

# EXHIBIT C

## **Exhibit C hosts “In Their Element: a Showcase of Native Photographers”**

*Art gallery in Bricktown to feature photography show by Native American artists from  
November thru February*

**OKLAHOMA CITY – (Oct. 2, 2017)** Four American Indian photographers will have their award-winning photography on display at Exhibit C in Bricktown Nov. 1, 2017 through Feb. 28, 2018. The show titled “In Their Element: a Showcase of Native Photographers,” will feature the individual photography styles of each artist, Brad Woods, Jim Trosper, Lisa Hudson and Cara Romero.

Today’s native photographers focus on the celebration of their native culture and heritage as a part of the subject of their photography. In addition, the native photographers featured at Exhibit C are known for contemporary photographs, and use today’s digital technology to transform the images to be unique while still focusing on trendy topics that relate to native culture and mother nature.

“Each photographer captures their own artistic voice through the lenses making each artist and photograph personal and unique,” said Paige Williams Shepherd, director of corporate development and tourism for the Chickasaw Nation. “Visitors to Exhibit C will be able to experience the story that each artist is telling through their photographs.”

### **Brad Woods**

Brad Woods is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and a primarily self-taught photographer. His primary focus is in fine art nature photography. Woods’ interest in photography began around the age of 14 and was inspired from his travels across the United States. Seeing the diversity of the landscapes and wildlife the country has to offer, he wanted to begin to capture the world he saw and share it in his own artistic style. Brad has had several of his photographs receive awards from photography shows, including Best of Show in 2016 & 2017 at the Artists of the Arbuckle’s Photo Expo.

Brad received his B.S. in Biology from East Central University with a focus on Wildlife. Brad is an active member with the Arbuckle Karst Conservancy where he helps study and protect the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer and karst features associated with it. His passion for the outdoors continues as strong now as it has ever been. Continuing traveling around the U.S. looking for new opportunities to capture and share.

### **Jim Trosper**

A member of the Chickasaw Nation, Jim Trosper developed a great appreciation for photography at an early age. When deciding on a college to attend, Trosper knew that he

would need to select a school that had a great understanding and focus on photography. After completing his degree in photographic arts from the University of Central Oklahoma, Trospen began seeking freelance work that would build a firm foundation for his photography career.

Trospen has spent much of his time photographing the live bands at the Zoo Amphitheatre, and live horse racing at Remington Park. Trospen enjoys working with new photo styles every time he ventures out for a shoot, and he spends time challenging himself and his photography to create irreplaceable images.

Trospen's work has been featured at Tree and Leaf in the OKC Plaza District, DNA Galleries in OKC and at Foolish Things Coffee Co. in Tulsa. He has received several awards for his photography including 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the 2016 SEASAM festival and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the 2017 Artesian Arts Festival.

### **Lisa Hudson**

Lisa Hudson, a member of the Chickasaw Nation, is known for her photographic eye for capturing the natural beauty of Oklahoma landscapes. Her creative edge comes from her ability to turn raw photographs into vibrant works of art through visual editing. By combining traditional Chickasaw heritage with vibrant patterns and colors, Hudson is able to capture and portray her heritage.

Hudson has received many honors in her career including, winning Best in Category in the 2015 Artists of the Arbuckle's Photography Show and in 2018, Hudson will be featured at the 2018 Chickasaw Traveling Art Exhibit, Continental U.S. and International dates to be announced soon.

### **Cara Romero**

Romero is a member of the Chemehuevi tribe has a background in film, digital, fine art, journalism, editorial portraiture and commercial photography. She is a visual storyteller that layers her photography with symbolism that can evoke emotion from any viewer. Romero uses her photography to broaden perceptions or introduce fresh ideas about indigenous art styles.

She has received awards for her photography such as the "Vision for the Future" award from the Native American Rights Fund. Her photography is on exhibit at both the Santa Fe Indian Market and the Heard Museum Indian Market. Her work is also featured year round at the Robert Nichol's Gallery of Santa Fe.

An artist reception will be held on Nov. 11, 2017 from 2-5 p.m. and is open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to talk with the artists and discuss their work at this time. For more information about the artists, or other art at Exhibit C, visit [exhibitcgallery.com](http://exhibitcgallery.com).

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### **About Exhibit C**

Exhibit C art gallery and cultural experience is located in Oklahoma City's Bricktown. Exhibit C's art gallery displays works of several artists from the Chickasaw and southeastern tribes and continues the vision of raising awareness of the many cultural and entertainment experiences in Oklahoma set forth by Chickasaw Nation Governor, Bill Anoatubby. Exhibit C is open daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 1 E. Sheridan, Bricktown. All items located in the Exhibit C art gallery and retail space are for purchase.

### **About Chickasaw Country**

Nestled in south-central Oklahoma, Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. As the official destination tourism organization, Chickasaw Country includes 7,648 square miles, 11 percent of Oklahoma's total 68,597 square miles. Chickasaw Country, a division of the Chickasaw Nation, is a tourism source for visitors and communities within the region and promotes destinations, attractions and festivals. Chickasaw Country is a diverse and culturally-vested destination, with new adventures and experiences around every corner.

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