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“PERSPECTIVES ON MORRISSEAU: SHAMAN ARTIST”

what: IAIA Museum’s “Conversations to Remember” Series
who: Panelists: Greg Hill (Assistant Curator, National Gallery of Canada);
Wanda Nanibush (Independent Curator, Ontario Arts Council);
Michelle McGeough (Assistant Curator, Wheelwright Museum of
the American Indian).
when: Friday, August 17, 11am
where: IAIA Museum, Allan Houser Art Park, 108 Cathedral Place
cost: Free to the public

The *Conversations to Remember* series strives for an informal, yet in depth discussion of selected issues in contemporary Native American arts. *Perspectives on Morrisseau* brings together a group of young scholars and curators whose research delves into the vibrant and complex world that Norval Morrisseau so masterfully evokes on his canvases. Committed to sharing his insights with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal audiences, Morrisseau has created highly original works that fuse his unique vision of Anishnaabe (Ojibwa) spirituality with contemporary art methods. Panelists will briefly overview their individual projects on Morrisseau and consider some of the challenges they faced in fashioning or producing their interpretation of his work. The discussion will consider the kinds of interpretive strategies they appropriated, or even devised, to incorporate Anishinaabe philosophy into the understanding of Morrisseau’s work. How successful have they been in negotiating the boundaries within academic and institutional spaces in order to enlarge the public’s understanding of Morrisseau and where is there more work that needs to be accomplished? Join in the discussion with this Native contingent of scholars/curators/artists.

Attached images: Greg Hill, Wanda Nanibush, Michelle McGeough

IAIA Museum is the leading exhibiting institution for contemporary Native and Indigenous art from North America, Alaska and Hawaii. Located in downtown Santa Fe at 108 Cathedral Place, just one block from the city’s historic Plaza, the IAIA Museum is open from Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from noon to 5pm. Closed for major holidays. Admission is free to Native American, Alaska Native, Canadian First Nations and Native Hawaiian peoples. Adult admission is \$5. Seniors, students and New Mexico resident admission is \$2.50. Youth admission for ages 16 and younger is free. Sunday admission for New Mexico residents with valid identification is free. For additional IAIA Museum information visit www.iaiamuseum.org or call the Museum Information Line at 505-983-1777.