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What: FREE *Peabody Museum Lecture and Reception*

Where: Geological Lecture Hall, Harvard University, 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA; Reception follows in the Peabody Museum, 11 Divinity Ave.

When: Thursday, April 17, 2007, 5:30 pm

Contact: 617-496-1027 (public information)

Lecture Title: *Reflections of a Museum Director*

Lecture by W. Richard West, Founding Director of the National Museum of the American Indian

(Cambridge, April 10, 2008) The Peabody Museum presents an evening with W. Richard West, the founding director of the National Museum of the American Indian (2004–2007) in Washington D.C. West is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and a Peace Chief of the Southern Cheyenne. An attorney, West has devoted his professional life and much of his personal life to working with American Indians on cultural, educational, legal and governmental issues. As director of the National Museum of the American Indian, West was responsible for guiding the successful opening of the Museum’s three facilities. He oversaw the creation and completion of the George Gustav Heye Center, the museum's exhibition facility, which opened in New York City on Oct. 30, 1994. He supervised the overall planning of the museum's Cultural Resources Center, located in Suitland, Md., which houses its vast 800,000-object collection. West's philosophy and vision for the museum was critical in guiding the architectural and program planning of the Mall museum, which opened on the National Mall in Washington on Sept. 21, 2005. West will be reflecting on his experiences creating a “museum of living cultures.”

About the Peabody Museum

The Peabody Museum is among the oldest archaeological and ethnographic museums in the world with one of the finest collections of human cultural history found anywhere. It is home to superb materials from Africa, ancient Europe, North America, Mesoamerica, Oceania, and South America in particular. In addition to its archaeological and ethnographic holdings, the Museum's

photographic archives, one of the largest of its kind, holds more than 500,000 historical photographs, dating from the mid-19th century to the present and chronicling anthropology, archaeology, and world culture.

Location: *The Peabody Museum is located at 11 Divinity Avenue in Cambridge. The Museum is a short walk from the Harvard Square MBTA station.*

Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM, 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Admission is \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students and seniors, \$6.00 for children, 3–18. Free with Harvard ID or Museum membership. The Museum is free to everyone Sundays, 9 AM to noon, year round, and Wednesdays from 3 PM to 5 PM (September to May). Admission includes admission to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. The Peabody Museum participates in the City Pass and WGBH programs. For more information call (617) 496-1027 or go online to: www.peabody.harvard.edu.

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