



**TACOMA
ART
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Bigger and better! *In The Spirit: Northwest Native Festival* Saturday, August 19, FREE, at Washington State History Museum and Tacoma Art Museum

For the first time, the [Washington State History Museum](#) and [Tacoma Art Museum](#) have merged their two Native arts festivals into a single, grand festival bursting with activities, artists, and performances. You're invited to attend [In The Spirit: Northwest Native Festival](#), a free indoor-outdoor community event to be held Saturday, August 19, 2017, 10 am – 5 pm. The festival will take place inside both museums and on their outdoor plazas. The two museums are a short distance apart, on either side of the Union Station federal courthouse on Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma. Admission to both museums will be free for the day, along with the festival.



Dancing, drumming, singing, shopping, and food—*In The Spirit: Northwest Native Festival* is free and fun!

This year's combined festival is an exhilarating opportunity for festival-goers to celebrate Native art and culture. Enjoy performances with Native dancing, singing, drumming, flute, and carving demonstrations throughout the day. Meet and get inspired by contemporary Native artists; both museums are hosting a variety of Native vendors selling art and hand-crafted products. Don't

miss the runway fashion show featuring three Native designers at TAM. And if you get hungry, nosh on fry bread tacos.

Take advantage of free museum admission, too, and see the Native art exhibitions at both. TAM's exhibition [Cultural imPRINT: Northwest Coast Prints](#) highlights sixty years of innovative printmaking from the Northwest Coast. At WSHM, see [In The Spirit](#), a juried exhibition of 22 Native works in a wide range of media from button blankets to sculptures and more.

This is the 12th annual *IN THE SPIRIT* juried art exhibition at Washington State History Museum. The exhibition has traditionally culminated with the *In the Spirit* festival. TAM has held their annual **Northwest Native** Celebration for seven years. Community feedback suggested more collaboration among the museums would enhance the experience for visitors and participants alike. The combined festival on August 19 will offer the community a free day, rich in fun and learning.

Further details are available at www.IntheSpiritArts.org. Festival highlights include:

- All day, 10 am – 5 pm
 - Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) and Washington State History Museum (WSHM) offering free admission with **Native art exhibitions** on view
 - **Art Market**—Vendors at both TAM and WSHM selling Native artwork across all media and price ranges
 - **Indigenous Eats**—Fry bread tacos at WSHM
 - **Potlatch Fund Booth** at TAM
 - **Drum-making Demonstration** with Tachini Pete (Salish/Diné) at TAM
 - **Carving Demonstrations** with Earl Davis and Kenny Waltman (Shoalwater Bay) at WSHM
 - **Printmaking** with Fox Anthony Spears (Karuk Tribe of California) at TAM

- 10:00 am—**Blessing and Welcome** at TAM
- 10:30 am—**Blessing and Welcome** at WSHM
- 11:00 am—Rona Yellow Robe playing **Cree flute** at WSHM
- 12:00 pm—Alaskan Kuteeyya Dancers, **Haida and Tlingit dance** at WSHM
- 1:00 pm—Vince Redhouse playing **Navajo flute** at TAM
- 2:00 pm—**Contemporary Native Fashion Show** at TAM
- 3:00 pm—**Children's Book Story Time** with Melissa Renault of the Makah Tribe at TAM
- 3:30 pm—**IN THE SPIRIT People's Choice Awards Ceremony** at WSHM

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Special thanks to the In The Spirit: Northwest Native Festival Advisory Committee and Potlatch Fund.

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About The Washington State History Museum

ADDRESS: 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

HOURS: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Tuesday through Sunday. 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM on the Third Thursday of each month.

ADMISSION: Free for members; \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors, students and military veterans with ID, free for children 5 and under. Patrons with a [Washington Quest card](#) can attend for \$1 per person or \$2 per family. Admission is free after 2:00 PM on the Third Thursday of each month when the museum stays open until 8:00 PM.

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The Washington State Historical Society was established in 1891. The Society executes history-related programs across the state, and exhibits, preserves and cares for a collection of approximately 212,000 historic articles. The Society's mission is to partner with communities to explore how history connects us all. The Society's most visible activity, the Washington State History Museum (WSHM) is located in Tacoma's thriving downtown core along Pacific Avenue.

About Tacoma Art Museum

ADDRESS: 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

HOURS: Tues–Sun 10 am–5 pm, Third Thursdays 10 am–8 pm, Third Thursdays free from 5–8 pm.

ADMISSION: Adult \$15, Student/Military/Senior (65+) \$13, Family \$40 (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18), Children 5 and under free. Members always free.

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Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in the city's downtown and a gathering space for connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains nearly 5,000 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader western region. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on continuous view; the most significant museum collection of jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; and one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast. In 2014, TAM welcomed a gift of 295 works of western American art in the Haub Family Collection, one of the premier collections in the nation and the first major western American art museum collection in the Northwest. The Haub gift included \$20 million for new galleries and endowed funds. The Haub Family Galleries opened in 2014. In January 2016, TAM announced the gift of the Benaroya Collection, including 225 works of art. The donation also includes nearly \$14 million in funding for new gallery space to showcase the collection and an endowment for a dedicated curator and care for the collection. The Benaroya wing is expected to open in early 2019.