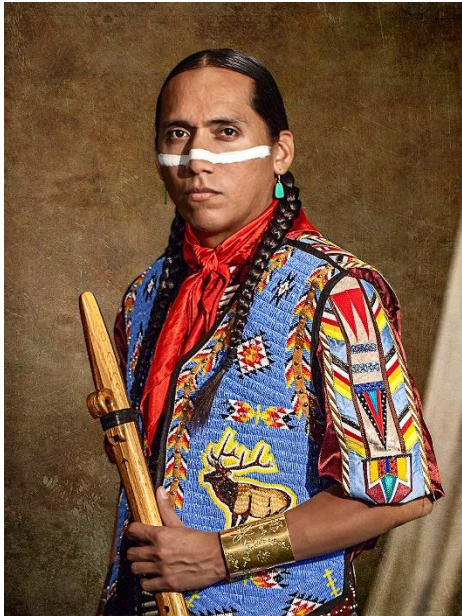


## Tony Duncan Biography



Tony Duncan (Apache-Arikara & Hidatsa) has performed the Native American flute and the hoop dance for audiences worldwide including at the White House, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Smithsonian Museum, Musical Instrument Museum, Billboard Music Awards, The Tonight Show, and an NBA All-Star game. Duncan has toured internationally with pop star Nelly Furtado as featured dancer onstage and in the music video for her hit, “Big Hoops.” He has appeared as a flutist and dancer before an estimated total audience of 100,000 people in such diverse locations as Paris, London, Tokyo, Manila, Switzerland, Italy, and Malta. He has performed with fellow Native American artists R. Carlos Nakai and Joanne Shenandoah.

Duncan has released ten recordings for the Native American flute with five albums for Canyon Records, which has specialized in Native American music for over 70 years.

As a hoop dancer Tony Duncan is among the best in the world, winning the title of “World Hoop Dance Champion” six times including at the 2021/22 World Hoop Dance Championship. He is also an educator, bringing the hoop dance to students of all ages through his “Hoop Dance 101” presentations.

Duncan has been named *Artist of the Year* at the Native American Music Awards and is the recipient of the prestigious Dance/USA Fellowship. In 2022, Duncan was named one of the Kennedy Center NEXT 50, an initiative that celebrates the cultural leadership of 50 trailblazing leaders and organizations guiding society and the next generation into the future. Duncan has consulted with Marvel, Vogue, and Facebook.

Duncan performs regularly with his wife Violet (Cree), a dancer, author, and educator.

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