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**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN EXHIBIT TO DISPLAY AT
THE COMANCHE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER**

(August 25, 2009) LAWTON, OK – The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center (CNMCC) hosts the national traveling exhibition **50 Years of Powwow** September 24, 2009 through January 3, 2010. The public is invited to attend the opening event/reception on Thursday, September 24th at 1:06 p.m. The event will feature tribal singing, dancing and the recognition of four Comanche Powwow Societies. Those societies include: Walters Service Club, Comanche Little Ponies, Comanche War Scouts and the Comanche Homecoming Committee. Tribal Chairman Mike Burgess will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Light refreshments will be available after the event and will include a sampling of traditional Comanche Foods. The opening of this exhibit kicks off the start of the 18th Annual Comanche Nation Fair.

50 Years of Powwow was conceived and organized by the American Indian Center of Chicago, and developed by The Field Museum. The exhibition consists of photographs that document the traditional gathering of American Indians that has become a tradition in communities nationwide. Powwows are places and times to rekindle old friendships, reaffirm traditional values, share and introduce the vivid and vital spectacle of contemporary Indian culture to the larger community. The powwow is a celebration and extension of Indian traditions and an important vehicle for transmitting those traditions to younger generations

The photographs in the exhibition depict dancers, drummers, singers, craftspeople, and traditional foods, and explore how American Indians retain their traditional cultures and languages in today's urban world. The exhibit is augmented with items and photographs on loan from the Comanche Nation Community.

The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center offers visitors a glimpse of traditional cultural objects and detailed history about the Comanche People. CNMCC is home to a variety of collections including Fine Art, the Egli and Chibitty Collections, Fort Sill Indian School, and Comanche Military. A library and photo archives are also on site. CNMCC is located at 701 NW Ferris Avenue, behind McMahan Auditorium. Admission is free and tour groups are welcome. Call 580-353-0404 for more information or visit www.comanchemuseum.com.

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