

**Owe Aku** – ‘Bring Back the Way’  
International Human Rights and Justice Program

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**AMERICA’S MOST ANCIENT PEOPLE SHARE PRACTICAL  
KNOWLEDGE ON WALKING SOFTLY ON THE EARTH**

**Learn How One Lakota (Sioux Indian) Community Could Lead the World in Reversing  
Climate Change and Living With, Instead of Off of, the Earth’s Resources**

**LAKOTA LEADERS DEBRA & ALEX WHITE PLUME  
TO HOST NYC SCREENINGS of PBS Documentary Film**

**“STANDING SILENT NATION”**

**Monday, October 22 – American Indian Community House – 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 23 – International Action Center – 7:00 p.m.**

The documentary film, “Standing Silent Nation,” chronicles the story of one Lakota (Sioux) community as they **assert their historic and legal sovereignty** through the growing of industrial hemp in order to **create eco-friendly, economic independence** for one of the poorest, neglected areas in North America.

The White Plumes attempted to introduce industrial hemp as a restorative agricultural product on their Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. Hemp does not damage the delicate plains eco-system nor require use of precious water resources. One day before the harvest of their first crop, the federal government of the **United States swooped down on the reservation with armored assault vehicles, helicopters and armed DEA agents in order to burn and destroy the crop.** As a result of the White Plumes’ repeated attempts to exercise Native American **sovereignty**, they now face substantial prison time from federal criminal indictments.

At the screenings, Debra & Alex White Plume will introduce the film and engage in community dialogues about this issue.

Who: Owe Aku hosting Debra & Alex White Plume

When: • Monday, October 22 – American Indian Community House – 7:00 p.m.  
• Tuesday, October 23 – International Action Center – 7:00 p.m.

What: Screening and Community Dialogue

Where: The American Indian Community House  
11 Broadway – 2nd floor  
New York, NY 10004

International Action Center  
55 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10011

More information can also be found at [www.bringbacktheway.com](http://www.bringbacktheway.com) and  
[www.standingsilentnation.com](http://www.standingsilentnation.com)

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The mission of Owe Aku is to preserve, restore and revive traditional Lakota values in order to lessen human interference with the planet's natural process and bring human beings into balance with the Earth. Our own experience has shown that only by engaging our own people through traditional approaches to spirituality, spiritual freedom, environmental guardianship, and economic and social justice will we be able to make a difference in our world and pass on these values on to our future generations.

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