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New non-profit playing Trix in Kingman

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PATRICIA 'TRIX' BRUCE

KINGMAN — Patricia "Trix" Bruce, a storyteller and poet who is deaf, will be in Kingman on Aug. 20 to promote a multi-cultural and education event later this year in Lake Havasu City.

The Colorado River Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a recently formed non-profit organization trying to bring services for the deaf and hard of hearing to Mohave County, Needles, Calif. and Laughlin, Nev. It also seeks to promote, protect and preserve the rights and quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Bruce, who lives in Snohomish, Wash., is nationally known as a workshop presenter and American Sign Language performer.

She will be the special guest of the CRAD-HH and the city of Lake Havasu during the London Bridge Days celebration set for Oct. 27-30.

Bruce is scheduled to do "Spoken Silence," a full-day workshop with performances at London Bridge Resort.

It will be a fund-raiser for the CRAD-HH.

The workshop will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 28. She will give a performance combining ASL, poetry, mime and storytelling from 6 to 8:30 p.m. that night.

Bruce also will participate in the London Bridge Day Parade between 10 a.m. and noon Oct. 29. She will give an encore performance of mime, poetry and storytelling from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the London Bridge Resort.

"Our organization has about 50 members," said Amy Llamas-Bakari, media relations officer for the CRADHH.

"We're trying to get deaf and hearing services for those in need, including interpreters as we don't have certified ones here.

We also want to get telecommunications devices (TTYs) for the deaf, although we know many of them rely on e-mail."

Bruce is to appear at the Mohave County District Library on Burbank Street in Kingman between 2 and 3 p.m. Aug. 20 for a luncheon and photo opportunity session.

Llamas-Bakari said she is awaiting replies to invitations to attend sent to: Sherri Collins, executive director for the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Dee Ann Deaton, ACDHH Community View executive producer; Hall Hoff, superintendent of Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind; Trish Groe, Arizona House of Representatives for District 3; Bob Whelan, mayor of Lake Havasu City; and Thomas Henry, president of Mohave Community College.

"Our purpose is to let people know our organization is here and to promote the event coming up in Lake Havasu City," Llamas-Bakari said. "We need to raise public awareness for the hard of hearing and deaf community and what we're trying to do."

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Llamas-Bakari submitted letters on behalf of Bruce that indicate she was well received in the past by such organizations or institutions as the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio, Metro Regional Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Omaha, Neb., California State

University in Fresno, Calif., and Maryland Department of Budget & Management.

Contact Llamas-Bakari at 757-5146 for individual performance tickets or prepaid package information that includes reservations at the Ramada Hotel in Lake Havasu.