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To feature Genevieve Bluebird in a Special Exhibition

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RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA: The Sioux Indian Museum, administered by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, will feature an exhibit of artwork by Genevieve Bluebird. The exhibition will run from October 28, 2016 to January 5, 2017.

Genevieve Bluebird, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, creates paintings that depict powerful images of Native American women and traditional aspects of Lakota Sioux culture. Born in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Bluebird is a graduate of Flandreau Indian School. She went on to attend the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), Santa Fe, New Mexico, as well as the United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, North Dakota. Bluebird currently lives in Rough Rock, Arizona, with her family.

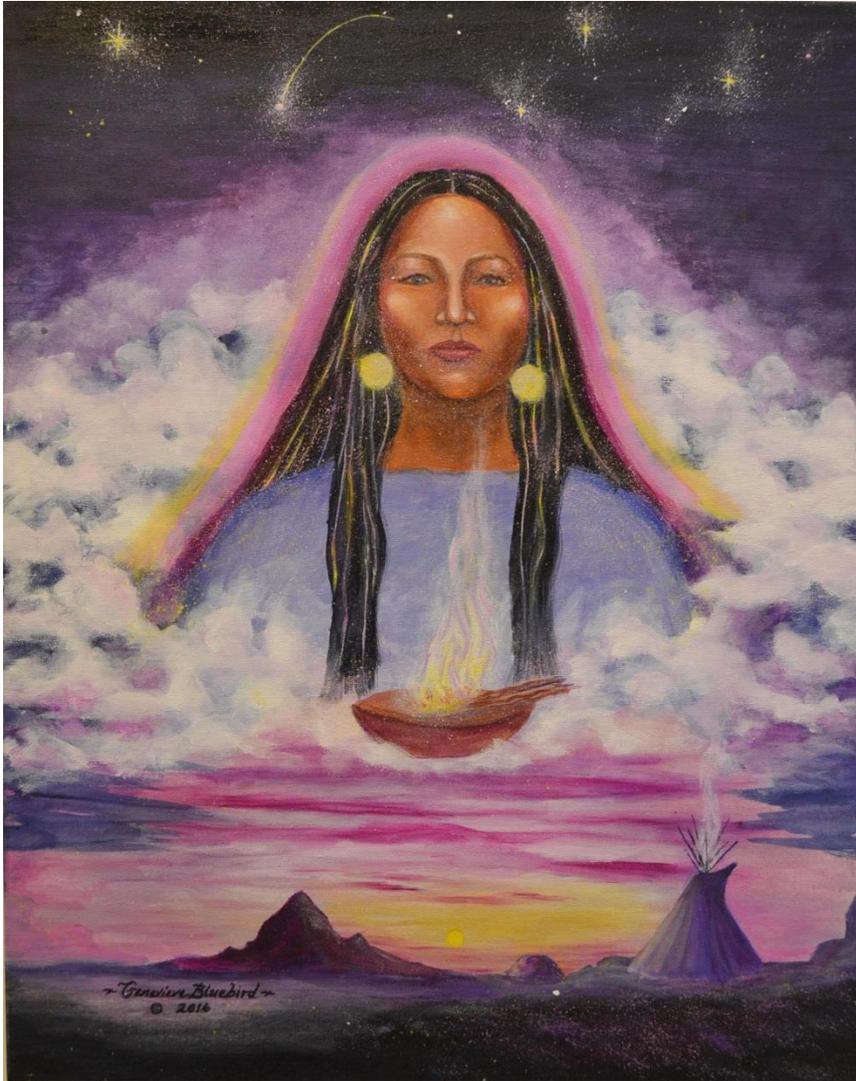
Art has been a part of Bluebird's life since childhood. While she learned the fundamental techniques of painting as a student at IAIA, she continued to develop as an artist through self-teaching and experimentation.

Bluebird's artwork is inspired by her studies of American Indian history and Lakota oral traditions. Working primarily in acrylic paints, she creates realistic portraits of Native Americans. These paintings often feature imagery of traditional Lakota life and spirituality. Images of strong and positive female figures are a recurring theme in her work. Bluebird hopes that her art will inspire younger generations of tribal members to reconnect with their cultural values and beliefs in order to overcome the hardships they face in contemporary society.

Bluebird has garnered multiple awards for her work including: 1st Place, Julyamsh Art Expo and Powwow, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and 2nd place, Drawing Category, 2009 Red Cloud Indian Art Show, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Prices for the artwork featured in the exhibition can be obtained by contacting The Journey Museum Store at (605) 394-2201. To purchase artwork after the exhibition closes, please contact Genevieve Bluebird at (605) 877- 2510.

The Sioux Indian Museum, managed by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, is located in The Journey Museum, 222 New York Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. For admission fees and hours of operation, please call (605) 394-6923.



In the Realm of Spirits

Acrylic on Canvas

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