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Hondo Mesa Records folks had fine time at Native American Music Awards

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Dennis Kinsey surely had a big night earlier this month at the Native American Music Awards in Niagara Falls.

As reported in Listen Up on Oct. 5, the CD "Bitter Tears -- Sacred Ground" won the **NAMMYs best compilation album award**. The CD was released by Kinsey's Syracuse label, Hondo Mesa Records.

Kinsey joyfully shares the photo above and YouTube clip below. is parting salutation: "Long live independent music." Yes, sir.

By the way, Shenandoah, a member of the Wolf Clan of the Iroquois Confederacy who lives in Oneida Castle, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" before Saturday's Syracuse-West Virginia football game in the Carrier Dome. It was a superb performance; her a cappella rendition of the National Anthem is on "Bitter Tears - Sacred Ground," too.

Here's a YouTube clip shot by Kinsey of Shenandoah and Bucher performing "Riding Free" at the NAMMYs.



Provided photo

Left to right at the Native American Music Awards in Niagara Falls: Karla LaRive, Michael Bucher, Joanne Shenandoah and Dennis Kinsey.

