

Alaska Native Music and Dance



Cama-i Dance Festival, Bethel: camai.org

People all over the world use music and dance to tell stories, express themselves, entertain others, and connect with their heritage. In Alaska, there are many different music and dance traditions among indigenous cultures.

Explore some of these traditions with the following videos!

- **2018 Festival of Native Arts:** Short clips of dance groups from different Alaska Native cultures. www.youtube.com/watch?v=B83gA6_u99g
- **Chevak Dancers (Cup'ik):** www.youtube.com/watch?v=m21KB4TjMky
- **Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNirtfNtPko
- **Mt. Juneau Tlingit Dancers:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUnhL4lwmtE
- **Athabascan Fiddler Music:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCxZjBhCdus
- **Tsmaay Tsimshian Dancers:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=zj6Oj4L3qy0
- **Qatnut Inupiaq Dancers:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8okhKjC27g
- **Tanana Dancers (Athabascan):**
www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2eRh881e2M



Think and Discuss:

How are these videos similar? How are they different?

What kind of music and dance do you like?

Are there songs or dances that are important to your family?