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## Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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### **Sheldon Jackson Museum announces artist resident and demonstrator Tommy Joseph**

SITKA –The Sheldon Jackson Museum is pleased to host local artist resident Tommy Joseph on June 12, 13, 19 and 25. Tommy Joseph is a Tlingit carver known for his totem poles, wooden helmets, masks and bentwood containers. While in residence at the Sheldon Jackson Museum, Tommy will complete a collection study focusing on Tlingit knives, helmets and masks.

Please join the Sheldon Jackson Museum to meet Tommy and learn about his work during an artist demonstration on Tuesday June 12th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the museum gallery.

This artist residency is made possible through the support of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum.

Summer hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$5 with a \$1 discount for seniors. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka and the Alaska State Museum in Juneau is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact the museum for more information at 907.747.8981.



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