

2 Spirit Artists

- There is no word for Art in many tribal language, yet it permeates all that we do.
- Artists have fueled every revolution across time and geography

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Carrie House



- Two Embrace
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDqxDyHjlls>
- Animated Feature on Colonization
- Film-making with Women of Color workshops

Effects of Colonization (none of us have escaped completely)

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Suicidal Ideation
- Self-Medication
- Addiction
- Alienation
- * Honor Project
study- Dr. K Walters



Art that saved our lives

- We all have defining moments in terms of identity
- How did art affect those moments?
- Stonewall- Queens and Drag Kings *1969
- Library/Internet- Coming Out Stories
- Theater - For Colored Girls Who Think of Committing Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf
- Neurotic, Erotic, Exotics, Spiderwoman Theater

Traditional Tribal Stories and Ceremonies

Creation Stories - Great Mystery as both male and female - Ojibwe

Naming ceremonies, Clan Identities

7 Grandfather teachings

Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty,
Wisdom, Humble, Generosity

Harmony

1673- Jacques Marquette

- “They pass as manitou’s..or persons of consequence.”
- “They are summoned to councils and nothing can be decided without their advice.”
 - * Gay American History, Jonathan Katz

Colonization

All the women we spoke to saw
COLONIZATION
and **GENOCIDAL**
POLICIES as ROOT
the CAUSE
of the violence they experience
as **WOMEN** and **NATIONS**

- Ever since the people came from across the oceans, we have been struggling to define and redefine ourselves.

Freida Kahlo



- Artist
- Visionary

Paula Gunn Allen, Laguna Pueblo



- Writer
- Philosopher
- Academic
- Role Model

Beth Brant, Mohawk

- Writer
- A Gathering of Spirit
first Native American
Anthology to include
out lesbians writers

*Coyote Learns a New
Trick- a trickster story
with amorous and
humorous theme



Muriel Miguel Rappahannahockk, Kuna

Playwright,
Actor,
Director
Choreographer

Honorary Doctorate
Degree - Miami
University

Mistress of Gay Games -
Vancouver



Indigenous Peoples Task Force

- Theater- Ogitchidag Gikinewamagad Players
- Peer Education
- Sexuality
- Services targeted to LGBT Native Population
- Kebin Nephew
- Carole Lafavor
- Muriel Miguel
- Phyliss Jane Rose At the Foot of the Mountain



Hulleah, Navajo

- Photographer
- Living the Spirit
- On Web- Idle No More videos



Waawaate Fobister



- Agokwe Theater
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9VtyEv0UOc>

Kent Monkman

- Visual Artist
- Exhibit - National Museum of American Indian
- Miss Chief- “plays with dynamics within sexuality to challenge historical assumptions on sovereignty, art, commerce, and colonialism”

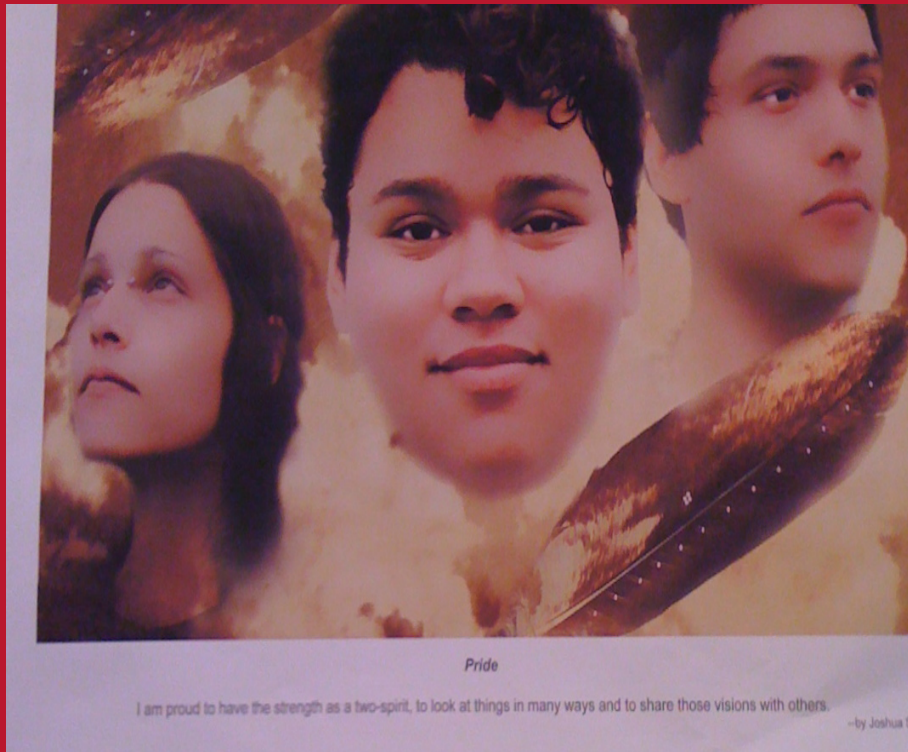


Wade Blevins, Cherokee



- <http://www.nhojj.com/2012/10/11/a-gay-native-american-martial-artist/>

Native Chat Film Festival Indigenous Peoples Task Force



- Joshua Strong, Bois Forte Ojibwe
Two Spirit
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p10sbVeyv7s&list=UUeUiy8cPhPi3UOu6N5WkV EA&index=37>

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- RC Gorman, Navajo
- Chrystos- Poet
- Nick Billie- Actor dancer
- Ben Geboe- Actor- Drum Lives
- Leota Lone Dog-writer-artist
- Marsha Gomez
- Cheyenne Jackson-actor

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- Wesley Thomas, Navajo
- Carole Lafavor, Ojibwe- Evil Dead Center
- Deborah Miranda - Sovereign Erotics: An Anthology of Two Spirit Literature

Forward to Living the Spirit

“the day I saw a poster declaring the existence of an organization for Gay American Indians, I put my face in my hands and sobbed with relief... I understood that being Gay is a universal quality and it’s participants have long held positions of power in history and ritual among people all over the globe.” ** Judy Grahn, author *Another Mother Tongue*



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