

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

- Upcoming: **Resilient Wonder**, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL (Oct 2025)
We Each Have Stories, The Sheldon, St. Louis, MO (Nov 2025)
Faceted Fiber, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL (Nov 2025)
- 2025 **Rituals of Presence**, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL
Evanston + Vicinity Biennial, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
Making a Noise: Indigenous Sound Art, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT
EXPO Chicago, Chicago Artist Coalition booth, Chicago, IL
 - 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

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

Public Art Installation

- 2016-17 **Feathered II**, InFlux AZ, Talking Stick Pavilions, Scottsdale, AZ

Residencies

- 2025 Visiting Artist, Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village, CO
- 2024-25 Chicago Artist Coalition Residency, Chicago, IL
- 2024 Saguaro National Parks Residency, Tucson, AZ
- 2024 Penland School of Craft, Winter Residency, Bakersville, NC

Collections

Department of the Interior Museum

Awards

- 2023-24 AICAD Fellow Nominee
 - 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, Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum, Evanston, IL
 - Artist Talk, Center for Native Futures, Chicago, IL
- 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 Graduating Artist Panel, Museum of Contemporary Native, Santa Fe, NM

Work Experience

- 2025 Children's Art Instructor, Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village, CO
 - Jingle Cone Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2024 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