The development of different methods of solving disputes in tribal legal systems provides the tribal courts with a way both to incorporate traditional values and to hold up an example to the nation about the possibilities of alternative dispute resolution. New methods have much to offer to the tribal communities, and much to teach the other court systems operating in the United States."

—The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, "Lessons From The Third Sovereign: Indian Tribal Courts" in Tulsa Law Review Vol. 33

For tickets and more information about the festival, visit cinetopiasfestival.org.
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SCREENINGS

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MICHIGAN THEATER

June 3 | 4:00 PM

June 7 | 6:30 PM

CINEMA DETROIT

June 10 | 12:45 PM

COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

June 11 | 4:30 PM

Q&A sessions will
follow each screening