

***Sovereign Acts* focus of panel discussion at Kelowna Art Gallery**

Sovereign Acts: Panel Discussion
Maribel Belanger, Cori Derickson, and Margo Tamez
Saturday, February 22, from 2 to 4 pm | Free

February 18, 2020 – Kelowna, BC: The Kelowna Art Gallery invites the public to attend an engaging conversation with three guest speakers, who will share their own personal interpretations of the exhibition *Sovereign Acts*.

Sovereign Acts features the art of Rebecca Belmore, Lori Blondeau, Dayna Danger, Robert Houle, James Luna, Shelley Niro, Adrian Stimson, and Jeff Thomas, who explore Indigenous ideas of gender, sexuality, and identity.

Maribel Belanger, Cori Derickson, and Margo Tamez will each present on *Sovereign Acts* before opening the floor to a discussion. The panel event is set for Saturday, February 22, from 2 to 4 pm. It is free and open to the public.

Maribel Belanger is a Syilx-Okanagan Nation artist who is dedicated to contributing to the growth of interdisciplinary performance arts as a method to engage Indigenous community, language, and culture.

Cori Derickson is a Suknaquin-Syilx artist working in performance, sculpture, painting, multi-media, fashion design, and print making mediums.

Margo Tamez is a Dene Nde' poet, historian, writer, and an Associate Professor of Indigenous Studies at UBC Okanagan.

Sovereign Acts closes on March 1, 2020. It is curated by Wanda Nanibush and is organized and circulated by the Art Museum at the University of Toronto with the financial support of the Ontario Arts Council and Canada Council for the Arts.

The Kelowna Art Gallery is located at 1315 Water Street in downtown Kelowna. For more information about current exhibitions, public programming or special events, please visit www.kelownaartgallery.com or call 250-762-2226.

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