



Biography:

For over twenty years, Jeneda and Clayson Benally were the heartbeat of the critically acclaimed and award-winning Native American punk band Blackfire. Their resistance songs caught on around the world, with Joey and CJ Ramone, Cyril Neville and countless others recording on their albums. But a few years ago, a new sound kicked in, replacing the anger...Hope.

In their new band, Sihasin (Navajo for 'hope') Jeneda and Clayson have created an explosive sound out of just bass and drums, inspiring their listeners with a hard punk backbone, softened by folk, world and kept thumping by pop.

And so far it seems to be working. The pair have won just about every award they can on the American Indian Music scene for their Ed Stasium produced album Never Surrender and are now mainstreaming with a Native American Showcase at SXSW, hot on the heels off last year, where the crowds are still humming along to 'You Can't Take Away My Hope.'

They have recently been featured in La Figaro, Arizona Highways and the Tribeca award-winning, Sigur Ros music director Alma Har'el has just made a short movie about the band getting ready for SXSW.

Sihasin is a rare band who does more than just perform. They leave their audience with an exhilarating feeling of Get Up, Stand Up, and Do!

Sihasin will have a new album out this year. Sihasin tours throughout the world and also gives presentations and youth workshops on Native American and environmental issues.



Photo by Brent Stirton

'A powerful combo of punk, folk, world and traditional Navajo.'
Indian Country.

'It runs through your bones when you hear it. It is absolutely vibrating.'
Native Magazine

2014 Rockwired Magazine Editor's Choice

2014 Winner of Native American Music Awards
'Debut Group Of The Year.'

2014 Censored News Global Music In Resistance
Award

2013 Winner of Indian Summer Music Award 'Best
Rock.'

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