

## NASNTI host

# *Wahzhazhe!* An Osage Ballet



The Native Americans Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) Student Development Center at Seminole State College hosted the Osage Ballet on campus Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The ballet performance marked the beginning of **NASNTI's** "Native November" activities to celebrate Native American Cultural Heritage Month.

The Osage Ballet, *Wahzhazhe!* is a contemporary ballet that brings together unique and diverse qualities of Oklahoma history and culture: a reverence for classical ballet that was the legacy of two famous Osage ballerinas, Maria and Marjorie Tallchief, and the richness of Osage traditional music, dance and textile arts.



The creative set designs help transform the stage into accurate depictions of Osage lifestyles and the costumes were created to appear as the traditional tribal clothing that was worn during the

past 200 years. *Wahzhazhe!* was produced by Randy Tinker Smith and choreographed by Jenna Smith, both of Osage descent.



Excerpts from *Wahzhazhe!* was performed at 11 a.m. inside the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center on campus. Campus and community members were invited to attend this free cultural event.

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