

# PLAINS ART MUSEUM

## Plains Art Museum to Host *Horse Nation* Exhibition and Programs

### Press Release

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Fargo, N.D. – Plains Art Museum has several new exhibitions on the horizon for the new year, including an important exhibition titled, *The Horse Nation of the Očhéthi Šakówin*. The Museum will feature selections of work from the larger exhibition that will be on display from January 25th through May 14th, 2018. General admission to the exhibition is free thanks to member and donor support of the Museum.

This traveling exhibition features artwork by some of the most prominent Native American artists working today, including Dyani White Hawk Polk, Arthur Amiotte, Donald Montileaux, the Two Bulls Family, Nelda Schrupp, Gwen Westerman, Keith BraveHeart, and many more. Originally curated by Keith BraveHeart, Mary Maxon, and Ashley Pourier, the exhibition is the result of a community-influenced project that expands on BraveHeart's 2014 film *We are a Horse Nation*. The film, and this resulting exhibition, explore how horses have shaped the history, spirituality, and culture of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people of the Očhéthi Šakówin.

Several programs accompany the exhibition. On Thursday, January 25th, Director of Native American Programs Laura Youngbird will lead a tour of the exhibition from 6-7pm. On Saturday March 17th, from 1-4pm, a Horse Regalia program with James Star Comes Out will take place at the North Dakota State University Equine Center. On Thursday April 12th, from 6-9pm, the Museum will host a Horse Hair Earring Workshop with artist Nelda Schrupp. And then on Thursday April 19th, from 6-8:30pm, the Museum will screen the film *We are a Horse Nation*. All programs are free and open to the public, with the exception of Schrupp's workshop, which will be \$75 per person and free for Native American artists.

Plains Art Museum is the largest and only AAM-accredited art museum in North Dakota. It is your nonprofit art museum and education center, supported by over 800 individuals and organizations. The Museum and its Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Center for Creativity is located at 704 First Avenue North in downtown Fargo. For more information about visiting or supporting your art museum, visit [www.plainsart.org](http://www.plainsart.org).

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Donald F. Montileaux, *Spirits 4 (3 of 3)*, 2016, wood, felt, tin cones, leather, beads, coins, brass and silver rivets, acrylic, 24 x 34 x 5.5 in.

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