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*Dan Smoke tells listeners about some of the artists featured on Robbie Robertson's new CD entitled "Music for the Native Americans."*

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**DAN SMOKE:** That was "**Mahk Jchi**" from **Robbie Robertson's** new CD entitled, *Music for The Native Americans*. Robbie Robertson, with the **Red Road Ensemble**, features people from all over Turtle Island on this album. **Douglas Spotted Eagle** is a **Lakota-Oglala**, who is featured on this album. This group here is called **Ulali**. Ulali helped with this song, "Mahk Jchi", and as well as the...there's another song on here, the name escapes me right now, that Robbie uses as well throughout the **About the Native Americans** series, and it's also featured prominently on this new CD. And Ulali is a group of people, singers, women, female singers. There's three of them. One's name is **Pura Fé**. She's a **Tuscarora**. Soni, she's a...I'm not sure which nation she's from but I believe she's from South America. And there's, and then the final member of Ulali is a woman, I think her name is Beth. But Pura Fé and Soni were guests here in London at the London Public Library, I think it was maybe two years ago. Right here. They came, I believe it was in the wintertime. It was around this time, and they came, and they performed. Well, maybe, no, actually, it was more towards the spring, because I know that just following that, Mary Lou and I went to the **Kingston Powwow** up at the Cataraqui Park in Kingston. The first annual traditional powwow that has ever been held in Kingston. And it was just before that that Pura Fé and Soni came to London and performed at the London Public Library on Queens Ave.

A friend of ours, a sister of ours, by the name of **Monique Mohica**, who is a **Rappahannock Nation** from South America, she's also featured on **Vision TV's Creation**, which is a weekly environmental show. She also sings with Ulali. There is a promotional video that comes with this Native Americans package and it talks, it shows Robbie Robertson speaking with Ulali. It shows him recording. It shows him talking about where he found the inspiration to put this album together, and some of the places he went to in order to do this album. One of the groups that was featured on this promotional album and is also featured in the "**Ghost Dance**" and the "**Vanishing Breed**" songs were the **Silvercloud Singers**. They are a traditional drum that performs, was also featured on that song you just heard, "**Mahk Jchi**." Robbie Robertson went to Montreal to perform with **Kashtin**, to do the song "**Akua Tuta**," which is featured on *Native Americans* and also is the feature song, the first song on Kashtin's new CD called "Akua Tuta." "Akua Tuta" means *take care* in Innu. This is Kashtin singing "Akua Tuta," here on Smoke Signals.