

Alaska Native Arts Symposium

— UAF Native Art Center 50th Anniversary —

Alaska Native Arts Symposium kicks off the UAF Native Art Center's 50th Anniversary.

Fifty years ago, Ronald Senungetuk founded the UAF Native Arts Center to help talented rural Alaska Native students who might not otherwise have had the opportunity or aspiration to attend college.

Ten preeminent Alaska Native artists, including a Fulbright Scholar, two Eiteljorg Fellows and three United States Artists Fellows will share their work with UAF students as part of the Alaska Native Arts Symposium, "Creative Cultural Communities" slated for March 2-6 at the UAF Native Art Center.

"The Symposium features traditional and contemporary master artists mentoring emerging and mid-career artists," says Da-ka-xeen Mehner, director of the UAF Native Art Center. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for new talent to refine their craft and learn from some of Alaska's most elite artists." Events include opportunities to meet the artists, a seminar highlighting marketing and legal issues for Alaska Native and other artists as well as preconference events for the 3rd annual Alaska Native Studies Conference. These events are free and open to the public.

Meet the Artist Events

Native Art Center, 301 Art Wing, Fine Arts/Theatre Complex

- 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3
- 3-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 4

Artists include: Ronald Senungetuk (Fulbright Scholar and recipient of Alaska's 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts and Humanities), Susie Silook (USA Fellow and Eiteljorg Fellow), Nicholas Galanin (USA Fellow), Teri Rofkar (USA Fellow), Sonya Kelliher-Combs (Eiteljorg Fellow and UAF BFA 1992), Ricky Tagaban, Allison Akootchook Warden, Lena Snow Amason-Berns (UAF BFA 2002) and Anna Hoover.



Seminar

Federal and State Laws, Intellectual Property Rights Protections, and Marketing for Alaska Native Artists

- 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, March 4

Preconference Events

3rd Annual Alaska Native Studies Conference on Friday, March 6

- 10 a.m. - Noon artist roundtable held at the Museum of the North Auditorium
- 1-3 p.m. - Walk through the Museum of the North's Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery with the artists, many of whom have work in the collection

Reception

- 4-5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6 in the UAF Fine Arts gallery.

