

KENT ESTEY

Contemporary Native American Artist

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota, “Endanakiiaan”
- 2023 Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minnesota
- 2023 Detroit Lakes Public Library, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
- 2022 Circles of Faith United Church of Christ, Waubun, Minnesota
- 2022 Gizhiigin Arts Incubator, Mahnomon, Minnesota
- 2022 New York Mills Cultural Center, July 2022
- 2022 “Hope and Healing,” Macrosite Art Center, Grand Rapids, Minnesota
- 2020 “At This Present Moment,” Gizhiigin Arts Incubator and Saint Paul and Minneapolis Foundation
- 2019 Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, St. Paul, Minnesota

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 “Birchbark and Cattails” AICHO Gallery: Dr. Robert Powless Cultural Center, Duluth, Minnesota,
- 2023 “Kent Estey & Shelly Caldwell” Austin Artwork Center, Austin, Minnesota
- 2022 “When the Work is Done.” New York Mills Regional Cultural Center, New York Mills, Minnesota
- 2022 “Native American Exhibition”, Red Door Gallery, Wahpeton, North Dakota
- 2022 Members Art Show: Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
- 2021 We Are Still Here: Friedli 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: Gizhiigin Arts Incubator, Mahnomon, 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 Madwee-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

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Minnesota State Arts Board; Creative Support for Individuals Grant 2023-2024
- 2022 Region 2 Artist Fellowship 2023-2024
- 2022 Springboard for The Arts Growth Fund 2022-2023
- 2021 The Waterers Organization, 2020-2021

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Northwoods Arts Council's Art and Book Festival Flyer: Featured Cover Artist, Hackensack, MN
- 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
- 2022 Minnesota Watermedia Society: Artist Talk; "My Grandmother's Boarding School Experience."
- 2021 NorthStar Watermedia Society Newsletter: Featured Artist, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2019 Featured Artist: Park Rapids Art Leap Brochure, Park Rapids, Minnesota
- 2019 Featured Artist Cover for the St. Paul Art Leap 2019, Brochure "We Are Still Here" Catalog
- 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 & MEMBERSHIPS

- 2023 First Nations Gift Shop, Duluth, Minnesota
- 2022 Studio 176, Park Rapids, Minnesota
- 2021-22 Native Roots Trading Post, Dayton's Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Current Member: Minnesota Indigenous Business Alliance

MENTORSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS, AND CLASSES

- July 2023 Downtown Mahnomen Mural Project- Manoomin Arts Initiative
- January 2023 White Earth Mental Health Connections: Painting Classes
- Fall 2022 White Earth Cultural Programming: Painting Classes
- 2021-2022 Artist on Mainstreet Project: Creating Contemporary Artwork
- July 2022 Artist on Mainstreet Downtown Mural Project Mahnomen. Minnesota

BOARDS

- 2022-Present 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
- 2002 University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota
Degree: Master of Education: 2002
- 1989 Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota
Degree: Bachelor of Science: 1989