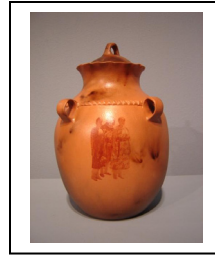


## Press Release



### **CELEBRATING NATIVE LEGACIES Works in Clay by Kathleen Wall of Jemez Pueblo**

Albuquerque, NM (Feb. 24, 2009) The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center will premiere an exciting new exhibition by award winning sculptor, Kathleen Wall from Jemez Pueblo on February 28.

The one-woman show runs through October 11, 2009 and features clay figures, digital photography and video representing many different tribes throughout North America, including the Pueblos of the Southwest.

As a clay artist from an extended family of potters, sculptors and artists, Wall is of Jemez Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, Anishnabe and Anglo descent.

In this exhibition, Wall explores the meaningful connections of ancestry. She said it is her desire is to honor the ongoing traditions and cultures of Native Americans while acknowledging the many different tribes and cultures that form her own identity.

The exhibit has many surprises according to Amy Johnson, the exhibit curator. Johnson said that Wall has incorporated more modern mediums to express her ideas such as digital photos, video and sound throughout her presentations. “People will be able to look into the artwork and be met with another layer of expression such as songs or narratives.” Johnson said.

One aspect of the exhibition examines Wall’s extended family, which is tied to the Gila River Pima tribe in Arizona. Wall has crafted out of clay, a traditional basket made by the Gila River Pima tribe. Six forms made of clay representing women of the Gila River Pima tribe perform their traditional basket dance. Each figure stands approximately 33” tall. Wall’s connection to the Pima tribe comes through her mother, Fannie Loretto (a Jemez Pueblo potter of note) who is married to a Pima tribal member.

Wall’s exhibition also features traditional clay pottery with superimposed photographic images fired onto the outer wall of the pot.

The exhibition is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center’s South Gallery. Admission is \$6 adults; \$4 New Mexico residents; \$5.50 seniors.

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