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## **Skykomish Valley Indian Education hosts Evening of Native Culture and Silent Auction**

**MONROE, WA** – Skykomish Valley Indian Education families invite the community to join them for an Evening of Native Culture and Silent Auction, at the Monroe High School Performing Arts Center, 17001 Tester Road, on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. to browse the silent auction.

Music and storytelling begins at 7 p.m. for this free, family friendly event with refreshments included.

The evening will include a special presentation by virtuoso violinist, Swil Kanim. A member of the Lummi Tribe, Swil Kanim is a classically trained violinist, Native storyteller and actor. His classically influenced music and stories have been transforming people's lives for decades.

Also presenting will be Frank Goes Behind, a Nooksack Tribal Member, who is a gifted storyteller and artist. He is passionate about keeping traditions and culture alive by sharing teachings.

The silent auction, hosted by the group's parent organization, will feature Native art, gift certificates, gift baskets and more.

Skykomish Valley Indian Education is a grant-funded program serving Native American/Alaska Native students, preschool through high school, in the Monroe, Snohomish and Sultan public schools. Proceeds will benefit cultural and educational activities for Native students. For more information about the program, contact Mars Miller at 360.804.3353.

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