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16th Annual Cultural Survival Bazaar in Tiverton:

Native cultures come alive in summer festival of art and music

Tiverton, RI (June 2016) - On Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31 from 10am-5pm Indigenous artists and musicians from around the world will come together for a free admission festival celebrating their cultures. The Tiverton community is invited to join them to enjoy Indigenous music from Mali, [Ecuador](#), ME and PA; food from the local Wampanoag culture; and art whose purchase supports the livelihoods of Indigenous communities around the globe. An attendee has called it "the best place to get unique global gifts while supporting indigenous cultures!"

For 16 years, the Bazaars have brought a complementary burst of color to the arts-focused Four Corners area, with all-day concerts, one-of-a-kind pieces of art, and the chance to meet people from around the world in an intimate community space.

Since 1982, Cultural Survival's Bazaars have provided a market for thousands of artists and cooperatives spanning six continents and over sixty countries. Each year the Bazaars generate about half a million dollars for Indigenous artists, performers, and projects benefiting Indigenous communities worldwide. Attendees can enjoy craft-making demonstrations, free concerts, and one-on-one conversations with representatives of dozens of different Indigenous cultures.

"Our art is hardly seen in the northeast; the Bazaars allow us to share our heritage. I am able to sell my art and the art of two different coop[erative]s that support over 40 Wixarika-Huichol families who don't have a market in Mexico," says Cilau Valadez, a world-renowned Huichol artist from Mexico.

Many vendors represent cooperatives that make it possible for children to attend school and provide a singular source of income to women. Whether working with ancient techniques or modern materials, the artists produce unique pieces and intricate designs that fascinate viewers. One attendee said, "It's like a trip around the world's bazaars."

About Cultural Survival: Cultural Survival is an international NGO whose mission is to advocate for Indigenous Peoples' rights and support Indigenous communities' self-determination, cultures and political resilience.

High resolution photos available upon request

[Cultural Survival Bazaars Website](#)

[Cultural Survival Official Website](#)

Event information:

Tiverton Four Corners Art Center

July 30-31, 2016

3852 Main Road
Tiverton, RI 02878
10am - 5pm
Live music
Free admission // Rain or shine
Free parking

Food provided by Mashpee Wampanoag Chef Sherry Pocknett
Musical guests: Hawk Henries, Yarina, Sidy Maiga, Spirit Wing

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