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## CALL FOR ARTISTS TO APPLY FOR INDIGENOUS FINE ART MARKET EAST

January 12, 2016 Mashantucket, CT — After two highly successful shows in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Indigenous Fine Art Market has partnered with the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center and Northeast Indigenous Art Alliance to produce IFAM EAST. The inaugural east coast show will take place May 21-22, 2016 in Mashantucket, Connecticut. IFAM is calling for indigenous artists worldwide to apply for the opportunity to show and sell their work at the fine art event. Applications are available on indigefam.org and are due by February 5.

## **About IFAM EAST:**

IFAM EAST is expected to be the largest indigenous art show and celebration on the East Coast. More than 100 acclaimed indigenous artists will show and sell contemporary and traditional fine art in the Gathering Space at the Pequot Museum. IFAM is a juried art show and will present the highest quality artwork. The weekend will also feature performances by Native hip hop, reggae bands and singer song writers, traditional music and dance, film, fashion, installation art, mural painting, youth art, and traditional foods.

President John Torres Nez says of IFAM, "The Indigenous Fine Art Market is a celebration for both the artist and visitor. The vitality present at IFAM is unique and special. We are thrilled to introduce IFAM to the East Coast."

IFAM's events create a greater understanding of the diversity and beauty of Native American culture and people as they evolve and exist today.

## **About Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center:**

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center (www.pequotmuseum.org) is a non-profit educational institution that seeks to further knowledge and understanding of the richness and diversity of the indigenous cultures and societies of the U.S. and Canada. The museum consists of permanent exhibits, the

Mashantucket Gallery, classrooms, a 320-seat auditorium, restaurant, and museum shop, while the research center houses collections, libraries, archives, and archaeology and conservation laboratories.

The world's largest Native American museum, The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center serves as a major resource on the histories and cultures of Native Americans in the northeast and on the region's rich natural history.

## **About Northeast Indigenous Arts Alliance:**

The Northeast Indigenous Arts Alliance – NIAA (www.neindigenousarts.org) supports the region's indigenous artist community by providing resources, opportunities, addressing needs and connecting artists.

#### **IFAM EAST Events:**

IFAM Kickoff Glow Dance Party: Friday, May 20 Time: TBA Pequot Museum

IFAM Art Show & Celebration: Saturday, May 21 Sunday, May 22 Time TBA Pequot Museum

IFAM is currently looking for major sponsorships of all kinds for the stage, programming, facilities, and events. To discuss sponsorships, contact Jonna Chokas at jchokas@pequotmuseum.org or Tailinh Agoyo at tailinh@indigefam.org.

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