

SWOSU Premieres Traveling Art Exhibit

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be the first stop for a new traveling exhibit of Indian art that will premiere February 4 on the Weatherford campus.

Art from Indian Territory 2007: the state of being American Indian will be featured through March 9 in the SWOSU Art Building Gallery. Sponsor of the show is the American Indian Cultural Center & Museum and corporate sponsor is The Chickasaw Nation.

The exhibition, according to Shoshana Wasserman of the museum, reveals the complex undercurrents that encompass being American Indian in 2007. Indian Artists have been asked to initiate a dialogue in their visual language that will stimulate an ongoing discussion.

As the exhibit travels to five different regions throughout the state, area residents will be encouraged to participate in the conversation sharing their perspectives and opinions. In addition, the exhibit will survey the change in American Indian art since statehood. It will chronicle representative works from each decade.

The American Indian Cultural Center & Museum, along with Co-Curators Mary Jo Watson and Heather Ahtone, have assembled and produced the exhibit, which will premier at SWOSU. The opening reception is scheduled for February 4 from 2-4 p.m. and everyone is invited to the reception, which is being hosted by the SWOSU Native American Club. Admission is free and open to the public. Hours each day are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Exhibition artists include: Brent Greenwood, Joanna Underwood, Daniel Worcester, Matt Bearden, Heidi Bigknife, Tom Fields, Tony Tiger, Anita Fields, Kennetha Greenwood, Ben Harjo Jr., America Meredith, Gerald Cournoyer, Blas Flores, Joshua Hinson, Marwin Begaye, Nathan Hart, Jereldine Redcorn, Richard Ray Whitman, Susan Shannon and Sharon Ahtone-Harjo.

Additional information is available by calling 580.774.3035.