

August 2023

## ***Welcome Week Event! Wahzhzhe Ballet: An Osage Ballet*** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at the Jeff Johnston Auditorium



***Wahzhazhe*** is a contemporary ballet that mesmerizes audiences from the first beat of the rhythmic drums to the final curtain close.

Audiences are surprised by the powerful storytelling, and even those who are not ballet lovers return to the show repeatedly to be moved by the story that unfolds in front of them.

Since its humble beginnings, ***Wahzhazhe*** has garnered national and international attention. The Seminole State College NASNTI Program will host the event in the Jeff Johnston Auditorium on Tuesday, August 15 at 11:00 AM. In conjunction with a video, students from Dance Maker Academy will create live performances to selected scenes from the ballet. Following the performance, audience members will have the opportunity to meet the ballerinas and enjoy light refreshments!

## ***Matika Wilbur, acclaimed author and photographer to speak on the campus of Seminole State College Fall 2023!***



**Matika Wilbur** is a critically acclaimed social documentarian and photographer from the Swinomish and Tulalip peoples of coastal Washington. Project 562, a crowd-funded initiative to visit, engage, and photograph people from over 562 sovereign Tribal Nations in North America, is her fourth major creative venture elevating Native American identity and culture.

She co-hosts the *All My Relations* podcast with Dr. Adrienne Keene as a platform that invites guests to delve into subjects facing Native peoples today and explore the connections between land, non-human relatives, and one another. She has offered over 300 keynotes at such places as Harvard, Yale, Berkeley, Google, TED Talks, and the National Education Association. She is a National Geographic Explorer.

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