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Cusco, Peru

Tinkuy 2017 is a celebration of the wealth and diversity of textile traditions from around the world. Tinkuy, which means “gathering” in Quechua, is sponsored by Centro de Textiles Tradicionales del Cusco (CTTC) and Andean Textile Arts. For four days this November, textile artists and enthusiasts, anthropologists, art historians, and many others will gather to share traditions, techniques, and fellowship.

The program: Beginning with a festive parade of weavers up the Avenida Sol and a blessing by Q’ero shamans and Elders of the weaving communities, Tinkuy 2017 continues with three days of presentations including keynote speakers and workshops, cultural performances, a fashion show, a movie night, and spinning competitions. Throughout the gathering, presentations and demonstrations by visiting weavers’ groups will display the wealth and diversity of textile traditions of the Americas and the world beyond.

With the theme of “Weaving the Past, Present, and Future”, the first day’s presentations will focus around the Andean ancestors’ relationship to textiles and the history of textile traditions. On the second day, workshops will explore the present-day relationship to textiles and what this means for cultural identity and everyday lives. The final day brings the future into focus with the young weavers who are working to keep fiber traditions alive.

Workshops for textile enthusiasts include basic and advanced backstrap weaving, spinning, Qhurpus knitting, and Chichilla tubular border weaving. An optional post-gathering workshop on natural dyeing will be conducted in the village of Chinchero. For programming details, visit www.tinkuy2017.textilescusco.org.

Location: Tinkuy takes place in Cusco, Peru, the capital of the ancient Inca Empire, the historic capital of Peru, and a World Heritage site. It is a gateway to Machu Picchu and other important archeological sites, and enjoys a dramatic setting in the Andes at an altitude 11,200 feet, near the

Sacred Valley of the Urubamba River. A blending of ancient Inca stonework and Colonial architecture, important cultural museums, and a vibrant artisan culture make this a compelling destination for visitors. The Tinkuy events will be held in the Cusco Convention Center in the heart of the old city.

Registration: An early bird registration discount will be available until April 30. Andean Textile Arts (andeantextilearts.org/tinkuy_2017) is taking registrations for North American participants. For registration in Latin America, email: tinkuy2017@gmail.com or visit www.tinkuy2017.textilescusco.org.

Whether you are a textile artist or enthusiast, anthropologist, or general admirer of indigenous art, we welcome you to participate in Tinkuy 2017 and explore the richness and diversity of our global textile traditions.