

# Video Letters from Prison



## CREW BIOGRAPHIES

### **Milt Lee**

*Producer/Director*

Milt Lee is a sound and film artist who has worked most of his life to further the interests of Native Americans across the country. He is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. With his wife, Jamie, Milt Lee produced and distributed a 52-part series for PRI and AIROS called *Oyate Ta Olowan: The Songs of the People*. These award-winning documentaries on traditional Native American music were funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts and AIROS. In 2007, he was named a Bush Artist Fellow and used the time to produce *Video Letters from Prison*, his first full-length film documentary about three Lakota girls who connect with their incarcerated father via "Video Letters."

### **Jamie Lee**

*Writer*

Jamie Lee is an author and was an instructor at Oglala Lakota College for five years. She has a MA in Human Development and has been a communications trainer and an educator for the past 30 years. Her stories and articles have appeared in *The South Dakota Review*, *Winds of Change Magazine* and several other anthologies. She has published three non-fiction books along with one novel and a collection of writings from Oglala Lakota College students. Her first novel, *Washaka: The Bear Dreamer*, was a PENM USA finalist in 2007. Jamie has written over 70 documentary programs including public radio's landmark 52-part native music series, *Oyate Ta Olowan: The Songs of the People*.

### **Gordy Pratt**

*Composer*

Gordy Pratt is a published songwriter and comedy writer, an established performer and extraordinary guitarist. He has appeared on ABC's Good Morning America and his stand-up musical comedy show *The original Fabulous ONE GUY* has entertained audiences for—no one can remember how long. Raised in western Colorado, western South Dakota and West Virginia, Gordy literally grew up in summer stock theater and went on to study classical guitar and ancient instruments in New York, London and San Francisco.