

# Finding the Lost Dances

*Beringia Days*

*Anadyr, Chukotka*

*September 17th - 21st, 2009*

*D'Anne Hamilton, Native Village of Kotzebue*





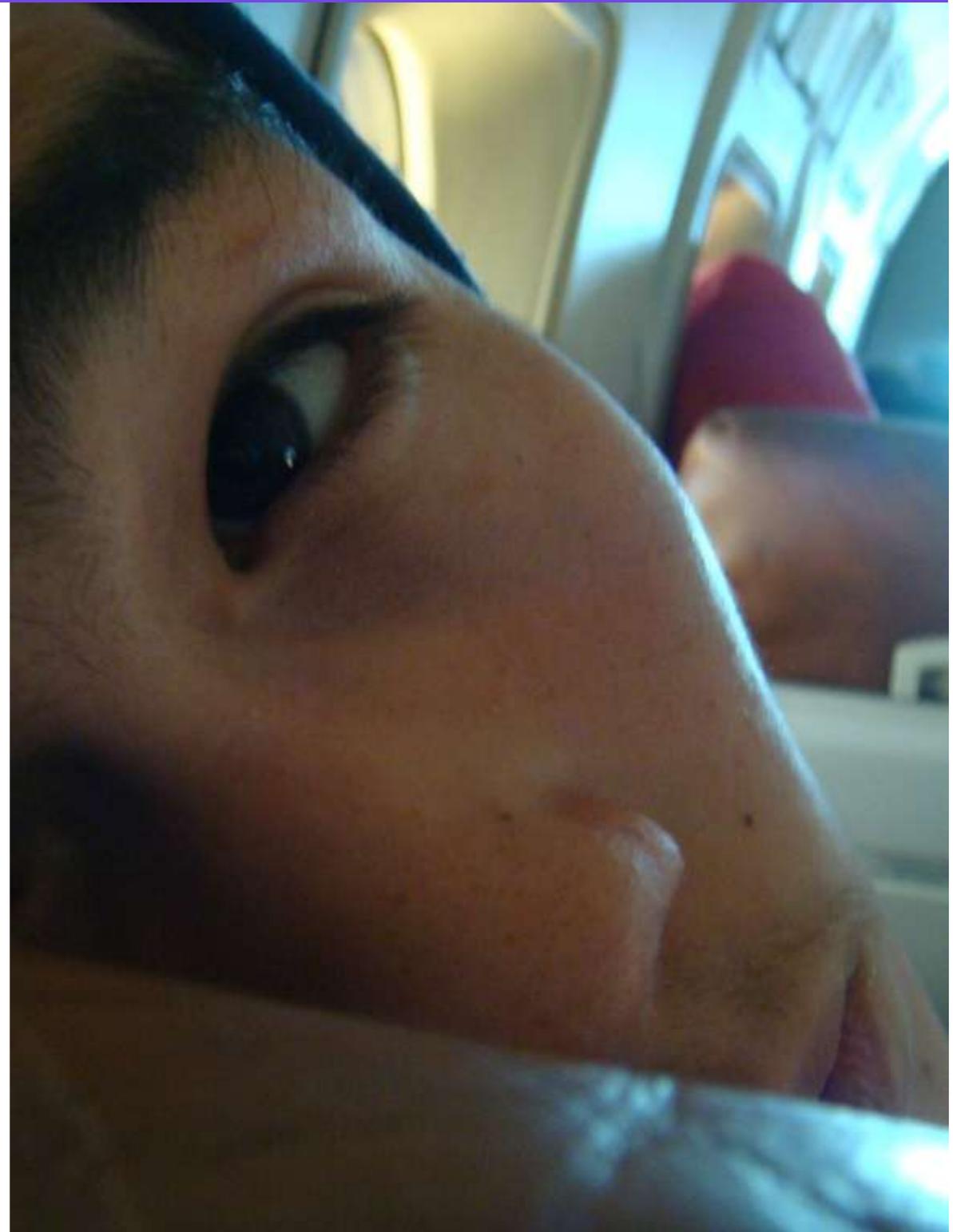
# We flew to Provideniya

August 4th - 11th, 2009



# We were ready to see new things

- Richard Atoruk
- Frank Ferguson
- Jacqui Lambert
- Denali Whiting



# We saw new places



- Provideniya,  
Chukotka, Russia

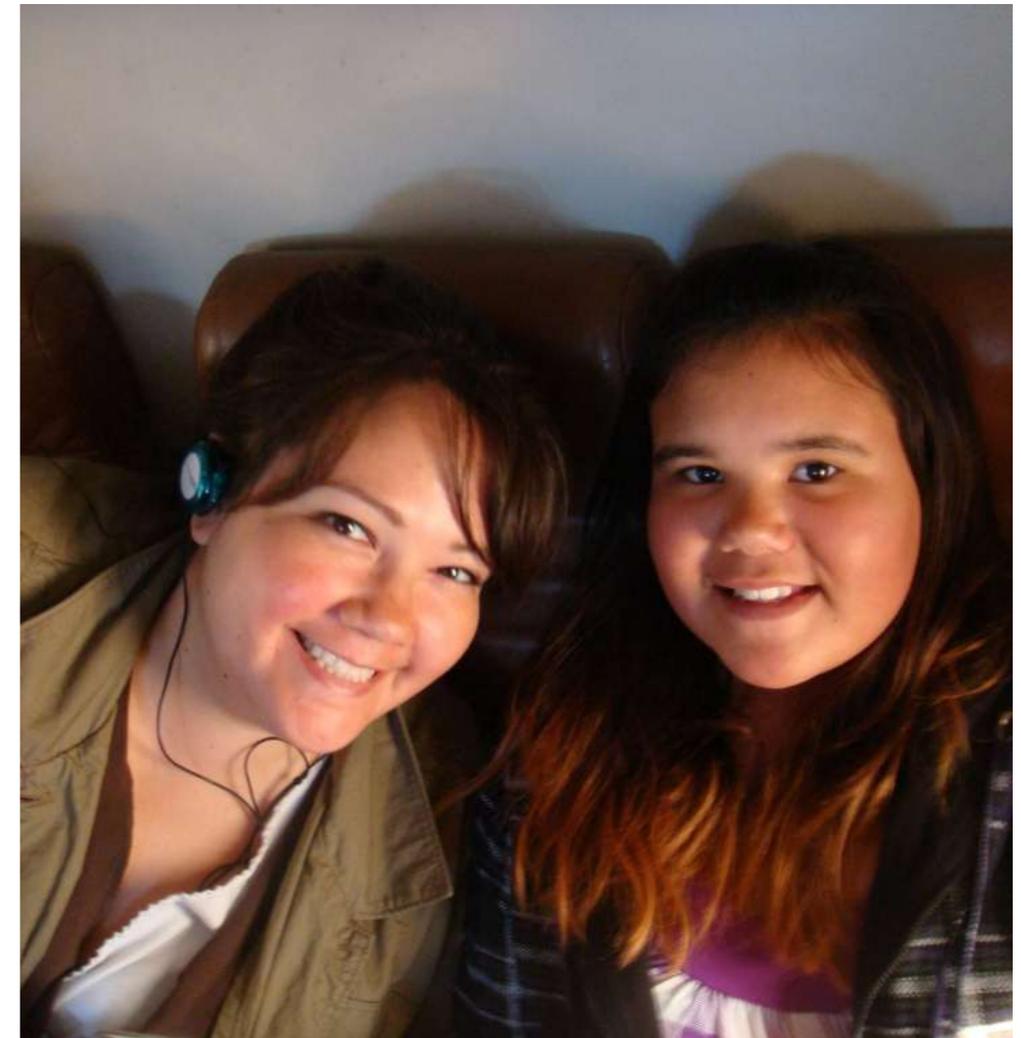
# We were ready for more

- Our trainers were Norman Jayo, D'Anne Hamilton and Minnie Naylor



# And we brought others too!

- Barrow Dancers Mary Sage and Clara Evikana were with us too ...and two ladies from Nome, Colleen Reynolds and Eva Mendalook, recording family histories for Kawerak, Inc. Their project was also funded by the Shared Beringian Heritage Program and it was a good fit with ours!



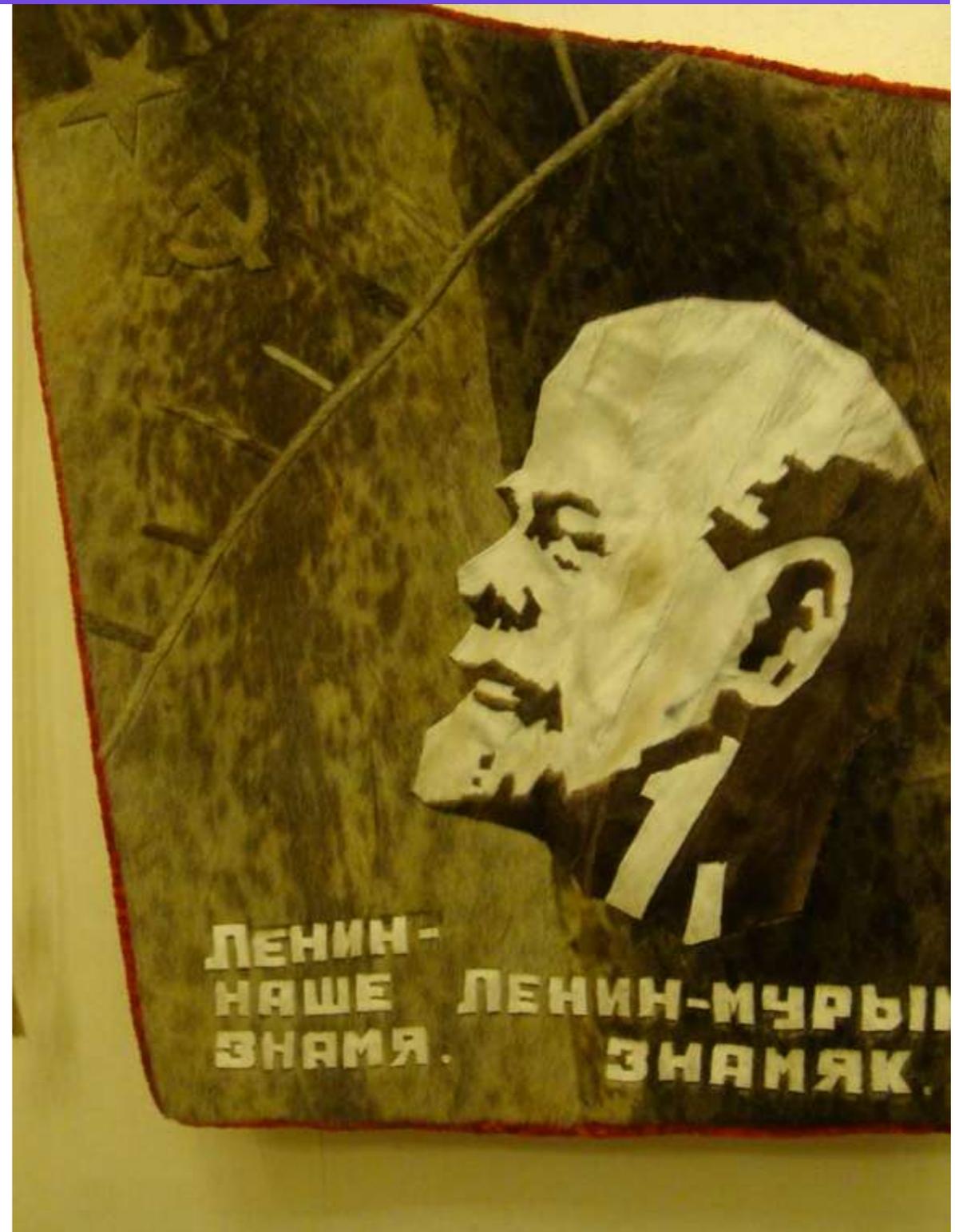
# Many of us ate Borst for the first time

- And lots of new foods and good homemade bread



# Our Introduction

- We learned about their recent past at the Chukotka Museum



# THEN



- Their ancient past



# Our Group in Chukotka Museum



# Our First Audio Recording Session

- Their Songs
- Their Dances



# A Bus Trip

- We traveled by bus to Avan, an ancient village about an hour and a half away from Provideniya



# Everyday Russian Culture

- Includes drinking Chai many times throughout the day... a new thing for us!



# We learned from Elders

- Ainana is an esteemed elder known for her work to bring Native people from Russia and the U.S. together. She is the head of the Yupik Society in Provideniya



# And we learned from younger people

- From drummers and dancers like Valentin



# We learned how Pros work



- From advanced camera moves
- To music video style recording of songs & dances



- To logging tape

# Camera One Ready!

We started off quiet, but by  
the end of the day, we  
weren't shy anymore...



# We learned about ourselves

...We became more confident in our skills



We learned  
about the beauty  
of Russian  
Native people!



Then it was  
time to head  
back to  
Provideniya





We got to know Provideniya  
pretty well



From the Statue  
of Lenin

...to the best  
price on bottled  
water

..to where the  
teenagers  
dance

...then it was  
time to leave  
again

# Now Off to New Chaplino





We saw dog teams  
running in summer  
time in New  
Chaplino!

# It's on the water like Kotzebue

About 400 people live here



# We recorded throat singers

Did I say  
there's a lot of  
waiting around  
on location?



They  
performed  
for us  
in the gym





And they  
wanted to  
see us  
dance

So we danced  
together!



We danced all the time!



Some  
dances are  
exclusive to  
their village

Two Ravens dance



Some dances  
were almost  
the same as  
ours, like the  
Walrus Dance



While some are different  
versions of the same  
song

And they loved the  
differences!



Three days  
later we left...

With sweet memories and  
lots of tape!



# Back to Provideniya

We interviewed each other  
about our experiences



We talked about **our** tough issues and  
**their** tough issues





Then one final night of good food & traditional dancing



**Good people & good memories will  
stay with us forever**

# From the Bow of the Boat ...

Taikuu!  
Sivulliq Youth  
Media Group



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