

# W<sup>2018</sup>aponahki

Student Art Show



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The Abbe Museum, in partnership with Maine Indian Education, is pleased to present the 2018 *Waponahki Student Art Show*. This annual exhibition, now in its 17th year, is the result of the strong collaborative spirit of two institutions devoted to promoting art education and celebrating Waponahki culture. We are thrilled to welcome the arrival of spring and summer with the work of these talented young Waponahki artists.

The featured student artists are from Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk (Indian Township) and Sipayik (Pleasant Point), and Penobscot Nation at Panuwapskek (Indian Island). They range in age from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve.

What can we learn from art? Artists combine the precision of mathematics, the theories of science, and the passion of the language arts into a holistic experience. Creating something from nothing is a deeply personal act. Fostering creative skills allows young minds to tap into the universal language of the imagination, especially since art affords us the opportunity to connect with our inner selves. There is no wrong way to create. By encouraging artists, we are investing in the next generation of thinkers, dreamers, and doers. The work featured in this exhibit showcases each student's unique perspective, culture, and identity. The artist statements are straightforward and heartfelt, and can be both moving and provocative. This sampling of work reflects the importance of art, and the diverse capabilities of individuals who are moved to create.

### **Waponahki or Wabanaki?**

Using the modern writing system developed for the Passamaquoddy-Maliseet language, Waponahki is the preferred spelling of Wabanaki. Waponahki more accurately reflects the word as it is spoken in the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy-Maliseet, and Micmac languages.



### **Moonlight**

Brea Mumme, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 1, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Paper, Sand Dollar, Marker, Glue, Glue Tops, Mixed Media

There is a little girl that wants to see a dolphin. Her house is on a big hill overlooking the ocean. She loves all of the animals, the moonlight, and all of the stars. She looks at the dolphin.



### **Aquanu**

Jayce Altvater, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 3, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Marker, Oil Pastel

A Passamaquoddy man welcomes a European man by trading a beaver fur for apples. A bear watches from the distance, looking for prey.



### **Flower Day**

Layleeah Gabriel-Altvater, Passamaquoddy  
Kindergarten, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Marker, Pencil

This still life is from when Ms. Ellen set up flowers on the table and we had to draw it. I love the pretty purples because of how I colored them.



### **Flowers**

Kara Stanley, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 7, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Acrylic Paint

It's the middle of summer.



### **Flight of the Eagle**

Kenya R. Francis, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 7, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Chalk Pastel

A Passamaquoddy went hunting one day. He went to the edge of the cliff to see the sunset over the water and he saw an eagle flying.



### **Galaxy Mind**

Kira Neptune, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 6, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Acrylics

This is about a girl looking up to the stars. She's lost in her own world.



### **The Wolf and the Butterfly**

Mahqan Cleaves, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 4, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Oil Pastel and Baby Oil

It is spring. A wolf was wandering around until a butterfly landed on its nose.



### **Passamaquoddy Fish**

Mariah Soctomah, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 8, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Marker, Pencil

A fish jumps out of the water. He is surrounded by nature. The medicine wheel represents the Native Passamaquoddy tribe.



### **Lizard on a Tree**

Quinton Doughty, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 2, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Colored Pencil

A lizard is on a tree that goes up to the sky. He is chilling in the sunshine.



### **Aliya's Self Portrait**

Aliya Sapiel, Penobscot  
Grade 8, Indian Island School  
Block print on Marbleized Paper

This is a block print made out of different colored marbleized paper. I made four prints and cut them into fourths. Then I organized the colors to give the picture mood, to show how much emotion I put into this. This is my self portrait.



### **Faded Shapes**

Twyla Smiley, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 10, Calais High School  
Chalk Pastel, Tempera Paint

Composed of many shapes and lines, blended together with contrasting colors. The colors are blended to make the shapes appear to be glowing.



### **Dancing Moms**

Wambli C. Martinez, Mescalero/Jicarilla Apache/Oglala Lakota  
Grade 9, Homeschooled  
Colored Pencil

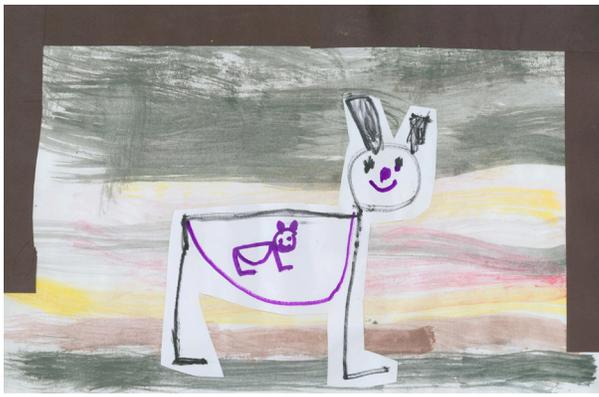
I have grown up watching my mom and aunty dance at powwows and gatherings. I always loved the colors they have put on their dresses and shawls.



### **Captain Edward Smith**

Evan A. Goslin, Penobscot  
Grade 3, Indian Island School  
Watercolor, Marker

My watercolor painting is about the Captain of the RMS Titanic. He's standing on the ladder just about to go into the ship's wheelhouse. Everyone knows about the sinking of the Titanic, but not many people know about the Captain, Edward Smith, who went down with his ship. He was born on January 27, 1850 in Hanley, Staffordshire, England. If he had ran directly into the center of the iceberg he was trying to avoid, the Titanic would have only flooded a few compartments. But, trying to avoid the iceberg proved to be fatal, damaging many compartments. He was a very tall Captain, with large hands, and was very brave.



### **Mother Moose**

Calvin Stevens, Passamaquoddy  
Kindergarten, Indian Township School  
Water Paint, Construction Paper

Mother moose is in the forest with a baby moose in her belly.



### **Monogan**

Beckham Best, Passamaquoddy  
Kindergarten, Indian Township School  
Crayola Markers, Construction Paper

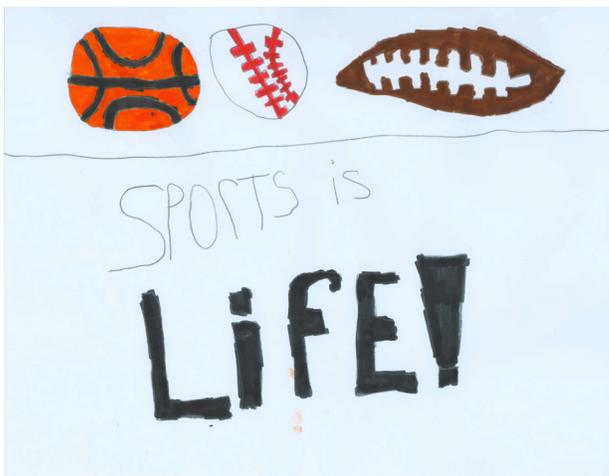
This rainbow (monogan) makes me feel happy. The basic rainbow with the extra color around it brightens the page to make me smile.



### **Untitled**

Gabriel Lacoote, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 5, Indian Township School  
Pencil, Colored Pencil

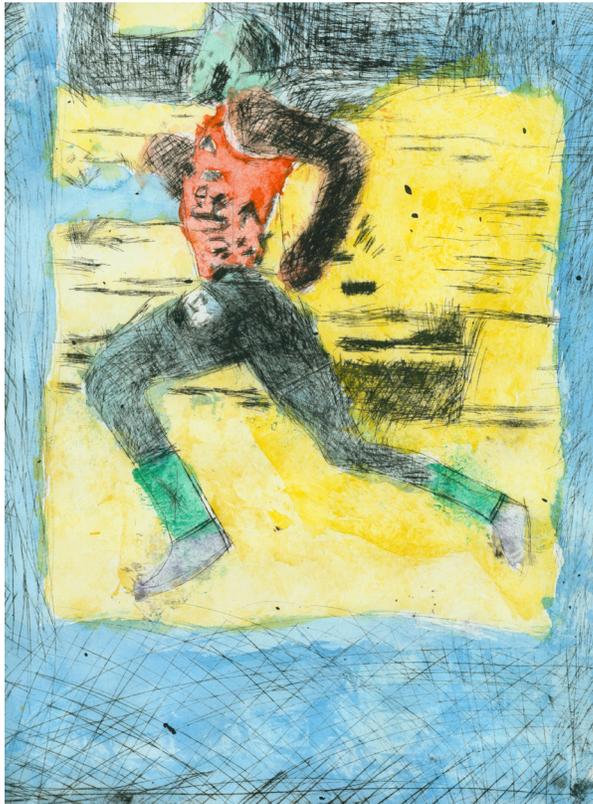
There is a kid swinging by the water and he finds a pond that has cool things in it.



### **Sports is Life**

Chayeden Newell, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 4, Indian Township School  
Markers, Pencil

It has a baseball, basketball, and football on it and it says, "sports is life!"



### **Usain Bolt**

Hayna Francis, Passamaquoddy/Penobscot/Ho-Chunk  
Grade 5, Indian Island School  
Print

My artwork inspires other people to do track and field, or cross-country. Usain Bolt is the person in the artwork. I wanted to capture him running. I also like to do track and field, so that's why I chose him. The blue part frames him going across the finish line, winning a race. I sometimes pretend I am him when I see him race.



### **Heart Full of Love**

JoAnna Socobasin, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 3, Indian Township School  
Colored Pencil, Marker

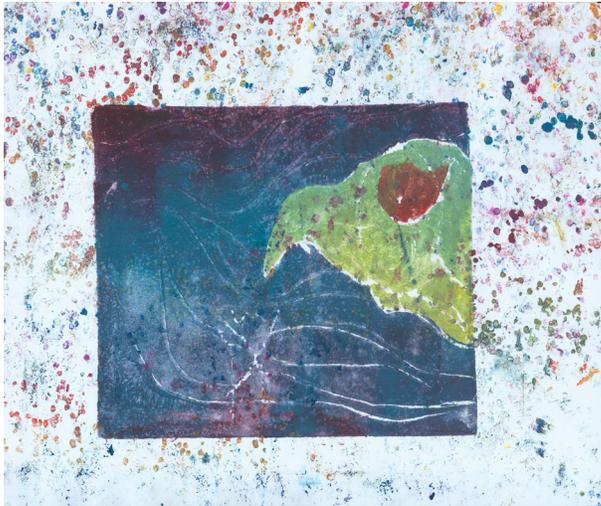
It's a heart with a feather.



### **Spring Flowers**

Olivia Dana, Penobscot  
Kindergarten, Indian Island School  
Watercolor, Cray-pas, Ink

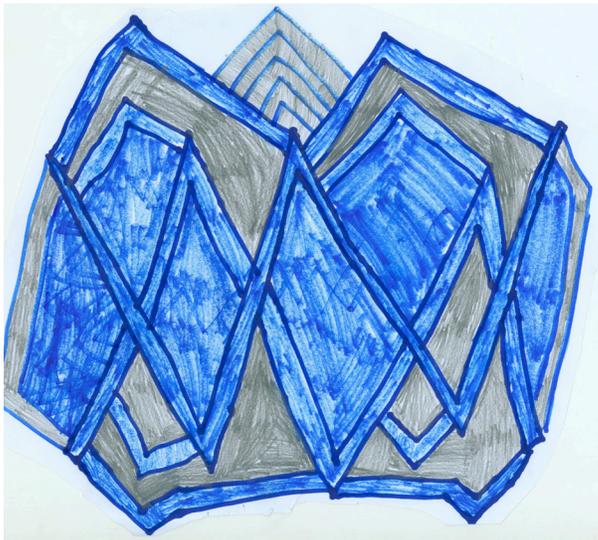
I used watercolor to paint my spring flowers. I liked painting the shiny silver ink with my fingers to represent the earth. I like my spring flowers.



### **Bird of Mexico**

Kaden Gray, Penobscot  
Grade 4, Indian Island School  
Block Print on Painted Acrylic Paper

I like Mexican designs and colors. So that is why I decided to make it a bright green parrot. I used a printed paper. I printed my styrofoam print on it, then the styrofoam plate was cut into two pieces and inked separately. Then I printed it using the printing press. I like how the red eye pops off the green. I also liked how the dots come through the image I printed and how it looks like the bird is looking around the corner. I like my bird of Mexico.



### **Triple Cross**

Jack R. Downney, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 4, Indian Township School  
Markers and Pencil

I was just drawing a random picture, and I just came up with a design, and I said, "I am putting it in the Abbe Museum."



### **Rosie Rainbow**

W'sali Love, Penobscot  
Grade 1, Indian Island School  
Yarn Painting

This is a yarn painting of my imaginary dog, Rosie. She is wearing a red bandana. Rosie is in the sky like a rainbow is, and that's why I chose the many colors of the background. Rosie makes me feel like I'm in the sky with happiness and she is as soft as cotton candy.



### **Howling Wolf**

Quoqsis Dana, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 3, Indian Township School  
Colored Pencil

The wolf is howling at the moon. Ooo Awoo Awoo.



### **Summer Waves**

Leo Lewey, Passamaquoddy  
Kindergarten, Indian Township School  
Tempera Paint, Small Brush

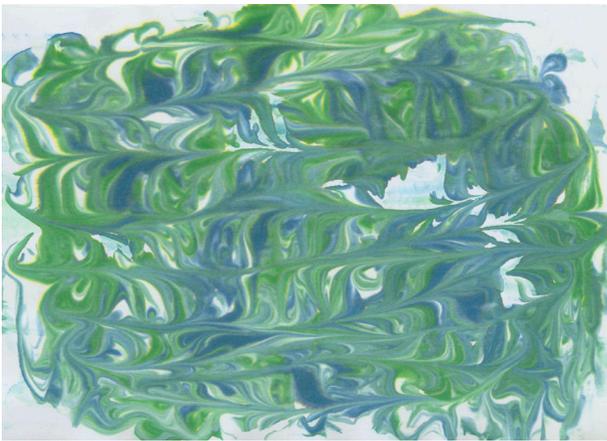
My favorite time of year is summer because I love swimming at Grand Lake. It's a painting of the waves hitting the rocks at the shoreline on a sunny day.



### **Nolke**

Noelani Huerth, Penobscot  
Grade 6, Indian Island School  
Hand Colored Linoleum Block Print

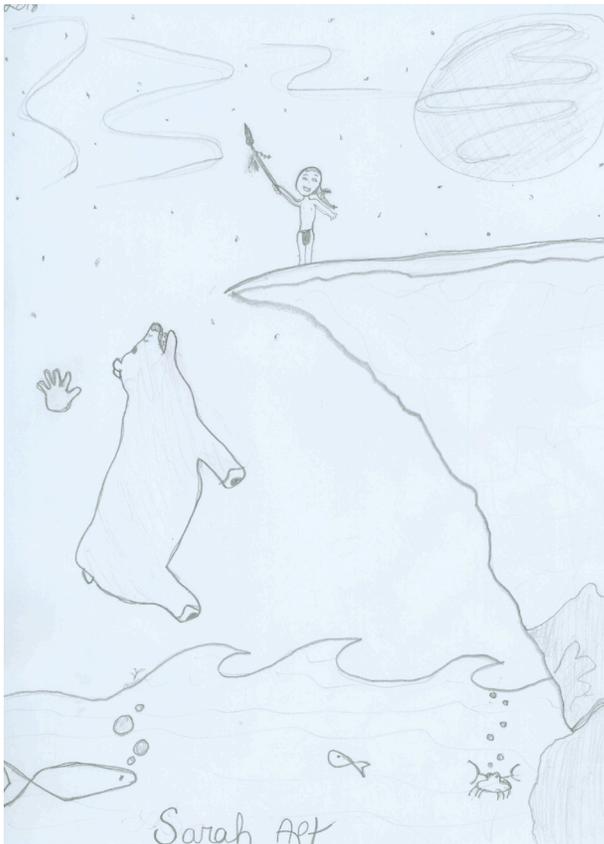
My block print is of a deer. I chose the image of a doe because the deer is my clan animal. I carved a linoleum block 6 X 9 inches with gouges lowering the white areas that I later hand colored in watercolor. I chose an alternating design pattern to make the background more unique and to make the deer stand out. The lines in the foreground gather to direct the eye to the deer. Inspired by Andy Warhol, I printed my block print four times and colored each differently. Using opposites on the color wheel I created a rhythm that I like very much. I like how the colors in my print describe my many moods.



### **The Wavy Ocean**

Shealynn Stevens, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 6, Indian Township School  
Shaving Cream, Food Coloring, Paper

This is a picture of the blue ocean. It is swirling with the wind and currents.



### **Spirit of the Northern Lights**

Sarah Apt, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 6, Indian Township School  
Paper and Pencil

Tittus the great warrior killed the great kuta bear to feed his starving family. The bear was brought to Laquau cliff to be honored and worshiped by the great Indian spirits that come by the Northern Lights. Tittus was proud and grateful for the bear.



### **Dancing Snowmen**

Zayden DeVoe, Penobscot  
Pre-Kindergarten, Indian Island School  
Watercolor, Collage

My two snowmen represent my daddy and my mama. My daddy is the larger one and my mama is the smaller one. I blew colored bubbles onto the background and cut-out my snowmen to glue onto it. It was really hard work to make it. The hardest part to make it was the hat. I liked the colored bubbles, they were the easiest. The colors remind me of winter fun because they are dancing.



### **A Colorful Deer Weaving**

Shannon Dana, Penobscot  
Grade 2, Indian Island School  
Watercolor Weaving/Collage

The deer are running through the forest. The dark deer is a part of the night and the light deer is a part of the day. I like the way the background weaves together like night goes into day and I am inspired by colors that change from night to daylight.



### **Selena Shawl Dancing**

Alana Mitchell, Penobscot  
Grade 7, Indian Island School  
Photo Silkscreen

Andy Warhol inspired my photo silkscreen image. Selena, my first cousin, is studying to be in the medical field. She is an excellent shawl dancer. I chose the colors because turquoise represents healing and purple signifies influence. Dancing has always been a part of my life and a way to represent my culture. That is why I chose to do this print of Selena shawl dancing.



### **The Dreamcatcher**

Jonah Nicholas, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 4, Indian Township School  
Marker, Crayon, Pencil

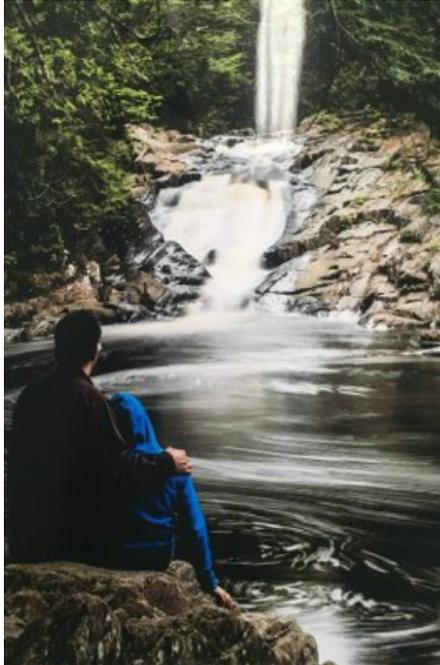
This artwork took a lot of work. I love drawing, it's my special skill.



### **Respect Your Elders**

Madyson Keezer, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 10, Home Schooled  
Graphite Pencils

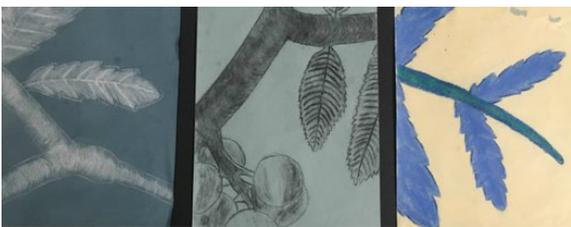
Respect your elders. They can provide a lot of wisdom. Even when they pass on, they soar above us.



### **A Father's Bond**

Landyn Francis, Penobscot  
Grade 11, Bangor High School  
Photograph

This photo features my father and younger brother JJ sitting together and enjoying nature together. The water has movement around them yet they are completely still, frozen in time, enjoying the time spent with each other.



### **Snake Berry Plant**

Joel Paul, Penobscot  
Grade 11, Orno High School

I did this piece of artwork because I wanted to show how something small could be displayed so large.



### **Mt. Katahdin**

Zachary Desmond, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 7, Indian Township School  
Pencil, Crayon

When I see my artwork it reminds me of a book about the trail to Katahdin.



### **The Fox**

Alicia Cote, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 5, Beatrice Rafferty School  
Charcoal Pencil, Chalk Pastel

A fox sits under the moonlight waiting patiently as he hunts for field mice.



### **Movements of Peace**

Jayden Love, Penobscot  
Grade 11, Orno High School  
Acrylic Paint

In this artwork we use different textures to create movement in the painting. The blending created a real like feature to each part of the painting. Using a solid color of grey in the background popped the statues alive. Each statue was made with different techniques (stippling, blending, line) then outlined with black to create shadow.



### **Untitled**

Kaylee Folsom, Maliseet



### **Follow Your Dreams**

Simiah Lozada, Passamaquoddy  
Grade 5, Indian Township School  
Acrylic Paint

It is something that came from the heart. And it is motivating.



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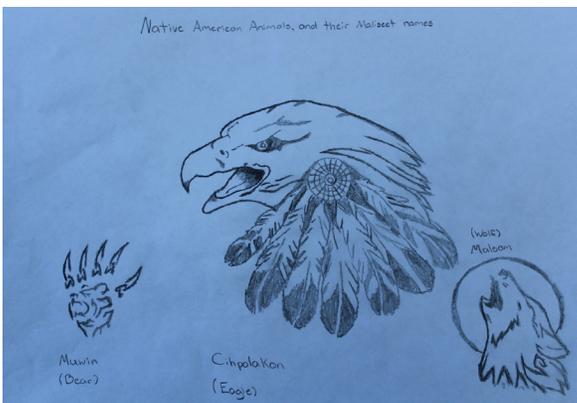
Emma Folsom, Maliseet



### **Summer Branches**

Jayden Dana, Penobscot  
Grade 11, Orno High School  
Pencil

We first went outside and found branches or really anything we find beautiful in nature and did a sketch of that. Then we decided on three different positions to draw, then went over it with a type of chalk.



### **Native American Animals and their Maliseet Names**

Joseph Suseph, Maliseet

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