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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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**READY, WILLING AND ABEL
Tsimshian Carver and Metalsmith Abel Ryan Demonstrates Art
at the Alaska State Museum**

JUNEAU – In the last 17 years, Abel Ryan has crafted more masks, bowls, spoons, pipes, ladles, plaques, combs and other handmade formline art than he can count. Ryan will show his mastery of these Northwest Coast arts at the Alaska State Museum, on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with a break at noontime for lunch).

Ryan belongs to the Metlakatla Indian Community, is a member of the Wolf Clan, and has been living in Juneau. He received a BA from Sheldon Jackson College in 2006, as well as an additional degree in 2009 in Native Arts Studio and Printmaking from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He apprenticed under master carver Jack Hudson of Metlakatla, and excels at Tsimshian style wood carving.

Winter hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs by contacting Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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