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MUSEUM SEEKS ENTRIES FOR *ALASKA POSITIVE*

Photographers statewide may now submit entries to *Alaska Positive 2016*, a biennial exhibition of Alaska photography sponsored by the Alaska State Museum.

Now in its 46th year, *Alaska Positive* encourages photography as an art form in Alaska. Deadline for this year's competition is September 23, 2016. Entries will be juried by nationally renowned photographer, Larry McNeil.

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, satire, and embodies a distinctive sense of American identity. He is from the Dakl'aweidi 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 now currently resides in Idaho where he is the Professor of Photography at Boise State University.

Alaska Positive 2016 will be on open at the Alaska State Museum on November 4th. A statewide tour follows.

In addition to receiving recognition for their work, photographers whose photos are selected for *Alaska Positive 2016* will compete for several cash awards. McNeil will bestow one Juror's Choice award for \$300, and two \$150 Awards of Recognition. The awards are sponsored by the Friends of the Alaska State Museum. McNeil will also select some photographs for Honorable Mention.

Photographers interested in applying can learn more on the Alaska State Museum's Artist Opportunities page at museums.alaska.gov and apply at https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=3622. For questions, please contact, Jackie Manning, Curator of Exhibitions, jackie.manning@alaska.gov.

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