

*Support Native American Culture & Florin JACL Manzanar Ally*  
***Donate to Finish the AkaMya  
Cultural Studio! - See Videos***



**Taiko, Obon Odori, Karate, Nihongo, Sushi!** Japanese Americans and diverse others appreciate the importance of cultural heritage for community strength, cohesion, and cross-cultural understanding. Today, we have a great opportunity to support Native American culture by completing the Cultural Dance Studio in Big Pine, California by AkaMya, a key Florin JACL ally. **Won't you donate by May 5th?**

**See the Cool Videos:**

**2019 AkaMya Manzanar Culture**

Exchange: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sKY3m68LJs>

**2020 AkaMya Studio Construction:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osQ\\_6UqnQCK](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osQ_6UqnQCK)

## 2018 Florin Manzanar Pilgrimage by Brandon

Miyasaki: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4X10BSddxz4>

### How Can I Donate and Support?

Please donate by May 5th and share this fundraiser with your friends. We appreciate whatever you can do and will publicly acknowledge all donations. Due to matching pledges of at least \$1,500 from the Florin JACL, CAIR, and others, your donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to this amount.

**1. Easy Donation Online at the Florin JACL website: <http://www.florinjacl.com/>-**

Click the donate button for PayPal, credit, or debit card. Specify "AkaMya".

**2. (OR) Mail Check to: "Florin JACL" c/o 15 Mark River Court, Sacramento, CA 95831**

### What are the Fundraising Levels?:

Diamond \$1000

Gold \$500

Silver \$250

Bronze \$100

Ally \$50

Friend \$25 and under

### What is the AkaMya Culture Group

AkaMya is an amazing Native American cultural group for dance, drumming, song, storytelling, and much more. In 1998, Sage Romero founded AkaMya in the Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Reservation of Big Pine, 30 miles from the former Manzanar concentration camp.

AkaMya promotes heritage, including an annual Manzanar Culture Exchange showcasing Native, Japanese and Muslim American dance, drumming, and song during the Florin Manzanar Pilgrimage since 2016. Over 200 pilgrims have seen this moving event co-sponsored by the Florin JACL-SV and Council on American Islamic Relations - SV/CC (CAIR). AkaMya and others welcomed us to their community when some tried to exclude us in Bishop

### How is the Culture Studio Progressing?

After 4 years of grass roots effort with volunteers, donations, and small grants, AkaMya's Studio nears completion and aims for a dedication in May. They still need to build a dance floor and an outside restroom.

Thank you for supporting AkaMya's Studio, Native American culture, and solidarity.

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