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Cheyenne Indian Sun Dance film

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Cheyenne Indian Sun Dance film
Date:	circa 1937
Identifier:	HSFA.1987.12
Extent:	1 Film reel (silent, color, 250 feet; 16mm) 1 Video recording (11 minutes; silent, color)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Digital Content:	Video: Cheyenne Indian Sundance video clip

Administrative Information

Processing Information

Cataloging supported by Smithsonian Institution Women's Committee.

Titles are supplied by the archivist for untitled films.

Preferred Citation

Cheyenne Indian Sundance film, Human Studies Film Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

Footage of a northern Cheyenne Sundance probably filmed between the mid- to late 1930s in LameDeer, Montana. Documentation includes encampment and tarp-covered sundance lodge, both exterior and interior shots; male participants taking coals from the lodge fire; dancers with eagle bone whistles; shots of Indian and white spectators; scenes of fancy dance with male dancers in eagle feathered bustles and headdresses; and miscellaneous shots of Indians harvesting root crops and children at play.

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Local Numbers

HSFA 1987.12.1

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Sun Dance
Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Cultures:

Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Places:

Montana
North America