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KArt Gallery will showcase the timeless creations of G. Peter Jemison (Seneca, Heron Clan), an acclaimed artist whose accomplishments have spanned six decades with a worldwide impact. His artworks are featured in several prestigious museums and galleries such as The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), The Whitney Museum, The National Gallery, The AKG Buffalo (f/k/a The Albright Knox Museum), and The Heard Museum. This exhibition is a "mini retrospective" of his career, and includes pieces from the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s through today. Highlighted are Jemison's signature 'Paper Bag' series of works and paper parasols. Paintings and drawings conveying naturalistic images and stories will be displayed, depicting Jemison's growth over his career, while preserving the distinctive elements of his work.

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Through his art, Jemison has explored various topics, from creating political works that portray contemporary social commentary to those that reflect his relationship with the natural world. Widely shown and collected, Jemison's works are rooted in the framework of Native American concepts. His art embodies *Orenda*, the traditional Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) belief that every living thing and part of creation contains a spiritual force. His paintings, videos, and mixed media works have been exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions in the U.S., the U.K., and Germany. He is also an esteemed administrator, curator, editor, and writer. In 2004, he was elected Board Member at Large of the American Alliance of Museums (formerly the Association of Museums). He was the founding director of the American Indian Community House Gallery in New York City.

From November 2017 through early 2018, Jemison's works were featured in Unholding, a group exhibition at the Artists Space in New York City. During that time, he also was featured in related discussion programs at the venue. The exhibit received praise in reviews from The New Yorker. The New York Times, Artforum, and other art media.

Jemison's works are included in such significant permanent collections as The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York; The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; The National Gallery, Washington, D.C.; The AKG Buffalo (f/k/a The Albright Knox



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Museum), Buffalo, NY: The Heard Museum, Phoenix: The Institute of

American Indian Arts Museum, Santa Fe; The Denver Art Museum, Denver; The British Museum, London, UK; and the Museum der Weltkultern, Frankfurt, Germany. Jemison was one of six winners of the prestigious 2012 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award fellowship from the First Peoples Fund in Rapid City, SD, for his accomplishments in Fine Art Painting, Mixed Media. In 2013, Jemison's works were exhibited in *The Old Becomes the New: New York Contemporary Native American Art Movement and the New York School* at New York City's Wilmer Jennings Gallery at Kenkeleba. In 2023, he was awarded the Johnson Fellowship for Transforming Communities.

Jemison received his academic art education from the University of Siena in Siena, Italy, before earning a B.S. in Arts Education from Buffalo State College and an Honorary Doctorate. He also received an Honorary Doctorate from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

A leading authority on Haudenosaunee history, Jemison co-edited the *Treaty of Canandaigua* 1794: 200 Years of *Treaty Relations between the Iroquois Confederacy and the United States* (Clear Light). He frequently contributes writings on the repatriation of sacred objects, cultural patrimony, and the human remains of the Haudenosaunee.

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G. Peter Jemison *Travel Bag*, 1980



Travel Bag relates to a White Stone Canoe I created on the Harlem Meer in 1980 for Art Across the Park.

This subject ties into the Peacemaker who united the Hodinoshoni into a Five Nations Confederacy. - Jemison

Signed & Dated Mixed Media on Paper Bag 17.5 x 12 in 44.5 x 30.5 cm Matting: floated on acid free matting acid free matboard spacers Glass: museum Frame: natural maple face, natural walnut sides Outer Dimensions: 17 7/8 x 25 5/8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

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G. Peter Jemison

D Train, 1979





D Train is autobiographical. It is how I traveled from Brooklyn to Manhattan when I ran the AICH Gallery first on 38th Street later in SOHO. - Jemison

Signed and Dated Mixed Media on Paper Envelope 14.5 x 11.5 in 36.8 x 29.2 cm Matting: floated on acid free matting acid free matboard spacers Glass: museum Frame: natural maple face, natural walnut sides Outer Dimensions: 17 $1/2 \times 20 \ 1/2 \times 1 \ 1/2$

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G. Peter Jemison

Fur Trader I, c. 1983



Signed Acrylic, Fur, and Collage on Paper Bag 13 x 7 x 16 in 33 x 17.8 x 40.6 cm



Fur Trader I relates to Manhattan as a fur trade center in the 17th and 18th century. It had a direct impact on Seneca Communities that supplied beaver pelts.

In general, the use of the paper bags relates to a ubiquitous object that speaks to merchandizing and in my case, repurposing or recycling. The subjects of the bags are indications of my fascination with crows, fish, and the cycles of the seasons. - Jemison

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G. Peter Jemison

Pike Bag, 2006



Signed & Dated Mixed Media on Bag NA



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G. Peter Jemison

Threading the Needle in Black, White, and Red, 1997





Threading the Needle with the Red White and Black comes from a visit to Aotearoa (New Zealand) continuing my relationship with Maori artists and writers. - Jemison

Mixed Media on Paper Bag 14 x 6 x 8.75 in 35.6 x 15.2 x 22.2 cm

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G. Peter Jemison *Wild Roses*, 2005





Mixed Media on Paper Bag 12 x 6.75 x 17 in 30.5 x 17.1 x 43.2 cm 13 x 4.25 x 7 in 33 x 10.8 x 17.8 cm

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G. Peter Jemison

Broadway and Prince Crow, 1987





Signed & Dated Acrylic on Dean & Deluca Bag 9 x 6 x 13 in 22.9 x 15.2 x 33 cm

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G. Peter Jemison Gaga Crow, 1982





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G. Peter Jemison

Jeannette, 2002



Mixed Media on Bag

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G. Peter Jemison

Creation Story, 2019



Signed and Dated Colored Pencil on Paper Bag

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G. Peter Jemison

Poppies & Tiger Lily, 2014





Signed and Dated 11 x 14 x 2.5 inches

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G. Peter Jemison

Early Blossom, 2009-2014



Signed and Dated Ink and Acrylic on Wegmans Bag 11.8 x 6.5 x 14.75 in 30 x 16.5 x 37.5 cm

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G. Peter Jemison

Black Cowboy, 1995



Signed and Dated Mixed Media on Paper Bag 16 x 6 x 12 in 40.6 x 15.2 x 30.5 cm

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G. Peter Jemison Orenda (AaTmn!), 2012





Mixed Media on Brown Paper Bag 12 $1/2 \times 6 \times 4$ in 31.8 x 15.2 x 10.2 cm

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G. Peter Jemison

When Wolf and Crow Party, 1982





Signed and Dated Mixed Media on Paper Bag Matting: floated on acid free matting surrounded with an 8ply acid free top mat acid free matboard spacers Glass: museum Frame: natural maple face, ebony walnut sides Outer Dimensions: $30 \ 1/2 \ x \ 38 \ 1/2 \ x \ 1 \ 1/2$

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G. Peter Jemison

Manhattan Fur Trade, 1983





Manhattan Fur Trade is reflective of the impact of colonialism and the European/Native American fur trade and its impact on New York City. - Jemison

Signed & Dated Mixed Media on Plywood 24 x 16 in 61 x 40.6 cm

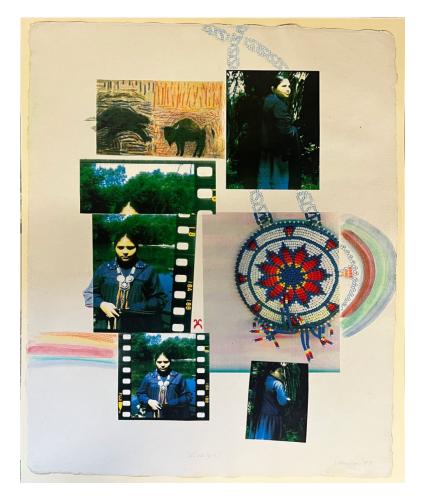
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G. Peter Jemison *Evelyn*, 1987





Signed & Dated Mixed Media and Collage on Paper 30 x 21.75 in 76.2 x 55.2 cm Matting: floated on acid free matting acid free matboard spacers Glass: museum Frame: natural maple face, natural walnut sides Outer Dimensions: 29 $1/8 \times 37 7/8 \times 1 1/2$

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G. Peter Jemison

Degiya'göh (Buffalo), 1983





Signed & Dated Acrylic and Collage on Paper 23 x 31 in 58.4 x 78.7 cm Matting: floated on acid free matting acid free matboard spacers Glass: museum Frame: natural maple face, ebony walnut sides Outer Dimensions: 38 7/8 x 30 $3/8 \times 1 1/2$

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G. Peter Jemison

Tribute to the Native American Veterans of Vietnam, 1985





Signed and Dated Mixed Media on Craft Paper 23 x 31.5 in 58.4 x 80 cm Matting: floated on acid free matting acid free matboard spacers Glass: museum Frame: natural maple face, natural walnut sides Outer Dimensions: 38 5/8 x 30 7/8 x 1 1/2

During a period in the mid 1980s, I created handmade paper pieces like **Degiya'goh** and **Tribute to the Native American Veterans of Vietnam**. My earliest work used texture and cloth through which I applied paint, creating random images. Those early pieces were created in Buffalo and San Francisco. A fire and loss of work left very few pieces of that time period. - Jemison

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G. Peter Jemison

Big Crow, 2013





Big Crow employs several of my ideas using frotage (rubbings) to emphasize texture, black tyvek paper (construction material) and the Crow imagery, as well as spring flowers. - Jemison

Mixed Media on Tyvek Paper 65 x 40 in 165.1 x 101.6 cm Matting: floated on acid free matting acid free matboard spacers Glazing: museum acrylic Frame: custom painted natural maple Outer Dimensions: $54 7/8 \times 68 3/4 \times 2 1/4$

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G. Peter Jemison *Untitled*, 1969





Signed & Dated Gouache on Aluminum 21.75 x 28 in 55.2 x 71.1 cm Matting: no mat, framed up to the edge Glazing: museum acrylic Frame: brushed aluminum metal Outer Dimensions: 28 7/8 x 22 3/4 x 1 1/4

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G. Peter Jemison

Wenitsyoh (Beautiful Day), 2004





Signed Mixed Media on Canvas 36 x 48 in 91.4 x 121.9 cm

The two paintings entitled **Wenitsyoh I & II** translate to a "Beautiful Day". The landscape is covered in snow and bathed in bright winter sunlight. It is one of my favorite times. "Our Lives are an Homage to Time", to quote a friend. My art often captures a particular time that nature reveals. Every living thing has a spirit; one term for this is Orenda. - Jemison

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G. Peter Jemison Wenitsyoh II, 2008





Signed & Dated Acrylic on Canvas

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G. Peter Jemison

Indigenous Victims, 1982



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Indigenous Victims

relates to conflicts in Central America, often a result of drug trafficking. The biggest market is the United States and sometimes these conflicts are caused by U.S. politicians or corporations arming opposing parties for their own purpose, such as the Iran-Contra proxy war Oliver North created. - Jemison

Signed & Dated Acrylic on Linen 56 x 48 in 142.2 x 121.9 cm

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G. Peter Jemison *Rust Bucket*, c. 1983



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Rust Bucket was

created as a comment on the continuing challenges U.S. auto makers face and consequentially their employees as design and automation change. - Jemison

Signed Acrylic on Linen 36 x 40 in 91.4 x 101.6 cm

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G. Peter Jemison

Golden Parachute, 2014





Acrylic on Parasol 25 x 40 in 63.5 x 101.6 cm

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G. Peter Jemison

Red Admiral, 2017





Acrylic on Parasol 28 x 32 in 71.1 x 81.3 cm

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G Peter Jemison Bear Hill Serpent, 1998





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Egg Tempera on Parasol 46 x 27 in 116.8 x 68.6 cm

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