



**John Block**

John is a member of the bear clan of the Seneca Nation. He lives in the city of Salamanca, located on the Allegany reservation, in western New York. Together, John and his partner Autumn, raise five children. He is currently employed by the Seneca Nation of Indians as a Seneca language teacher at the Faithkeeper Montessori Language Nest School. As a speaker and singer, John is an active member of the Coldspring longhouse. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States as a dancer, singer, and emcee of native events known as powwows. Throughout the year, John travels with his family to various locations educating others about Seneca songs, dances, and culture. He feels it is an honor to be given the opportunity to share his culture and would like to thank those who have made it possible to do so.



**Dylan Harris**

Dylan is a member of the turtle clan of the Seneca Nation. Dylan has been dancing and singing since he could walk. After first grade he began learning the Seneca language and culture from his great grandmother where she founded the Faithkeeper Montessori Language Nest School. Today, Dylan is a senior at Salamanca High School. With his family, he travels throughout the country, demonstrating the songs, dances, and culture of the Seneca people. Dylan is a champion smoke dancer and traditional dancer. In Niagara Falls, he works part-time with his grandfather, demonstrating his skills in a theater production called Thundering Waters. Dylan is honored to be demonstrating the songs and dances of the Seneca people and would like to thank those who have made it possible to do so.



**Abigail John**

Abigail is a member of the turtle clan of the Seneca Nation. She is 15yrs old and currently resides in Steamburg, NY with her parents, Joseph and Nicole John, and her three younger siblings where she attends Coldspring Longhouse Ceremonies & Social dancing. Abigail began smoke dancing at the age of 10yrs old and now dances in various Powwows, competitions, exhibitions throughout the State of NY, including the Marvin Joe Curry Powwow held in Salamanca, NY, which is considered the world's largest Smoke Dance Competition. Abigail is a competitive smoke dancer and has placed in the top rankings throughout her career. She has a passion for dancing and has been taking dance classes since the age of 4. She has taken everything from tap, jazz, ballet, to hip hop. In June 2017 Abigail will be performing in Dance the World at Disney World with her dance club. Abigail is honored for this the opportunity to dance and would like to say thank you to those that have made it possible.