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HATAALI JONES BENALLY

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LOCATION:

KIVA AUDITORIUM
EDUCATION 211

TIME:

5:00pm

SUGGESTED PARKING:

Second Street Garage

**FREE AND OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**



JONES BENALLY

Navajo Healer & Hoop Dancer

Jones Benally is a leading historian and cultural ambassador of his Diné (Navajo) culture and traditions. Born in a hogan in the early 1930's raised traditionally with the knowledge of respecting the earth and learning the plants, animals, and ceremonies that he still carries on today, Jones has many topics in his discussions.

He is a world champion Hoop Dancer and is still dancing today. He has been a leading silversmith, rodeo rider, trick roper, actor, and singer among his many talents.

Jones Benally is the first ever (Hathali) Traditional Navajo Practitioner to work with a government hospital creating a traditional healing program for 19 years in Winslow, Arizona, and has been a traditional healer for over 80 years. Jones is embedded in his roots in his Diné culture and gives lectures and performances throughout the world. His recent performances have been at the Library of Congress, The American and National Folk Festivals, Cite de Paris Festival, Tanz N Fest and many, many, more. Jones has been featured on ABC TV's program with Richard Weise, PBS documentaries, *Arte TV*, *NPR*, *The Washington Post* and countless more. He was the featured composer and singer in the Walter Hill film *Geronimo* with Wes Studi. He also sings with his son Clayson and daughter Jeneda's multi award duo *Sihasin*.

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