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# MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY NATIVE ARTS

*A center of the* INSTITUTE of AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS

## IAIA Alumna Joins the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts



*Delana Joy Farley*

Santa Fe, NM – The Museum of Contemporary Native Arts is pleased to announce that Delana Joy Farley has been hired as Museum Registrar. She began her position on October 14, 2009.

Farley (Diné) is originally from Littlewater, New Mexico and received her bachelor's degree in museum studies from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM. In 2008 she received her master's degree in museum studies from New York University in New York, NY. During her schooling she served as an intern at both the Metropolitan Museum of Art and at El Museo del Barrio in New York

City. Farley is interested in the history and theory of museums, museum education, cultural and Indigenous rights, and cross cultural theories of value. She is a traditional fiber artist and beading enthusiast, as well.

Museum Director Patsy Phillips (Cherokee Nation) said "We are so happy that Joy came back to IAIA after leaving to earn her master's degree. I love it that alumni come back to the Institute to work; it says a lot for the organization. Joy's training and enthusiasm will be a great contribution to the Museum."

For more information about the Museum please visit [www.iaiamuseum.org](http://www.iaiamuseum.org) or call 505.983.8900.

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### **About the Museum**

Located in downtown Santa Fe, the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts is a center of the Institute of American Indian Arts. The Museum is dedicated to advancing the discourse, knowledge and understanding of contemporary Native arts. Founded in 1971, the Museum's exhibitions, publications and educational programs challenge pre-conceived notions of contemporary art. The Museum of Contemporary Native Arts is home to the largest collection of contemporary Native art in the world. A premier shopping destination, the Museum's store offers the finest selection of contemporary Native arts and gifts from both emerging and established artists.

Museum hours are Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday: noon to 5 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays from November through May as well as major holidays.

### **IAIA's Mission:**

To empower creativity and leadership in Native arts and cultures through higher education, lifelong learning and outreach