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Tacoma museums invite you to the IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market & Northwest Native Festival on August 6, including free museum admission

Tacoma, WA – Each summer, the [Washington State History Museum](#) (WSHM) partners with the [Tacoma Art Museum](#) (TAM) and the [Museum of Glass](#) (MOG) to host a [free community festival](#) celebrating the Native American cultures of this region. The 2022 festival will take place on Saturday, August 6, from 10 AM-5 PM, and includes an outdoor artist vendor market, cultural music and dance, art-making, free admission to all three museums, and more. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, including the Price Family dishing up their famously delicious fry bread tacos.

“The IN THE SPIRIT festival is a day full of lively opportunities to engage with diverse Native cultures, meet and talk with artists, and explore three of Tacoma’s top museums,” said Michael King, education and public programs manager at the Washington State Historical Society. “We really value this annual Museum District partnership and we are grateful to the artists and performers who come together to participate. We’re proud to be able to provide a dynamic cultural event that is free for everyone to enjoy.”

The three museums are within walking distance of each other and easily connected along Pacific Avenue and via the Bridge of Glass. Paid parking is available at WSHM, TAM, and MOG, as well as street parking; multiple bus lines reach the Tacoma Museum District, as well as the Link light rail with a stop in front of the History Museum.

Festival visitors can shop for hand-crafted art, jewelry, leather work, glass, wood carvings, paintings, prints, and more among artist vendor booths at the WSHM and at TAM. Two award winning musicians, [Rona Yellow Robe](#), Cree, and [Vince Redhouse](#), Navajo, will delight guests with their talents, as well as the exciting [Alaska Kuteeyaa Dancers](#), in the History Museum's outdoor amphitheater. Live demonstrations include Tacoma artist [Paige Pettibon](#), Salish, at TAM and [Manolo Aguilera](#), Indigenous-Mexican from the Veracruz region, in the MOG Hot Shop. TAM will also offer a curator's tour, and the Puyallup artist [Qwalsius](#), creator of [spuyalapabš/Welcome Figure](#), will talk with visitors about his work in Tollefson Plaza.

The runway fashion show at TAM is always a festival favorite. Designers will include Jacinthe Demmert, Haida, Shana Yellow Calf Lukinich, Northern Arapaho, and [Mary Kelsay](#), Unangax Village of Nikolski. Kelsay has been a garment maker for 11 years and has participated in the IN THE SPIRIT festival since 2014. Her love for fashion and her heritage inspire her to design unique and classic clothing. "This year, [MEKA](#) will showcase pieces that create awareness of and honor our sisters who are still missing and who have been taken. Being a part of IN THE SPIRIT brings our community together while celebrating and supporting Indigenous artists," she shared.

Another special highlight this year at MOG is the rare opportunity to see the The Hazel Pete Institute of Chehalis Basketry Weave-In, with weavers demonstrating their skills in person.

In addition to the arts market, several vendors have opted to sell their work online via the IN THE SPIRIT festival website; the online vendor marketplace will be open from August 6 through September 2, 2022.

Visitors will want to explore the 17th annual *IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts* exhibition in the Washington State History Museum's fifth floor galleries, and vote for the People's Choice award, to be announced at the end of the festival. The jury's artist awards were presented in June and include: Best in Show award, *In Remembrance of the Missing and Murdered* by PĶÆLWELTEN Charles W Bloomfield, Pyramid Lake Paiute; Spirit of the Northwest award, *Through the Smokehole* by Alison Bremner, Tlingit; Honoring Innovation award, *Yo:weo' Floral Glass Box* by Linley Logan, Seneca Nation; Honoring the Ancestors award, *Antidote* by Terresa White, Yup'ik; Purchase Prize award, *Time Back* by Cynthia Masterson, Comanche; and a second Purchase Prize award, *łum' šinmsči* by Annette Pierre, Kalispel Tribe. The awarded artists' works and statements can be viewed on the exhibition web page (<https://www.washingtonhistory.org/exhibit/in-the-spirit-contemporary-native-arts-2022/>).

For full details about IN THE SPIRIT Arts Market & Northwest Native Festival, visit www.InTheSpiritArts.org, and come to the museums on Saturday, August 6.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE:

All-day Events, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

- **Arts Market** - Meet artist vendors to learn more about their crafts while you shop for original art, jewelry, textiles, and a wide range of hand-crafted products.
- **Art Making** – Take part in activities at all three museums. In the TAM Studio, make prints inspired by Native artworks on view, and make buttons at all three museums.
- **Exhibitions** - Explore the [IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts](#) exhibition and vote for the People's Choice awards at the Washington State History Museum. Experience new pieces of art in [Native Portraiture: Power and Perception](#) as well as [On Native Land](#), featuring landscape paintings paired with land acknowledgments to recognize more than 75 Native American communities whose homelands are pictured, at the Tacoma Art Museum. View stunning glass art exhibitions at [Museum of Glass](#).

Timed events

- **10:00 AM – 5:00 PM** Museum of Glass - Manolo Aguilera, Indigenous-Mexican from the Veracruz region, will create in the Hot Shop at Museum of Glass. *Note: Manolo will take a break from 1:00-2:00 PM.*
- **11:00 AM - 4:00 PM** Museum of Glass – Weave-in with The Hazel Pete Institute of Chehalis Basketry
- **12:00 PM** Washington State History Museum - Community blessing and welcome with [Connie McCloud](#), Cultural Director of the Puyallup Tribe
- **12:15 PM** Washington State History Museum – performance by renowned flute musician [Vince Redhouse](#), Navajo
- **12:00-1:00 PM** Tacoma Art Museum - Curator's Tour of the Haub Family Wing
- **1:00 PM** Tacoma Art Museum - Native Designers Runway Fashion Show
- **2:00 PM**– Tollefson Plaza (Pacific Avenue across from the Tacoma Art Museum) – Puyallup artist [Qwalsius](#) (Shaun Peterson) will lead a short tour of his work, [spuyalapabš/Welcome Figure](#). Carved in a style unique to the Puyallup People, *spuyalapabš/Welcome Figure* is a modern take on a local traditional art form.
- **2:00-4:00 PM** Tacoma Art Museum studio – Watch live painting by Tacoma artist [Paige Pettibon](#), Salish, whose work is on view in TAM's exhibition *Native Portraiture: Power and Perception*.
- **2:00 PM** Washington State History Museum – Award-winning musician, singer and songwriter [Rona Yellow Robe](#), Cree
- **3:00 PM** Washington State History Museum – Returning visitors' favorite, [Alaska Kuteeyaa Dancers](#)
- **4:00 PM** Washington State History Museum - People's Choice Award – Museum staff will announce the results of in-gallery voting for People's Choice award in the 17th annual [IN THE SPIRIT Contemporary Native Arts](#) juried exhibition.
- **5:00 PM Festival ends.** Museums and vendors close for the day.

Festival Food options

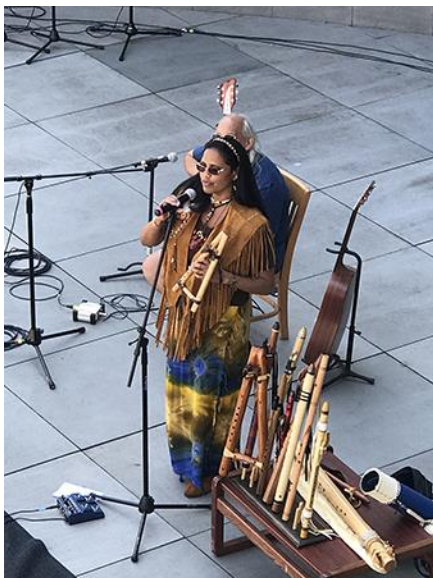
- Price Family Fry Bread Tacos - The Price Family, Navajo and Port Gamble S'Klallam, will have tasty fry bread and delicious fry bread tacos for purchase on the plaza at the Washington State History Museum.
- Anthem Café at the History Museum, serving from 10:00 AM–5:00 PM.
- TAM Café in the museum's main lobby, serving 10:00 AM–4:00 PM.
- Incalmo at Museum of Glass, serving from 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Artist vendors – booths at the Washington State History Museum and at Tacoma Art Museum:

- PÁÆLWELTEN Charles W Bloomfield, Pyramid Lake Paiute, W̱SÁNEĆ, Lummi
- Jacinthe Demmert, Haida
- Denise Emerson, Navajo, enrolled Skokomish
- Carly Feddersen, Colville Confederated Tribe
- John Goodwin, Makah
- Vicki Harlan, Colville Confederated Tribe
- Shaadootlaa Iyall, Tlinigit
- Kayla Wave Jurgens, Tlingit
- LaVerne Kearns, Kansas Kickapoo/Muscogee
- Mary Kelsay, Unangax Village of Nikolski
- Linley B. Logan, Onondowaga (aka Seneca Nation)
- Shana Yellow Calf Lukinich, Northern Arapaho
- Cynthia Masterson, Comanche
- Alexander McCarty, Makah
- Melissa Meyer, Tsimshian Nation
- Vince Redhouse, Navajo

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Images, top to bottom, left to right:

[Alaska Kuteeyaa Dancers](#) in the amphitheater at the Washington State History Museum. Courtesy Washington State History Museum.

Price Family Fry Bread Tacos and fresh fry bread are a festival favorite. Courtesy Washington State History Museum.

Artist vendors welcome visitors and enjoy talking about their original works of art, hand-crafted jewelry, carvings, leather work, and more. Vendor booths will fill the plaza in front of the Washington State History Museum with additional vendors at the Tacoma Art Museum. Courtesy Washington State History Museum.

A snapshot of the exciting Native Designer Runway Fashion Show at the Tacoma Art Museum during the 2017 IN THE SPIRIT festival. Courtesy Washington State History Museum.

Works created by artist Early Davis, Shoalwater Bay Tribe, at his booth in the 2019 IN THE SPIRIT festival. Courtesy Washington State History Museum.

Artist Jeff Ferguson, Spokane, shows one of his works for sale at the 2019 IN THE SPIRIT festival. Courtesy Washington State History Museum.

About The Washington State Historical Society and History Museum

The Washington State Historical Society partners with our communities to explore how history connects us all. The Society's most visible activity, the Washington State History Museum is located in downtown Tacoma on Pacific Avenue among a thriving cultural scene. The museum features interactive permanent exhibitions about Washington's past in the Great Hall, unique rotating exhibitions highlighting the Society's collections, and exciting traveling exhibitions, and hosts events and programs on a wide range of historical and cultural topics. The WSHS also offers curriculum, downloadable exhibitions, and statewide educational support as well as consultation, support and resources for museums and heritage organizations across Washington.

Address: 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Hours: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM Tues.–Sun. Third Thursday of each month, 10:00 AM–8:00 PM.

Admission: [FREE for members](#); Adults \$14; seniors (age 65+), students (age 6-17) and military (with ID) \$11; free for children 5 and under; family rate \$40 (up to two adults and four children under age 18). Patrons with a [Washington Quest card](#) and licensed Washington Foster Parents can attend for \$1 per person or \$2 per family. FREE for active duty military and up to 5 family members with ID as part of Blue Star Museums, through September 4, 2021.

About the Tacoma Art Museum

Tacoma Art Museum is the leading resource for art of the Pacific Northwest and greater western region. TAM's mission is to transform our communities by sharing art that inspires broader perspectives and cultivates a compassionate future. TAM's collection contains more than 5,300 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader Western region, 25% of which consists of studio glass. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on permanent view; the most significant collection of studio art 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.

Address: 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Hours: Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, and every Thursday from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM.

Admission – \$18 Adult, \$15 Senior (65+), Children 5 and under free every day. Free for children 18 and under, TAM Members, active duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families.

Contact– 253-272-4258 | www.tacomaartmuseum.org

About Museum of Glass

Located in Tacoma, Washington, Museum of Glass is a premier contemporary art museum dedicated to glass and glassmaking in the West Coast's largest and most active museum glass studio. Opened in 2002, the Museum has established a reputation for hosting impactful and engaging artist residencies, organizing nationally traveling exhibitions, and creating unique programs for visitors while building a growing permanent collection chronicling the development of modern and contemporary glass. Museum of Glass provides an environment for artists and the public to ignite creativity, fuel discovery, and enrich their lives through glass and glassmaking.

Hours – Thurs–Sun 10 am–5 pm; Third Thursdays, 10:00 AM–8:00 PM.

Admission – \$18 Adult, \$16 Student (19+)/Senior (62+), \$10 Children (6-18), Museum Members/Children (under 6) free every day.

www.museumofglass.org