

TETON INDIAN VILLAGE AND LAUBIN INDIAN DANCE FESTIVAL

JACKSON, WYOMING

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FESTIVAL OF INDIAN DANCES OPENS JUNE 25 AT JACKSON, WYOMING

Against the spectacular backdrop of the towering Grand Tetons, in the heart of the fabulously beautiful Jackson Hole country, at Jackson, Wyoming, the tepees of an authentic Indian village will rise this summer--the tepees of TETON INDIAN VILLAGE, colorful and romantic setting of the LAUBIN INDIAN DANCE FESTIVAL.

Under the direction of Reginald and Gladys Laubin, internationally acclaimed interpreters of the dances of the American Indian, the village is an authentic reproduction of an old-time Plains Indian village, and will give the visitor to Jackson and the Festival a vivid, memorable glimpse of a vanishing culture, of the time when the American Indian was at his proudest and greatest.

At Teton Indian Village, visitors will see Sioux Indians living and working as their ancestors did a century ago, the women doing beadwork and tanning animal hides, the men making arrows and equipment for the tepees. Completely furnished Sioux tepees, with Indian beds, "furniture" and equipment offer an attraction that not even the finest museum can match. Contrasted with the tepees of the Sioux will be those of the Crow Indians and a Cheyenne Medicine tepee.

In this Indian village, every night except Mondays, from June 25 through Labor Day, a dramatic, fast-moving, brilliant program of Indian dances, ceremonies and ritual chants will be presented by the Laubins and their company of Indians from nearby reservations. In gorgeous, authentic costumes ablaze with color, the Laubins and their company recreate the exciting, spirited dances which most of the Indians themselves have not seen in many years and which the visitor could not hope to see in many, many months on a present-day reservation.

Reginald and Gladys Laubin, directors and stars of the Festival, have devoted their lives to preserving the vanishing arts and dances of the Indians. They have lived with Indians for years, have learned the dances, the music, the ceremonies, the ancient lore directly from the old-timers--the ones who really knew the life of the old Buffalo Days. More than

20 years ago, they were adopted into the Sioux tribe on the Standing Rock Reservation in the Dakotas, in appreciation of their efforts to bring about a better understanding of the Indian people and their arts and culture.

From his adopted father, Chief One Bull, nephew of the famous Lakota Sioux warrior Sitting Bull, Reginald Laubin learned the OLD CHIEF'S DANCE, dignified and stately, recounting a chieftan's deeds of valor, to set a pattern of courage and achievement for young braves of the tribe to follow. The dances of the Indians are extraordinary for their variety and inventiveness. The names alone are suggestive: Prairie Chicken Dance, Buffalo Dance, Brave Heart Dance, War Dance, Fox Dance, Owl Dance, Wild Buck Dance and the fantastically difficult Hoop Dance. From the Blackfoot Indians in the Dakotas, from the Crows in Wyoming, from the Sioux and the Omahas--from many reservations in many states the Laubins have patiently gathered the dances that make their performances exciting and rewarding experiences and top-notch entertainment.

Writing of the Laubins in the New York Herald Tribune, dance critic Walter Terry pointed out that "the technical, the choreographic, and thematic areas of Indian dance appear to be endless," but more important, he felt, was "the richness of spirit which underlies their dances...Obviously, the Laubins are showing us not only the dances of the American Indian but also are disclosing the spirit that underlies them." And John Martin of the New York Times: "Make no mistake about it, the Laubins are artists...pure entertainment of a high order...the costumes are gorgeous, making Scheherazade seem downright drab in color."

And now at last this summer, in the perfect setting of the Tetons, visitors will be able to see the Laubins and their Sioux friends bring to life again the stirring days of the fabulous West.

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WHERE	4 miles north of JACKSON, WYO., on U. S. 26 at southern boundary of GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK 30 miles south of MORAN 50 miles south of YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
WHEN	JUNE 25 TO LABOR DAY INDIAN VILLAGE OPEN DAILY, 9 A.M.-5 P.M. LAUBIN INDIAN DANCE FESTIVAL--nightly, except Mondays, at 8:15 P.M.
TRANSPORTATION	TETON LODGE AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY WESTERN AIRLINES UNION PACIFIC
ACCOMMODATIONS	HOTELS AND MOTELS IN JACKSON DUDE RANCHES JACKSON LAKE LODGE AT MORAN