

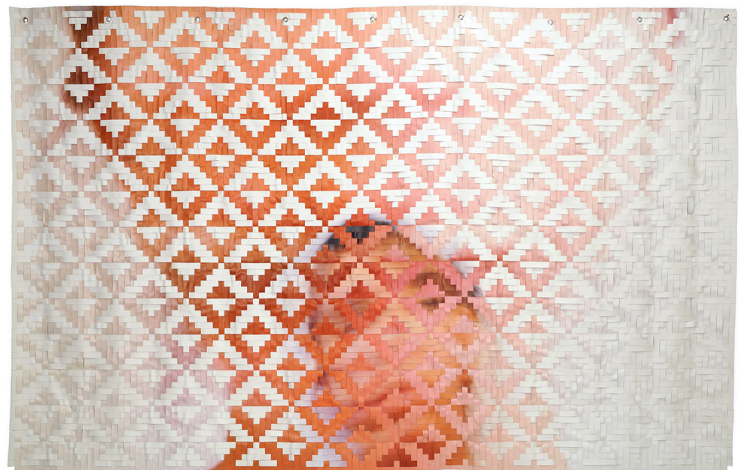
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Plains Art Museum Celebrates Indigenous Women Artists with “Power- Lines” Exhibition

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Fargo, ND – Plains Art Museum is opening its first main gallery exhibition of 2019, with a contemporary exhibition celebrating the creative traditions and innovations as well as the cultural agency of Native American women. The exhibition, titled *Wassamoo-Beshizi* (which translates to Power-Lines in the Ojibwe language) will be exhibited between January 31st and July 31st, 2019.

Curated by Laura Youngbird and with support from Tasha Kubesh, Joe Williams and Netha Cloeter, *Wassamoo-Beshizi* is poetically inspired by the parallel electric power lines that resemble dresses and celebrates the connections we have to each other and the intergenerational passage of knowledge. The exhibition includes multidisciplinary artwork from 23 contemporary Native women including Maggie Thompson, Andrea Carlson, Ann-erika White Bird, Julie Buffalohead, Nelda Schrupp, Cecilia Fire Thunder, Denise Lajimodiere, Heid Erdrich and many more. While the exhibition is multidisciplinary, one exhibition highlight is the complexity and history of clothing and textiles, which can reflect identity, an intention of nurturing or protection, and the love shared in the creative process.



Maggie Thompson, *In Loss*, 2015, Vinyl, photography, weaving, 9 x 11 ft.

Wassamoo-Beshizi is organized in partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Art's upcoming exhibition, *Hearts of Our People: Native Women Artists*, which will be on display beginning June 2nd at Mia. Like all exhibitions at Plains Art Museum, general admission is free thanks to PlainsArt4All General Fund members and donors.

Plains Art Museum is the largest art museum in the Dakotas and Western Minnesota and is general admission free thanks to strong and growing support from over 800 households and businesses. The Museum manages a permanent collection of over 4,000 objects, organizes and presents dozens of annual exhibitions, facilitates public art projects, and leads over 200 educational programs and experiences for all ages each year. 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.

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