



## **American Indian female artists showcase vivid artwork throughout Oklahoma**

*Unique art will be on display at the Visitor Center in Sulphur, Welcome Center in Davis and Exhibit C in Oklahoma City from November through February*

**OKLAHOMA CITY – (Nov. 1, 2016)** Six well-known American Indian female artists will have their vivid art pieces including paintings, drawings and ceramics on exhibit at separate locations in south-central Oklahoma. Producing powerful feelings or strong images in the mind, “Vivid: A Showcase of American Indian Female Artists” will feature artwork from MaryBeth Timothy, Rhonda E. Williams, America Meredith, Anita Fields, April Holder and Melissa Melero-Moose.

From Nov. 1, 2016 through Feb. 28, 2017 the paintings, ceramics and multimedia artwork by these artists will be on display at Chickasaw Country tourism centers throughout the region. The artwork by these artists embrace the centuries-old tradition of American Indian women creating strikingly visual art intertwined with spirituality, life, culture and beauty.

### **MaryBeth Timothy, Chickasaw Visitor Center, Sulphur, Oklahoma**

Timothy draws inspiration from her love of nature and her heritage to create award winning multimedia art pieces. She is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and is passionate about helping to preserve her native culture through her art. Timothy loves to paint both traditional and contemporary images that tell a story.

An artist reception will be held for Timothy at the Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 4-6 p.m.

### **Rhonda E. Williams, Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, Davis, Oklahoma**

Williams is an award winning artist from the Otoe Missouria Tribe that has developed her distinctive artistic style by contrasting tribal designs and various contemporary art forms. She creates her work in mixed media, acrylics and clay, presenting a traditional design with a contemporary flare in her paintings that incorporate bone beads, horse hair and various other textures.

An artist reception will be held for Williams at the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center in Davis on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 1-3 p.m.

### **America Meredith, Exhibit C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Cherokee Nation's own Meredith has exhibited her paintings internationally and has work in major public collections including those of the National Museum of the American Indian, Cherokee National Historical Society and several others. She draws inspiration from the Cherokee language and oral history, medieval European illuminated manuscripts, and TV cartoons of her youth.

**Anita Fields, Exhibit C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

As a member of the Osage Nation, Fields is a published artist with exhibits both nationally and internationally. Her work incorporates the use of textures and abstracted traditional patterns to form a symbolic representation of cultural memory and ideology.

**April Holder, Exhibit C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Raised in an environment of creativity, Holder's paintings are greatly influenced by her mother's beadwork, uncle's draftsmanship and the many traditional talents of her grandmother. She uniquely works with mixed media with thread and fabrics and has been featured in distinguished art shows throughout the U.S.

**Melissa Melero-Moose, Exhibit C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Melero-Moose is a mixed media visual artist and a Northern Paiute enrolled with the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. She grew up surrounded by artisan family members in Nevada and California family, from painters to beadwork artists, taking inspiration from all mediums. Her award winning work closely integrates nature, landscape and personal experience.

An artist reception will be held for artists featured at Exhibit C on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 2-5 p.m.

For more information on the artists, their work and the receptions visit:  
<http://chickasawcountry.com/artist-receptions>.

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**Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center in Davis, Oklahoma**

Located adjacent to Bedré Fine Chocolate, the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center is located at the southwest corner of exit 55 on Interstate 35. Opened in November 2012, the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center has several amenities including a lounge area, vending machines, an outdoor children's playground and a dog park. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the center call (580) 369-4222 or visit Chickasaw Country's website at [ChickasawCountry.com](http://ChickasawCountry.com).

**Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma**

Located across the street from the Artesian Hotel, the Chickasaw Visitor Center is located at the northeast corner of Broadway and State Highway 7 in Sulphur. Opened in November 2013, the Chickasaw Visitor Center includes a lounge area, a gift shop and multi-media video room. Hours

of operation are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the center, call (580) 622-8050 or visit Chickasaw Country's website at [ChickasawCountry.com](http://ChickasawCountry.com).

### **About Exhibit C**

Exhibit C art gallery and cultural experience is located in Bricktown. Exhibit C's art gallery displays works of several artists from the Chickasaw and southeastern tribes and continues the vision of raising awareness of the many cultural and entertainment experiences in Oklahoma set forth by Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. Exhibit C is open daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 1 E. Sheridan, Bricktown. All items located in the Exhibit C art gallery and retail space are for purchase.

### **About Chickasaw Country**

Nestled in south-central Oklahoma, Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. As the official destination tourism organization, Chickasaw Country includes 7,648 square miles, 11 percent of Oklahoma's total 68,597 square miles. Chickasaw Country, a division of the Chickasaw Nation, is a tourism source for visitors and communities within the region and promotes destinations, attractions and festivals. Chickasaw Country is a diverse and culturally-vested destination, with new adventures and experiences around every corner.

### **About the Chickasaw Nation**

With more than 60,000 citizens, the Chickasaw Nation is the 12th largest federally-recognized Indian tribe in the United States. The Chickasaw Nation has an annual economic impact of more than \$2.4 billion in Oklahoma. The tribe has more than 14,000 employees. A democratic republic with executive, legislative and judicial departments, the tribe's jurisdictional territory includes all or part of 13 counties in south-central Oklahoma.

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