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***Alaska Positive* Juror, Larry McNeil,
Lectures at the Alaska State Museum
Friday, October 21st at 7:00 PM**

Larry McNeil says that he started his career as an artist with a photo degree, an old beat up Ford, a couple boxes in the back seat, and some brassy Nikon cameras. He knew instinctively that what he sought couldn't be found in a studio; this called for a journey to find what America was all about.

McNeil's art is about the intersection of cultures, American mythology, irony, and satire, and embodies a distinctive sense of American identity. He is from the Dakl'aweidí Kéet Gooshi Hít, Killer Whale Fin House in Klukwan Alaska, which is one of the oldest Tlingit clan houses on the Northwest Coast.

He has won numerous fellowships, including the Van Deren Coke Fellowship from the University of New Mexico, Eiteljorg Fellowship, an Arts and Humanities Fellowship as well as awards from the National Geographic All Roads Program and a New Works Award from En Foco.

Larry has lived many places including Alaska, San Francisco, Santa Fe and currently resides in Idaho where he is the Professor of Photography at Boise State University.

Now in its 46th year, *Alaska Positive* is a biennial exhibition of Alaska photography sponsored by the Alaska State Museum. *Alaska Positive 2016* will open at the Alaska State Museum on November 4th. A statewide tour follows.

To watch Larry's lecture live online, visit the Alaska OWL Program Facebook page for a link: <https://www.facebook.com/AKOnlineWithLibraries/>.

Larry McNeil will also be giving a lecture in Anchorage on Saturday, October 22nd, at 7:00pm in the Auditorium at the Anchorage Museum. Sponsored by the Alaska Photographic Center.

Winter hours at the museum are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discounted winter admission is \$5, with those age 18 and under admitted free. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$25. Assistance is available for visitors who have special needs. Please contact visitor services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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