

# Chelsea Bighorn

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## Education

- 2024 Master of Fine Arts, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Fiber and Material Studies
- 2021 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Institute of American Indian Arts, Studio Arts: Painting
- 2017 Associate of Arts, Mesa Community College, Art and General Studies

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 **Ground Floor**, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
**Piel con Piel**, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA  
**The Sky You Were Born Under: Sharing Stories Through Abstraction**, Catharine Clark Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
**SACBE: Pathways of Connection**, Evanston Art Center, Evanston IL  
**Graduate Exhibition Two**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
**EXPO Chicago, Center for Native Futures booth**, Chicago, IL
- 2023 **Native Futures**, Center for Native Futures, Chicago, IL  
**Fiber Freaks**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
**A Space Remains**, SITE Galleries, Chicago, IL  
**IMPRINT: Weaving American Indian Stories**, Arts HQ Gallery, Surprise, AZ
- 2022 **SITE Scholars**, SITE Santa Fe Museum, Santa Fe, NM  
**FIRST: Native American Arizona Artists**, Scottsdale Civic Center Public Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2021 **We Went Wild: BFA Exhibition**, Juried show, Museum of Contemporary Native Art, Santa Fe, NM  
**Reemergence: BFA Show**, Institute of American Indian Arts Balzar Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
**Monochromatic Rainbow**, Joesphe Arnoux/Chelsea Bighorn, Vital Spaces, Santa Fe, NM
- 2017 **InFlux AZ**, Public art installation, Scottsdale Pavilions, Scottsdale, Az

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 **Regal Adornment**, Dittmar Memorial Gallery, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
**Cultures in Balance**, Saint Lukes Episcopal Church, Evanston, IL
- 2022 **Chelsea Bighorn**, Satin I Reichman Memorial Art Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

## Residencies

Upcoming: Visiting Artist, Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village, CO

- 2024 Chicago Artist Coalition Residency
- 2024 Saguaro National Parks Residency
- 2024 Penland School of Craft, Winter Residency

## Awards

- 2023 AICAD Fellow Nominee
- 2023 Penland School of Craft Fellowship
- 2021 SITE Scholar, SITE Santa Fe
- 2023-24 CAA Foundation Scholarship
- 2022-23 Synchrony Tribal Scholarship Program
- 2022-23 Native Forward Graduate Scholarship
- 2020-24 Fort Peck Higher Education Scholarship

## Lectures/Presentations

- 2024 Artist Talk, Saint Lukes Episcopal Church, Evanston, IL
- Artist Talk, The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
- Artist Talk, Center for Native Futures
- 2023 Guest Speaker, Identities class, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- "Fringe", Graduate lecture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- "From Cans to Cones", Graduate lecture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 2021 Museum of Contemporary Native Arts Artist Panel, Santa Fe, NM

## Press/Bibliography

- 2024 **Big Blend Radio**, "Chelsea Bighorn in Saguaro National Park"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5l5Kkpx-HHg>
- F News Magazine**, "I Hope We Feel Like This Forever-ever," May Issue, pg 6  
[https://fnewsmagazine.com/backissues/#flipbook-issue\\_2024\\_05\\_May/](https://fnewsmagazine.com/backissues/#flipbook-issue_2024_05_May/)
- 2023 **Forbes**, "Center for Native Futures Gallery Opening in Chicago"  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/chaddscott/2023/09/12/center-for-native-futures-gallery-opening-in-chicago/?sh=7b304d75740e>
- Sixty Inches from Center**, "Native Futures: An Artist Led Gallery Reclaiming Indigeneity"  
<https://sixtyinchesfromcenter.org/native-futures-an-artist-led-gallery-reclaiming-indigeneity/>
- Art Design Chicago**, "Native Futures"  
<https://artdesignchicago.org/event/native-futures/>
- 2022 **Phoenix Home and Garden Magazine**, October/November Print Issue
- 2021 **Institute of American Indian Arts Anthology**

## **Work Experience**

2024-25 Adjunct Professor, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM

2022-23 Teaching Assistant at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Kate Smith, Sculptural Basketweaving (Spring '24)

Andrea Peterson, Natural Papermaking (Summer '23)

Amy Yoes, 3D Screens: Print into Sculpture (Fall '22 and '23)

2021-22 Journey Home Internship with artist Erica Lord, Santa Fe, NM

2021 Mural Assistant to Crystal Worl, Juneau, AK