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Opening of Nicholas Galanin Solo Exhibition and Artist Lecture at Alaska State Museum on June First Friday

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Museum will be open extended hours on First Friday, June 7, for the opening of a solo exhibition by Sitka artist Nicholas Galanin: “The State of Being, Displaced.” The Friends of the Alaska State Museum will host an opening reception beginning at 4:30 p.m., followed by a lecture presented by the artist at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge after 4:00 p.m. on First Fridays.

Sitka artist Nicholas Galanin has struck an intriguing balance between his origins and the course of his practice. Having trained extensively in traditional as well as contemporary approaches to art, he pursues both approaches in parallel paths. His stunning bodies of work simultaneously preserve his culture and explore new perceptual territory.

“The State of Being, Displaced” includes prints, monotypes, photographs and video as well as two sculptural pieces from the museum’s collection.

Galanin studied at the London Guildhall University, where he received a Bachelor’s of Fine Arts with honors in Jewelry Design and Silversmithing, and at Massey University in New Zealand earning a Master’s degree in Indigenous Visual Arts. Having always had an interest in creating, Galanin took on apprenticeships at an early age – first with his father and his uncle, then with other local, traditional artists. After finishing his graduate coursework, Galanin moved back to Sitka, which, he says, is a very interesting place to be – particularly in terms of what is happening with Native culture. Although especially drawn to sculpture and video, Galanin’s medium can be “pretty much anything,” according to his web site.

“The State of Being, Displaced” will be on display through October 12. Also on display at the museum throughout the summer are Kay Field Parker’s Ravenstail weaving exhibit, “Playing with Lightning,” and Tommy Joseph’s exhibit of Tlingit armor entitled, “Rainforest Warriors.”

Summer hours at the museum are 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$7, with a \$1 discount for age 65 and older. 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 – please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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