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## Press Release

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### **Sheldon Jackson Museum Fish Skin Sewing Class**



SITKA – The Sheldon Jackson Museum will offer a free fish skin sewing class taught by artist-in-residence Joel Isaak (Athabascan) in August. The class is intensive and will be held Aug. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-4:00pm with an hour and a half break for lunch at midday. The class will be given at no charge to participants, but students will need to sign up in advance and acquire items on a materials list. Some of the materials will need to be ordered online in

advance. By the end of the class, the students will have produced a single fish skin garment, which will become part of the Sheldon Jackson Museum's hands-on education collection for use with Alaskan school children. For a materials list or to sign up for the free class, stop by the museum or call (907) 747-8981.

Isaak, a nationally recognized artist for his cross-cultural explorations, will be in residence at the Sheldon Jackson Museum between August 19<sup>th</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>. His fish skin garments, bronze, and paper sculptures have been exhibited at the Anchorage Museum, the Sheldon Jackson Museum, the Ted Stevens International Airport, the Bunnell Street Arts Center, the Alaska State Museum, and the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. In recent years, Isaak was awarded a fellowship to the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art in Indianapolis, Ind. and the Alaska Native Visionary Award.

The Sheldon Jackson Museum's Native Artist Residency Program is made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9am until 4pm. General admission is \$7; \$6 for seniors, and free for those 18 and under, members of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum or Friends of the Alaska State Museum. A museum pass that gives visitors unlimited access to the Sheldon Jackson Museum and the Alaska State Museum is available for \$35.00.

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