Image: Emma Hassencahl-Perley, Wolastoqwiw, performance in the Circle of Four Directions
“The trustees of the Abbe Museum are pleased to announce the selection of Christopher Newell, Passamaquoddy, as its new Executive Director and Senior Partner with Wabanaki Nations. We are thrilled that Chris will be leading the Abbe. He is uniquely qualified to advance the Abbe’s vision to reflect and realize the values of decolonization in all of our practices. Chris’s experience in museum education prepares him to convey the vitality and importance of Wabanaki peoples and cultures to widely diverse audiences.”

Statement from Margo Lukens, Co-Chair, Abbe Board of Trustees
March 2020

“The opportunity to join the Abbe in this capacity is a dream come true in many ways. My love of education and the value of museums in that work combine for me to create a life mission using those tools to change lives positively, and I bring that value with me. I have a lifelong connection to the Abbe Museum, in particular. I feel a lot of pride in continuing the tradition of my father Wayne Newell, who has supported the Abbe’s work for decades. Annual trips with him to sing and educate at the museum gave me extremely fond and exciting childhood memories of Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. I look forward enthusiastically to continuing and building upon the tremendous track record of this institution and the work of all the wonderful people who have supported it.”

CHRISTOPHER NEWELL, PASSAMAQUODDY
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- **$175,630** in Program income
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- **$168,395** in project grants and sponsorships

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