

# KENT ESTEY

## Contemporary Multi-Medium Anishinaabe Artist

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### ***SOLO EXHIBITIONS***

- 2025 **“Mino-Bimaadiziwin, The Good Life”**, Bagley Area Arts Collective, Bagley, MN
- 2024 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN
- 2023 **“Endanakiyaan”** Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, MN
- 2023 Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, MN
- 2023 Detroit Lakes Public Library, Detroit Lakes, MN
- 2022 Circles of Faith United Church of Christ, Waubun, MN
- 2022 Gizhiigin Arts Incubator, Mahnomen, MN
- 2022 New York Mills Cultural Center, July 2022
- 2022 **“Hope and Healing,”** Macrosite Art Center, Grand Rapids, MN
- 2020 **“At This Present Moment,”** Gizhiigin Arts Incubator and Saint Paul and Minneapolis Foundation
- 2019 Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, St. Paul, Minnesota

### ***GROUP EXHIBITIONS***

- 2025 **Plain of Stars:** University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 2024 **Native American Exhibition:** Red Door Gallery, Wahpeton, ND
- 2024 **Red Cloud Indian Art Show:** Pine Ridge, SD
- 2024 **Members Art Show:** Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2024 **Naytahwaush: Faces, Stories and Artists,** Gizhiigin Arts Incubator, Mahnomen, MN
- 2024 **“Okizi”** – All My Relations, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 **“Cattails & Birches”** Dr. Robert Powless Cultural Center (AICHO), Duluth, MN
- 2022 Adult Regional Art Show: **“When the Work is Done”**. New York Mills Regional Cultural Center
- 2022 **Native American Exhibition:** Red Door Gallery, Wahpeton, North Dakota
- 2022 **Members Art Show:** Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2021 **We Are Still Here:** Friedle Gallery and Studio, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 2021 Art Project 605, Inaugural Show **“Wild”**: Featured Artist
- 2021 NorthStar Watermedia Society Newsletter: Featured Artist
- 2021 **Anji'Bide Changing our Paths Virtual Art Show:** Gizhiigan Arts Incubator, Mahnomen, Minnesota
- 2020 Region 2 Arts Board Members Showcase: Watermark Art Gallery, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2019 **Members Art Show:** Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2019 **We Are Still Here!:** Featured Artist, Landmark Gallery, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 2019 **Changing Horizons:** Featured Artist, Two Rivers Galleries, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2019 **Madwewe-It is Heard** featured Artist; Miikanan Gallery, Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2018 Northwest Indian Community Development Center: Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2018 First Friday Art Walk -Northwest Indian Community Development Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2017 **Aazhoomon Indigenous Art Exhibit:** Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2017 Andy Morris Art Extension: Online Group, Featured Artist

## **CURATED EXHIBITS**

- 2024 **MAZINAATEBIISHIN:** “It is Reflected in the Water Emerging Artist Exhibition  
Featuring Eliza Klarer and Jakob Littlewolf, December 2024 – February 2025
- 2024 **Naytahwaush: Faces, Stories, and Artists**, featuring 40 artists from the village of Naytahwaush,  
Minnesota. May – August 2024.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- 2025 Region 2 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship 2025-2026
- 2024 Red Cloud Indian Art Show, Second Place, Pine Ridge, SD
- 2023 Region 2 Artist Fellowship for 2023-2024
- 2023 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Individuals Grant
- 2022 Waterers Organization Financial Gift
- 2020 We Art Still Here! People’s Choice 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Saint Paul, MN

## **EDUCATIONAL ARTIST TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2024 Mahnomen Historical Society: Black Ash Basketry Stories of “Ma”
- 2024 Tribal Memories: Bagley Elementary School Staff Inservice, Bagley, MN
- 2024 Picking Sweetgrass with Ma: Ash Basketry, Rail River School, Bemidji, MN
- 2024 Picking Sweetgrass with Ma: Lunch and Learn: White Earth Public Health
- 2024 Artist Panel: “**Okizi**” – All My Relations, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Picking Sweetgrass with Ma: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN
- 2023 Picking Sweetgrass with Ma: Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, MN
- 2022 Tribal Memories: Macrosite Art Center, Grand Rapids, MN
- 2021 Tribal Memories: NorthStar Watermedia Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2019 Picking Sweetgrass with Ma: Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, MN

## ***BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL INSTALLMENTS***

- 2024 Waabigwan Mashkiki, Mahnomen, MN
- 2024 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN
- 2024 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
- 2024 Aluma Cares, Ada, MN
- 2023 White Earth Mental Health, White Earth, MN
- 2023 Indian Health Service, Naytahwaush, MN
- 2023 Mahube-Otwa Services, Mahnomen, MN
- 2023 American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth, MN

## ***EVENTS & ART FESTIVALS***

- 2024 Fargo Moorhead Studio Crawl, Fargo, North Dakota
- 2024 Park Rapids Art Leap, Park Rapids, Minnesota
- 2024 Detroit Lakes Street Faire, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
- 2024 Grand Forks Art in the Park, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- 2024 Watermark Art Festival, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2024 Anishinaabe Art Festival, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2024 Wild Rice Day Festival, Mahnomen, Minnesota
- 2024 Shooting Star Casino Anniversary Art Festival, Bagley, Minnesota
- 2024 Park Rapids Art Leap, Park Rapids, Minnesota
- 2023 Indigenous Art Festival, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, North Dakota
- 2023 Eden Prairie Art Festival, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

- 2023 Pollinator Festival, Saint Paul, Minnesota
- 2023 Hackinsack Art and Book Festival, Hackinsack, Minnesota
- 2023 Polar Pete’s Market, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
- 2023 Detroit Lakes Street Faire, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
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- 2022 Polar Pete’s Market, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
- 2022 Brainerd Art in the Park, Brainerd, Minnesota
- 2022 Bemidji Art in the Park, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2022 Anishinaabe Art Festival, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2022 Eden Prairie Art in the Park, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
- 2022 Mahnomen Wild Rice Days Cultural Festival
- 2022 Watermark Art Center Pop Up Event
- 2022 Artisan Market, Bemidji Carnegie Library

***PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA***

- 2024 Beyond The Art Podcast: Featured Artist
- 2024 Project Optimist: Featured Artist
- 2024 Prairie Public Television: Prairie Mosaic Featured Artist
- 2023 5 Plain Questions Podcast
- 2023 In Bemidji Magazine: Cover Feature
- 2022 Eden Prairie, MN Arts in the Park Publication/Advertisement
- 2022 Featured Artist: <https://www.artfestivalbemidji.com/festivalhighlights>
- 2022 The Poets’ Republic, Poetry as Testimony: Cover Artist; Issue 10, Winter 21-22, Scotland
- 2021 NorthStar Watermedia Society Newsletter: Featured Artist, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2019 Featured Artist: Park Rapids Art Leap Brochure, Park Rapids, Minnesota
- 2019 Featured Artist for the St. Paul Art Leap 2019, Brochure “We Are Still Here” Catalog, Park Rapids
- 2019 Madwewe-It is Heard, Announcement postcard cover, Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2017 Aazhoomon-Miikanan Gallery, Grand Opening featured artist, Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota

***REPRESENTATIONS: Studio and Retail Outlets***

- 2023- Current: Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2023- Current: AICHO: American Indian Community Housing Corp, Duluth, Minnesota
- 2022 Studio 176, Park Rapids, Minnesota May-December 2022
- 2022 Native Roots Trading Post, Dayton’s Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on-going

***BOARDS***

- 2020-Current Manoomin Arts Initiative, Board Chair
- 2020-2022 Region 2 Board of Directors, American Indian Liaison
- 2019-2022 Region 2 Arts Council, Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council Board Member

## ***EDUCATION***

- 2022 NEA Artist Cohort: Springboard for the Arts Business Skills for Artists  
First Peoples Fund: Native Artist Professional Development Training
- 2018 Professional Development Training, First Peoples Native Artist Professional Development Training; Mahnomen, Minnesota
- 2016 Blandin Foundation, Tribal and Community Leadership Training
- 2002 University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota  
MASTER OF EDUCATION-INDIAN EDUCATION  
Degree: M.Ed. 2002
- 1989 Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota  
MASS COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS  
Degree: Bachelor of Science: 1989