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Biography

TCHIN (pronounced 'chin) is an internationally known, multi-award-winning artist, specializing in silverwork. Inspired by his heritage, Tchin interprets tradition, culture, and history into undeniably contemporary, sophisticated, wearable art. He has been featured in Vogue Magazine, collaborated with Cartier, and received numerous national awards for his silverwork. His jewelry is dreamed, designed, and made by him. In addition, he is an accomplished author, flutemaker, educator, lecturer, folklorist, musician, entertainer, and clothes maker. He attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico and graduated from Rhode Island School of Design.

Education

- Rhode Island School of Design, BA (Sculpture)
- Institute of American Indian Arts

Performances and Workshop Highlights

- **Walt Whitman Cultural Arts Center, New Jersey**
“I wanted to write a few lines to thank you for the afternoon of storytelling and the “Dream Catcher” workshop. I consider it a special gift to be able to talk to children without the other trappings. It is a gift I certainly believe you have in abundance because these children were "caught up" by you from the start... I was personally very appreciative of the extra time you took with the kids who were having trouble... Needless to say, the kids loved you...”
- **Yale University, Connecticut**
“I'd just like to say ‘Thank you’ for producing such an excellent program at the

Peabody... The entire event was a success, and I keep hearing from people about how much they enjoyed the day..."

- **Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Connecticut**

"On behalf of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, thank you for your return visit to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center... Your flute-making workshop was extremely well received as was evident by its over-full capacity and positive feedback from those in the audience."

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- **The Deron School, New Jersey**

"We would like to thank you for your wonderful performance... The students thoroughly enjoyed your Native American legends, music and magic. It is sometimes difficult for our school to find programs that are appropriate for our learning-disabled population. However, you were able to maintain their interest and attention with your soothing and fascinating approach. Your show is one that we would highly recommend for students of all levels and ages."

- **Cub Scout Pack 270, New Jersey**

"Thank you so much for coming to my pack night and speaking with my boys. I cannot express the warmth that I feel for you and the way at which you were able to communicate with my boys. In the ten years that I have been involved with our cubs, I have never heard our boys cheering and applauding anyone the way that they had for you. For me the evening was a wonderful event that I long looked forward to. I am glad that our boys have had the experience of meeting you...I will encourage anyone I can that Tchin's appearance would be a blessing to their group."

- **The Willow School, New Jersey**

A performance enjoyed by all! Tchin was everything we wished. His performance had humor, warmth, wisdom, and authenticity. He held the children, and us adults, rapt with his tales and music.

- **The Reston Chorale, Virginia**

Thank you for being an important part of our telling of a great story. I am still basking in the glow of our magnificent collaboration. Tchin, your music and invocation were the perfect beginning to our drama. When the spotlight came up on you, we were humbled by the beauty of your of person, your music and your words. The story of Jamestown and the birth of this nation is not complete without the chapters about the importance of what Native Americans gave to the Europeans and how they suffered under English

domination. We hope that your part in our story showed that we still must value and learn about loving our earth and each other from the insight of Native Americans.

- **Barnes & Noble, New Jersey**

“You were wonderful! Wow, what a crowd. Over 150 enthusiastic customers attended your performance last night. Everybody left with one question - when will you return? Thank you so much for coming to Barnes & Noble, Freehold. It was such a successful event...”

- **Radburn School, New Jersey**

“Thank you very much for visiting with the students at Radburn School. We all enjoyed your program tremendously! Your stories were entertaining, as well as informative, and your flute playing was exceptional! You created a wonderful rapport with the students and adults alike. Everyone was riveted by your presentation, and we hope to invite you back in the future.”

- **The Art Dept., Philadelphia**

Tchin had everyone enthralled...young children to ladies of a certain age!! This man did a FANTASTIC job... telling stories and playing a variety of flutes. Anyone who is responsible for getting performers for school/conferences should consider Tchin... he would appeal to everyone!!

Art Awards

Best of Show

- Schemitzun, Connecticut
- Kituwah, North Carolina
- Southwest Museum, California
- New Jersey Arts Festival

Best of Division

- Southwest Museum, California
- Red Earth, Oklahoma
- American Indian Arts Council, Texas

First Prize

- SWAIA Indian Market, New Mexico (6)
- Eiteljorg Museum, Indiana
- Southwest Museum, California
- Schemitzun, Connecticut (3)
- Vista Park, Budd Lake, New Jersey
- Hunter Mountain Eagle Festival, New York
- Kituwah, North Carolina
- Dayton's Indian Market, Ohio
- Orlando's Indian Festival, Florida
- National American Cultural Art Festival, Maryland