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**AMARILLO MUSEUM OF ART**

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Event: **In Our Own Words: Native Impressions**

Dates: **EXHIBITION DATES:** December 16, 2023 – March 17, 2024

Place: **AMARILLO MUSEUM OF ART**

This is one in a series of American art exhibitions created through a multi-year, multi-institutional partnership formed by the Amon Carter Museum of American Art as part of the Art Bridges Cohort Program.

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This exhibition features vibrant portraits of Indigenous people. Each portrait specifically created by printmaker Daniel Heyman (b. 1963) and graphic designer Lucy Ganje (b. 1949). Their collaborative process included interviews with the twelve subjects, support from four Indigenous Nations, and production by a printing team and papermaker. Furthermore, the entire portfolio was printed in North Dakota on handmade paper created from the pulp of trees grown on local reservations.

Heyman and Ganje's approach provides an important counterpoint to generalized and romanticized depictions of Native Americans by artists such as George Catlin and Edward Curtis. Here, the named sitters are presented through both portraits and their own words. They share their lives as activists. As well as educators, entrepreneurs, politicians, veterans, and parents, discussing topics like family history, climate change, and the legacy of forced assimilation. Historical paintings and sculptures often imply that Indigenous peoples were on the verge of "vanishing," but these works are living testimonies that these communities remain rich, varied, personal, and very much alive.

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The Amarillo Museum of Art is located at 2200 South Van Buren on the Washington Street campus of Amarillo College. Hours are Wednesday—Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m.—5 p.m. For additional information, visit [www.amoa.org](http://www.amoa.org), email [amoa@actx.edu](mailto:amoa@actx.edu), or call (806) 371-5050 or (806) 3715392 (weekends).

**Driving directions:**

From I-40

Take Washington Street exit  
Turn south on Washington  
Turn left onto 22nd  
Turn right onto Van Buren  
Parking available in the #5 (north) and #6 (east) lots

From I-27

Take Washington Street exit  
Turn north on Washington  
Turn right onto 22nd  
Turn right onto Van Buren

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