



# ADRIAN MATTHIAS STEVENS & SEAN QUERINO SNYDER



## ACTIVISTS, ARTISTS, & DANCERS

Adrian Matthias Stevens (he/him) and Sean Querino Snyder (they/them) have had to endure discrimination based on who they are and who they love which has contributed to their perseverance and passion. Both have been dancing at powwows since they were young. They became activists as a result of their experiences being disqualified from powwows as a same-sex “two-spirit” couple. Adrian, who comes from the Northern Ute, Shoshone-Bannock, and San Carlos Apache Tribes, and Sean, who is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, as well as a descendant of the Southern Ute tribe, refuse to let discrimination come between their love for one another and their love of traditions. Their award-winning short documentary, *Sweetheart Dancers* (2017) raised awareness of their story and they continue to dance and win powwow competitions. They credit their strength to the support of their families and communities.

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