

Women Are Sacred Conference 2023

Call for Artists

Introduction

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) is a Native-led, nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against Native women and children. NIWRC provides national leadership in ending gender-based violence in Tribal communities by lifting up the collective voices of grassroots advocates by offering culturally-grounded resources, technical assistance, training, and policy development.

Every two years, NIWRC proudly hosts the Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference, one of the largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, Tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, Tribal community members, Tribal leadership, law enforcement, and Tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against Native American women and children. The next conference will be held June 26-28, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

WAS 2023 Theme

We Are Born from Her: Protecting Earth Mother, Her Women, and Her Children

This speaks to our Indigenous understanding of the sacredness, strength, and power of the feminine spirit that flows through Earth Mother, women, and children.

It is also a call out to name, acknowledge and act on the reality that violence against the Earth, as witnessed by climate change, violence against women, as witnessed by horrific violence against women and children is interconnected. It's about relationships. Violence requires the breaking of relationships and denial of spirit. Protecting Earth Mother, women, and children requires rebuilding, nurturing, and honoring our relationships. Reclaiming and uplifting the feminine spirit is at the heart of the survival of women, as Indigenous People, and our four-legged, rooted, winged, and water relatives.

The Women Are Sacred Conference represents the strength and resilience of our people and the tools and knowledge we have to make positive change. This conference is an opportunity to gather and build relationships, mourn our losses together, and also celebrate and honor the resilience, power, and spirit of the feminine, together. This is an opportunity to take action, to bring to life our shared vision for the future to end the violence and recreate peaceful, respectful relationships.

Call for Artists

NIWRC invites artists to submit their work to be featured as the central image of the 2023 Women Are Sacred Conference, creatively depicting the conference theme.

The selected artwork may be featured on, but is not limited to, the front and back cover of the conference program, conference merchandise, marketing materials, social media posts, webpages, and email campaigns.

Eligibility

There are no hard restrictions on genre, subject matter, or media; however, we ask artists to keep the conference theme and description in mind when creating and/or selecting work for submission. The artwork must also be suitable or print-friendly for posters, promotional graphics, conference programs, etc.

There are no age restrictions. Artists of all ages may submit their work.

For artists under the age of eighteen (18), parent or legal guardian permission may be required.

Compensation

Artist of the selected work will receive a one-time payment of \$1,500.00 USD.

Artist will also receive one (1) Women Are Sacred Conference pass to attend any and all conference sessions as well as one (1) *vendor booth for the duration of the conference.

*NIWRC offers the opportunity for vendors and exhibitors to outreach and network with conference attendees through tabling (booths).

Submission Requirements

Artists must submit their information and artwork files through the [Women Are Sacred Conference 2023: Call for Artists Submission Form](#).

Artists may submit up to five (5) individual pieces of artwork for consideration.

Each submission must include a description of the artwork, detailing inspiration, medium, and process of creation.

Submitted artwork must be of high-resolution quality (300 DPI, .jpeg or .png recommended). If applicable, please include a layered version (.ai, .psd, .indd) of the artwork.

Deadline

Entry Deadline

December 12, 2022

Artist Selection and Notification

December 19, 2022