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Young Native Artists Highlight Hanna’s Act and Montana’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Indian People’s Action brings young Native artists to learn from established artists and participate in the First People’s Market of the Montana Folk Festival

Butte, Montana

Native Youth Arts in Action is a project of Indian Peoples Action designed to harness the passion and creativity of our youth enrolled in Montana tribes for social change. This youth leadership program brings youth with talent to learn firsthand from some of the leading Indigenous artists of the Plains about how they position their work, challenge stereotypes and are making national and international reputations as working artists.

Developed in collaboration with the Creative Indigenous Collective, NYAA selects young Native artists from Montana’s reservations to attend the Montana Folk Festival, participate in mentoring and arts programs some of the Great Plain’s leading Native artists, as well as local artists from Butte and develop and display their work. This five-day program exposés young artists to new techniques as well as sharing stories on the business of art from artists gaining regional and national recognition. The Imagine Butte Resource Center (IBRC) — will provide the young artists with the experience of gallery operations and of a working community of artists’ studios.

The highlight of the 2019 NYAA program will be the unveiling of a mobile mural commemorating Montana’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and the passage of Hanna’s Act, a law initiated by the Indian Caucus to bring law enforcement together and start bridging the gaps that missing indigenous people fall through. The NYAA program will culminate with the young artists displaying their work at the First Peoples’ Market at the Montana Folk Festival, July 12 - 14.

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Indian People’s Action is a Montana-based organization working on multiple fronts: native rights, anti-discrimination, the injustice in the justice system. Native people make up a little over 6 percent of the population of the state of the Montana, but over 30 percent of the incarcerated population. Indian People's Action works in urban areas to reach out and empower Native Americans to address the social, economic, environmental, and racial inequities that shape their lives.