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Museum Offers Programs for Native Drawings Exhibition

NORMAN, OKLA. – In conjunction with the new exhibition Allan Houser Drawings: The Centennial Exhibition, a film screening, lecture and gallery talk are being offered at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

Visitors are invited to a public film screening 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 29. Films by White Mountain Apache filmmaker Dustinn Craig will be featured. Craig’s films have been included in several Native American film festivals, and he has worked on multiple films for cultural institutions and special series for PBS.

“We were looking for examples of contemporary Apache artists, and Dustinn Craig’s work is a wonderful example of an artist who examines the Apache culture both historically and in the present,” said Susan Baley, director of education at the museum. “Craig’s short films will provide a more expansive vision of the Apache culture today. People will gain a more broad understanding of the history of the Apache tribe and how the culture continues today.”

Craig will introduce his short films A Snapshot in Time (10 min., 2009), which documents the life of his great-grandfather through snapshots; I Belong to This (15 min., 2003), a personal documentary examining cultural heritage; and Home (7 min., 2005), which focuses on what land and the concept of home mean to members from several different tribes. Craig also will introduce his feature-length documentary, We Shall Remain: Geronimo (84 min., 2008), which provides a reconsideration of the historical interpretation of the life of Geronimo.

Guests of the museum also are invited to attend a public lecture, Apache Arts: Varied Mediums, Many Masterworks, at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 3. Cécile R. Ganteaume, curator at the National Museum of the American Indian in New York, will present a 150-year survey of the rich and evolving artistic traditions of the Apache. Ganteaume is a recipient of the 2011 Smithsonian Secretary’s Excellence in Research Award.
A public gallery talk will be held 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 8. The talk features selected graduate students from the University of Oklahoma School of Art and Art History. Each student will give five-minute talks on specific works in *Allan Houser Drawings: The Centennial Exhibition*.

*Allan Houser Drawings: The Centennial Exhibition* is on display through May 18 at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. General admission to the museum is complimentary to all visitors, thanks to the generosity of the OU Office of the President and the OU Athletics Department. The museum is closed on Mondays. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma.

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