**Program for the**
**Days of Sakha Culture Festival**
**Gualala Arts Center and other venues June 18 - 22**

**Wednesday, June 18**
Official Opening of the Days of Sakha Culture Festival at the Gualala Arts Center

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Opening reception featuring paintings by Andrey Chikachev, jewelry by Luka Yegorov, Sakha costumes and artifacts
6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Festival Films showcasing Sakha Culture

**Thursday, June 19**
Classes, Films and Lecture at the Gualala Arts Center

View Serge Carving at Gualala Point Regional Park Thursday through Saturday

10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. During Festival week, watch master carvers create a ceremonial Serge hitching post that will be installed at Gualala Point Regional Park the week of June 15 and dedicated on Sunday, June 22
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Master Classes in traditional Sakha crafts – clothing, jewelry and carving, music, woodworking
4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Festival Films presentations
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Lecture on Shamanic Spirituality

**Friday, June 20**
Theatrical Performance, Live Theater and Concert at the Gualala Arts Center

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Theatrical performance of *The Lost Shore of Ellei*
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Live performance of *Shaman’s Rite* starring Iliana Pavlova
8:30 P.M. Live concert of contemporary and traditional Sakha music
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SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Round Table Discussions, Classes and Music at the Fort Ross State Historic Park

10:00 A.M. – NOON  Round table discussion "Indigenous Peoples, Identity, History and Post-Colonialism" chaired by Aleksey Istomin of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences St. Petersburg. Panelists will include Jurgen Kremer from Saybrook University, William Yakovlev from Yaroslavskii Historical Museum, Takasayeva Kunney from the Warsaw University, and Ekaterina N. Romanova from the Institute of Humanities, Yakutsk

NOON – 1:00 P.M.  Lunch

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.  Round table discussion “The Interconnection of Ecology and Spirituality in Modern Society” chaired by Marjorie Mandelstam Blazer of Georgetown University. The panel will include Stanley Krippner of Saybrook University, Julian Lang, a Karuk artist from the Karuk Cultural Center, Elenita Strobel, Chair of American Multicultural Studies at Sonoma State University and Alexander Artemev, Sakha healer and ecology activist from the Sakha Republic

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.  Demonstrations of traditional Sakha crafts – clothing, jewelry and carving, music, woodworking

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.  Live acoustic performance of Sakha Folklore music

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
Finale to the Days of Sakha Culture Festival at the Gualala Point Regional Park

NOON  Traditional Kumis ritual and Osuohay dance, dedication of Serge, samples of traditional Sakha foods

1 P.M. (APPROX.)  National sport competition featuring championship Mas wrestling

3:00 P.M. (APPROX.)  Formal close of the Days of Sakha Cultural Festival