

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

Solo Exhibitions

Upcoming: DeBoer Gallery, Los Angeles, California, April 18, 2026

- 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

Group Exhibitions

Upcoming: **Run Fast, Bite Hard**, Catharine Clark Gallery, San Francisco, CA, March 14, 2026

- 2025 **We Each Have Stories**, The Sheldon, St. Louis, MO
Chelsea Bighorn and Hattie Lee Mendoza, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL
Rituals of Presence, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL
Evanston + Vicinity Biennial, Evanston, IL
Making a Noise: Indigenous Sound Art, Shelburn 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

Public Art Instillation

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

Awards/Grants

2026 Walker Youngbird Foundation Emerging Native Arts Grant

2023-24 AICAD Fellow Nominee

Penland School of Craft Fellowship

2021 SITE Scholar, SITE Santa Fe

Lectures/Presentations

2026 Artist Talk with Teagan Harris, Ingress Gallery at Soho House, Chicago, IL

2025 Artists Panel, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL

Native American Artists Panel, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL

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

Collections

Department of the Interior Museum, Washington, D.C.

The Clark Collection

Work Experience

2025 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