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Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Presents Bear Town Singers at Bridge Beats

Omaha, Nebraska - The National Park Service, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is proud to present the *Bear Town Singers* at Omaha's Riverfront on May 17, 2013 at 6 p.m. for the opening night Bridge Beats Summer Music Series.

The *Bear Town Singers*, a drum group from the Winnebago Indian Reservation of Nebraska, They will introduce the audience to a traditional style of singing from the northern plains, often referred to as "Northern Style Singing."

Bear Town has become sought after at powwows across the country. Members from the Winnebago, Meskwaki and Lakota/Dakota nations will join their voices and over 15 years of drumming experience to share their traditional powwow songs.

For Native American people, the beat of the drum represents the heartbeat. Audiences will hear the "big drum," which is traditionally used at powwows. They will also introduce you to the smaller hand drums, used to sing at round dances, for Native American ceremonies, and at hand drum competitions.

The songs that are sung by the *Bear Town Singers* are intended to bring joy, happiness, wellbeing, and blessings to those around it.

Visit the Headquarters of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail at Omaha's Riverfront, 601 Riverfront Drive. Open hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Weekend hours during the summer begin Memorial Day weekend. Call 402-661-1804 or visit www.nps.gov/lecl for more information.

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail will work in partnership to protect the Trail for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of all people

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