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ETHEREAL VISION OF NATURE'S REBIRTH

who: Keri Ataumbi

what: The Birds and the Bees: New Spring Work

what: Paintings and jewelry.

when: Through June 11 (opening reception May 19, 4 – 6 pm)

where: IAIA Museum Store

Now that the chills of late winter have officially been banished from the Santa Fe landscape, artists (and everyone else) have eagerly turned their creative attentions toward the rites of spring.

For many, the seasonal shift is a time for tending to flower beds and vegetable gardens. But for others, the longer days and warmer nights unleash creative forces that can best be dealt with in their studios.

Count Keri Ataumbi among the latter group. For this former IAIA jewelry instructor, the promise of spring's arrival was the trip-wire for nothing short of a creative explosion. And in her new, one-woman exhibition in the Lloyd Kiva New Gallery of the IAIA Museum Store, Ataumbi has assembled a stunning tribute to nature's delicate power.

Expressing herself through both paintings and jewelry, the artist has extrapolated touchstone elements from the environment around her Santa Fe studio and has paid homage to their roles in spring's flowery drama.

From winged butterflies to cherry blossoms and majestic birds, the artist has pulled together an exhibition that radiates with simple honesty, balanced against a confident range of skillful expressions.

Attached image; Butterfly Pin

The IAIA Museum in downtown Santa Fe is the premier exhibiting institution for contemporary Native and Indigenous art from across North America. The Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development (IAIA) is a Congressionally chartered, multi-Tribal center of higher education dedicated to the preservation, study, creative application and contemporary expression of American Indian and Alaska Native arts and cultures. IAIA achieves its mission through programs of higher education and outreach to students, Tribal communities and the public. IAIA is committed to quality education programs and an individual-centric approach that enrich career opportunities for students.

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