

PLAINS ART MUSEUM

Plains Art Museum Announces Summer Art Institute

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Fargo, N.D. – Plains Art Museum, in conjunction with Circle of Nations School, is thrilled to introduce The Northern Plains Summer Art Institute (NPSAI) from June 14-26, 2020.

The Northern Plains Summer Art Institute (NPSAI) is a two-week intensive art program for Native American high school students seeking an art education that mixes fundamentals in art and a connection to their cultural identity. Students will spend two weeks with their peers learning from active Native American professionals in multiple disciplines of the art world. A part of the Museum's Creativity Among Native American Artists Initiative, the program is free for all who attend, and will include housing, meals, coursework and all art supplies.

The majority of classroom instruction will take place at Circle of Nations School with daily instruction that includes a fundamental drawing course and a history lesson on Native American Art. The two week experience will incorporate additional art-based instruction and include a day trip to Plains Art Museum.

Eligible candidates for NPSAI are students entering the 10th -12th grade and college freshman in the fall of 2020, and who are dedicated students pursuing the visual arts and who are interested in their Native American culture. Students will be selected based on a submitted portfolio of their artwork, one letter of reference, and a signed guardian permission form. Applications are due by April 1, 2020.

For more information about NPSAI or to apply to participate, please visit: <https://plainsart.org/native-american-artists/northern-plains-summer-art-institute>.

For more information, please contact Joe Williams at jwilliams@plainsart.org.

Plains Art Museum is the largest art museum in the Dakotas and Western Minnesota. It is general admission free and educationally-focused 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.

Circle of Nations School is an inter-tribal off-reservation boarding school, chartered under the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate and funded by the Bureau of Indian Education. Circle of Nations School serves American Indian youth in grades 4 through 8.



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