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***The Twelve Days of Native Christmas* presents a new interpretation of a classic yuletide tune**

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Illustrated by acclaimed artist Jesse T. Hummingbird (Cherokee), ***The Twelve Days of Native Christmas*** is a colorful adaptation of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." On the Native first day of Christmas, instead of a "partridge in a pear tree," the singer receives "a blanket for my tipi." On the second day? "Two moccasins."

Accompanied by drums and flute, the five-minute animated film features twelve different Native American cultural groups and Hummingbird's signature, rich-hued painting style, which is influenced by the traditional "flat" technique of Native Oklahoma painters. Viewers of all ages will enjoy the whimsical animations of Native traditions.

The Twelve Days of Native Christmas is being presented by Native American Public Telecommunications (NAPT) and the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA), the 5-minute program begins airing in December. Check your local public television station's schedule for broadcast dates and times. The program will be available for purchase at www.visionmaker.org.

Hummingbird and producer Gary Robinson (Choctaw/Cherokee) previously collaborated on the short film *The Native American Night Before Christmas*, which was nominated for Best Animated Short Film at the 2006 American Indian Film Festival.

The Twelve Days of Native Christmas is written and directed by Robinson and produced by Tribal Eye Productions. Singers include Nakia Zavalla (Chumash), Carmen Sandoval (Chumash) and Robinson. Greg Youngman plays drums and flute.

The Twelve Days of Native Christmas is presented by Native American Public Telecommunications (NAPT) and the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA). Major funding was provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Program website featuring electronic press kit, images, and broadcast information:
www.nativetelecom.org/12_days_of_native_christmas

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