



South Dakota Arts Council
IMPACT REPORT
Fiscal Year 2021

JANUARY 2022

TO: Kristi Noem, Governor, State of South Dakota
James Hagen, Secretary, South Dakota Department of Tourism
South Dakota State Legislature

FROM: South Dakota Arts Council
Patrick Baker, Executive Director

RE: 2021 Impact Report

During each new session of the South Dakota Legislature, the South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) presents our annual report, which includes a complete listing of grants, initiatives, and special projects awarded to South Dakota organizations, schools, and artists during each fiscal year. Due to the pandemic sweeping the nation in early 2020, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) – the source of our agency’s federal funds – automatically extended the period for our State Partnership Agreement by two years to allow flexibility as we responded to the needs of the arts sector and our partner communities. This was followed by the automatic extension of our subsequent State Partnership Agreement with the NEA in 2021 for the same reasons.

SDAC was able to extend accommodations to many of its grantees to allow them more time to complete projects that were delayed or events that had to be rescheduled due to the pandemic. Therefore, many of our grants awarded in State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 have been extended, preventing us from compiling all the data needed for our traditional annual report. However, all SDAC grant data from FY20 and FY21 are forthcoming. We will offer an extended edition of our annual report, including both FY20 and FY21 data, during next year’s legislative session.

The extensions of our last two State Partnership Agreements with the NEA not only afforded SDAC the ability to make accommodations for grantees during the pandemic, but also gave us the time needed to accept and disburse federal pandemic-relief funds from the NEA to benefit the statewide arts sector, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) in FY20 (\$422,800) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in FY21 (\$751,500). With generous support from the S.D. Legislature in 2021, our agency received an additional \$250,000 to provide more relief to South Dakota’s artists and arts organizations, and these funds have been obligated through grants and are currently being distributed. A detailed report on these funds was delivered to the S.D. Joint Committee on Appropriations in late 2021, and because they were awarded in FY22, they will appear in SDAC’s FY22 annual report in the future. The full list of pandemic-relief grants awarded by SDAC in FY21 will appear in this report as will a small number of FY20 emergency assistance grants awarded by SDAC after submission of last year’s impact report.

The South Dakota Arts Council recognizes this moment as an opportunity for the state’s arts sector not just to re-establish old ways of operating, but to rebuild in a way that works better for all arts organizations and artists. Our agency seeks to support South Dakota arts organizations and artists recover, re-establish, and rebuild from the pandemic. And as it has for 56 years, the South Dakota Arts Council continues to provide programs and nurture partnerships that have a beneficial impact on our state’s quality of life, cultural tourism, and economic development.

While this document is not a complete accounting of the South Dakota Arts Council’s work in FY21, we have accomplished much in the last year worth reporting. This report helps illustrate our agency’s effort to respond to the pandemic while continuing to seek innovative ways to support the statewide arts community, the backbone of South Dakota’s creative economy.

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GOVERNOR, Pierre

JAMES D. HAGEN
SECRETARY
Department of Tourism, Pierre

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**ON THE COVER:**

South Dakota artist Wade Patton's *Roaming*, 2018 oil pastel on canvas, is a 2021 addition to the State Art Collection through the Art For State Buildings program.

View additional 2021 purchases to the State Art Collection on page 10.

“With the elegant line and an almost hypnotic use of pattern, Patton draws the viewer into his interpretation of the natural elements and seasonal changes of the land. His mastery of graphite evokes the subtlest of phenomenon and his spare use of color is inspired by beadwork, which orchestrates the prairie grasses, stormy skies and then the power of the buffalo.”

- DEBORAH MITCHELL, Rapid City, SD artist

ARTIST WADE PATTON is an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe and grew up in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation surrounded by a rich culture of music and art. His current body of work shown in *Roaming* shows the influence of the place where he is from and the stories of his heritage, which he feels is important for those who aren't familiar with Lakota legends and keeping the traditions alive.

After obtaining a BA in art from Black Hills State University and having his first solo exhibit at the Sioux Indian Museum in Rapid City, Patton decided to move away to explore other artistic endeavors. When he returned to South Dakota, he dove straight into a more thriving art area and a diverse contemporary Native art scene that was not present when he left.

Patton has been reacquainting himself more-so with the land and his ancestry which is now more prevalent in his current artwork. Patton says his artwork is more mature and more respectful of his people and stories and the land where he is from. Through contemporary storytelling in design with his most recent works, he hopes to create understanding and conversation in explaining the meaning of the piece.

55 YEARS OF SERVICE

Established in 1966 and funded by the State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, the South Dakota Arts Council is a state agency serving South Dakotans and their communities through the arts. The Council is the advisory board to the SDAC staff within the Department of Tourism. Council members are appointed by the Governor.

The South Dakota Arts Council was created to unify and coordinate the development of the arts across the state through public service, arts education programs, access and inclusion, cultural tourism, grants and services, and to act as the steward of the state's federal appropriation from the National Endowment for the Arts.

PURPOSE

Recognizing the importance of creativity in the lives of all South Dakotans, the Council makes quality arts accessible throughout the state by providing encouragement, grants, services and information to artists, arts organizations, schools and the public. The Council strives to ensure access to the arts and educational arts opportunities as part of lifelong learning in South Dakota.

VISION

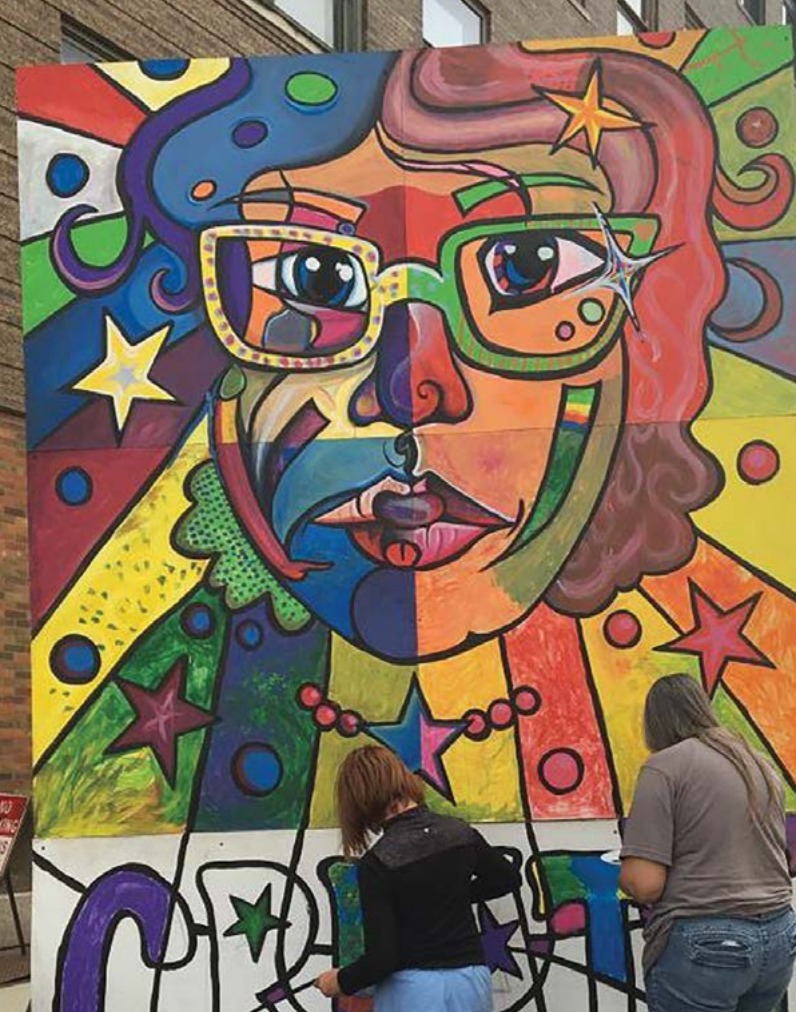
Our vision is to transform South Dakota's communities and people through the arts. We see deeper public awareness broadening appreciation for the fine arts, better arts education reviving school environments, wider access to the arts fostering understanding among cultures, and artists and arts organizations enhancing the quality of life for all South Dakotans.

VALUES

To accomplish its mission and support its vision, the Arts Council is guided by a strategic plan informed by input from constituents throughout the state and grounded in public values.

WE BELIEVE:

- Greater public awareness of the value of the arts fosters sustained public and private support.
- Arts education stimulates creativity, communication, and lifelong learning.
- Universal access to the arts is intrinsic to the well-being of all South Dakotans.
- Artists are central to the creative environment of South Dakota.
- Arts organizations contribute to vibrant, progressive communities.
- The arts play an essential role in cultural tourism.



FY21 FISCAL OVERVIEW

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL *FY 2021 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

	Federal Funds	State Funds	Total
ARTIST GRANTS			
Artist Fellowship		20,000.00	20,000.00
Artists Career Development		20,000.00	20,000.00
Artist Collaboration		6,000.00	6,000.00
Artist Project		4,000.00	4,000.00
Traditional Arts Apprenticeship	6,478.00	1,460.00	7,938.00
ORGANIZATION GRANTS			
Arts Challenge (operational support)	284,067.00	172,933.00	457,000.00
Project	55,153.50	42,292.50	97,446.00
Importation of Musicians	10,000.00		10,000.00
Statewide Services	74,750.00	5,025.00	79,775.00
Arts Opportunity	9,500.00		9,500.00
Professional Development	1,500.00		1,500.00
Excursion		1,144.00	1,144.00
Technical Assistance	500.00		500.00
ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANTS			
Artists in Schools/Communities	38,950.00	84,900.00	123,850.00
Arts Educator	1,146.00	5,154.00	6,300.00
TOURING PROGRAM GRANTS			
Touring Arts	102,000.00	36,000.00	138,000.00
INITIATIVES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS	155,425.50	113,074.50	268,500.00
ART FOR STATE BUILDINGS		20,100.00	20,100.00
PANDEMIC RELIEF (ARPA funds direct from NEA)	701,500	**	701,500
Grants/Initiatives/Special Projects Totals	1,440,970.00	532,083.00	1,973,053.00
SUPPORT SERVICES			
Program Support	61,188.00		61,188.00
Administrative Services	50,000.00	287,016.00	337,016.00
Grand Totals	1,552,158.00	819,099.00	2,371,257.00

* Amounts presented here reflect the South Dakota Arts Council's financial program overview as it was heading into State Fiscal Year 2021. Due to the pandemic, the National Endowment for the Arts extended State Partnership Agreements to allow for accommodations, so SDAC's FY21 is currently ongoing, and FY21 adjusted/actual grant amounts will be reported after being completed and finalized.

**Emergency pandemic-relief funds awarded to SDAC by the S.D. Legislature in spring of 2021 (\$250,000) to support the statewide arts sector were distributed in grant awards in FY22 and will therefore appear in the SDAC FY22 Annual Report to the Legislature next year.

PHOTO, LEFT: 2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANTEE

The Fallout Creative Community in Aberdeen provided collaborative mural projects for creative expression and collaboration during the pandemic. Outline drawings were created by more than 100 people and distributed with painting kits to more than 15 established local artists. The painted pieces were then reassembled and touched up to form large murals as shown in the photo.

PANDEMIC RELIEF FOR SOUTH DAKOTA'S ARTS SECTOR

Like the previous year, State Fiscal Year 2021 presented challenges to South Dakota's arts sector in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic. Many artists struggled to earn a living while arts organizations battled uncertainty regarding whether they should reopen their doors to programming and the public, a decision that sometimes had to be made from week to week depending on data related to spread of the COVID-19 virus. Such decisions were especially difficult prior to vaccines becoming widely available in the spring of 2021, but even after that, outbreaks in various community settings, e.g., schools, health-care facilities, etc., led to frequent cancellation or rescheduling of arts events and related job opportunities for artists.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) contributed to relief for South Dakota's arts sector in April 2020 by granting the South Dakota Arts Council \$422,800 via the CARES Act to offer emergency assistance grants to eligible arts organizations without any catch-matching requirements attached (the vast majority were detailed in last year's annual report). A year later the South Dakota Legislature generously contributed to recovery efforts for the arts sector by awarding the Arts Council \$250,000 to be distributed for pandemic relief; a full report has already been submitted to the Joint Appropriations Committee, but these relief grants will also be detailed in next year's annual report as they were awarded in FY22. Then in June 2021 the NEA made official its commitment to providing another round of pandemic-relief funds for state arts agencies, this time via the American Rescue Plan Act. The South Dakota Arts Council's SFY21 State Partnership Agreement with the NEA (FFY20) was amended to be increased by \$751,500 for additional emergency assistance to the state's arts sector, and the grants awarded from these funds in the fall of 2021, as well as a small number of emergency assistance grants from CARES funds not previously reported, are detailed in the following pages.

FY21 PANDEMIC RELIEF GRANTS LIST

The following pandemic-relief grants were awarded by the South Dakota Arts Council in State Fiscal Year 2021 to support the statewide arts sector.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANTS

Aberdeen.....	Aberdeen Area Arts Council	\$11,500.00
Aberdeen.....	City of Aberdeen (Aberdeen Recreation and Cultural Center).....	\$16,500.00
Aberdeen.....	Fallout Creative Community.....	\$5,500.00
Aberdeen	ACT 2, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Baltic.....	Retreat at Pointer's Ridge.....	\$5,500.00
Belle Fourche	Belle Fourche Area Community Theater.....	\$5,500.00
Brookings	Art Council Brookings	\$6,500.00
Brookings	Brookings Community Theatre.....	\$5,000.00
Brookings	South Dakota State University (Prairie Repertory Theatre, Inc.)	\$15,000.00
Brookings	South Dakota State University (South Dakota Art Museum).....	\$20,000.00
Brookings	South Dakota State Poetry Society	\$5,500.00
Canton	The Carnegie Center for Arts, Culture and Education	\$5,500.00
Centerville.....	Centerville Community Arts Council, Inc.....	\$5,500.00
Eagle Butte.....	Cheyenne River Youth Project.....	\$16,500.00
Eagle Butte.....	The Keya Foundation, Inc.	\$6,500.00
Hill City	Black Hills Film Festival	\$6,500.00
Hill City	Hill City Area Arts Council.....	\$5,000.00
Hot Springs	Chautauqua Craftsmen & Artisans of the Black Hills, Inc.	\$6,500.00
Kyle	Cloud Horse Art Institute	\$6,500.00
Kyle	Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce.....	\$11,500.00
Lead.....	Historic Deadwood Lead Arts Council	\$6,500.00

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANTS, continued

Lead	Historic Homestake Opera House Society.....	\$16,500.00
Madison	Madison Area Arts Council	\$5,500.00
Mitchell	Area Community Theatre in Mitchell, Inc.....	\$11,500.00
Oglala.....	Seven Council Fires Native Art	\$6,500.00
Pierre.....	Pierre Players, Inc.	\$6,500.00
Pierre.....	Short Grass Arts Council.....	\$5,500.00
Pine Ridge	Oceti Wakan (Sacred Fireplace)	\$11,500.00
Pine Ridge	Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.....	\$16,500.00
Rapid City	Allied Arts Fund	\$11,500.00
Rapid City	Backroom Production, Inc.	\$5,500.00
Rapid City	Black Hills Bluegrass Association.....	\$5,500.00
Rapid City	Black Hills Community Theatre, Inc.....	\$16,500.00
Rapid City	Black Hills Playhouse, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Rapid City	Black Hills Symphony Orchestra Society.....	\$11,500.00
Rapid City	Chamber Music Festival (of the Black Hills).....	\$6,500.00
Rapid City	Magpie Creative	\$11,500.00
Rapid City	Native POP: People of the Plains	\$9,000.00
Rapid City	One Spirit.....	\$9,000.00
Rapid City	Performing Arts Center of Rapid City Inc.....	\$16,500.00
Rapid City	Rapid City Fine Arts Council, Inc.....	\$20,000.00
Rapid City	The Cave Collective Foundation.....	\$6,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Friends of Levitt Shell Sioux Falls Inc	\$16,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Harmony South Dakota, Inc.....	\$11,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Move To Heal South Dakota	\$5,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Sioux Falls Arts Council	\$10,000.00
Sioux Falls.....	Sioux Falls Children's Choir.....	\$4,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Sioux Falls Concerts Association	\$4,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Sioux Falls Jazz & Blues Society	\$16,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Sioux Falls Mariachi, Inc.....	\$5,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	South Dakota Symphony Orchestra	\$20,000.00
Sioux Falls.....	Su Fu Du	\$6,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Transept.....	\$5,000.00
Sioux Falls.....	Washington Pavilion Management, Inc.....	\$13,000.00
Sioux Falls	South Dakota Ballet Co.....	\$9,000.00
Sisseton	Sisseton Arts Council.....	\$5,500.00
Sisseton	Nisto Incorporated	\$6,500.00
Spearfish.....	The Matthews Opera House and Arts Center.....	\$16,500.00
Vermillion	National Music Museum.....	\$20,000.00
Vermillion	South Dakota Shakespeare Festival.....	\$9,000.00
Vermillion	Vermillion Area Arts Council.....	\$9,000.00
Vermillion	Vermillion Area Dance Organization	\$9,000.00
Vermillion	Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association.....	\$9,000.00
Wakpala	Patricia Locke Foundation	\$9,000.00
Watertown	Friends of the Goss Opera House, Inc.....	\$16,500.00
Watertown	Town Players.....	\$5,000.00
Watertown	Northern Prairie Arts	\$5,500.00
Webster	Day County Arts Council	\$4,500.00
Worthing	Olde Towne Theatre Inc.....	\$10,000.00
Yankton	Yankton Area Arts.....	\$11,500.00
Yankton	Yankton Children's Choir.....	\$4,500.00

FY21 PANDEMIC RELIEF GRANTS LIST

CARES FUNDING GRANTS

Most pandemic-relief grants made available by the South Dakota Arts Council through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act were awarded in FY20. The following are the remainder that were awarded in early FY21 and therefore not presented in last year's annual report.

Belle Fourche	Belle Fourche Area Community Theater.....	\$3,500.00
Brookings	Brookings Area Arts Council	\$7,225.00
Canton	Carnegie Center for Arts, Culture and Education	\$3,500.00
Hill City	Hill City Area Arts Council	\$7,500.00
Kyle	Cloud Horse Art Institute	\$3,500.00
Oglala.....	Seven Council Fires Native Art	\$3,500.00
Rapid City	Cave Collective Foundation	\$3,500.00
Rapid City	Native POP: People of the Plains	\$3,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Harmony South Dakota.....	\$7,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Sioux Falls Chamber Music Festival.....	\$3,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	South Dakota Ballet Co.....	\$3,500.00
Sioux Falls.....	Harmony South Dakota.....	\$3,500.00
Tabor	Czech Heritage Preservation Society, Inc.....	\$3,500.00
Vermillion	University of South Dakota	\$7,225.00
Vermillion	Vermillion Community Theatre, Inc.	\$3,500.00
Watertown	Town Players.....	\$3,500.00
Yankton	Yankton County Historical Society	\$3,500.00



MADISON AREA ARTS COUNCIL seeks to actively engage, challenge, and create lasting and meaningful dialogue and relationships within a diverse community. They made investments into their Madison, SD venue with ARP funds during the pandemic, updating seating and technology, all to be better prepared to support our artists and audiences when they returned for in-person programming for the benefit of the Madison area community and artists alike.



LEVITT AT THE FALLS builds community through music by providing a gathering place for diverse community, fostering social interactions among people of all ages and backgrounds, and ensuring access to professional performing arts. They feature 50 free concerts each summer in downtown Sioux Falls, SD with acclaimed artists in a wide range of music genres. During the 2021 summer season, they continued this program by taking national touring artists into the community for outreach events including visits to the YMCA, LifeScape, and VOA preschool to provide access to the arts for everyone in the community. These efforts were supported by an ARP grant.

GOVERNOR'S 2021-2022 STUDENT ART COMPETITION

**ARTS EDUCATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA STIMULATES CREATIVITY,
COMMUNICATION, AND LIFELONG LEARNING**



The Governor's Student Art Competition was created in 2020 in recognition of the importance of arts education and its positive impact on student learning. The program – a collaboration between the South Dakota Arts Council and Gov. Kristi Noem – came back strong for a second year in 2021 with more than 200 students from across the state submitting their work for consideration. The competition is announced the second week in September each year during National Arts in Education Week.

Winning artwork is currently on display in an exhibition on the first floor of the Capitol until September. A dozen pieces of art were selected by an esteemed panel of judges for the 2021-2022 program year, including three from each of the following categories: grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. To uplift these young and talented student artists, the South Dakota Arts Council will again offer to purchase these winning pieces for display in state buildings in Pierre.



AUBREE SANDERSON, 1st Grade
Artistic Apples
Burke Elementary, Bonesteel, SD



EVA LINDHOLM, 2nd Grade
Pumpkins at Night
Burke Elementary, Bonesteel, SD



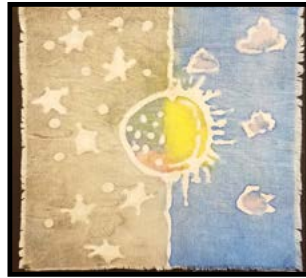
J.T. OLSON, Kindergarten
Comanche and the 7th Calvary,
Whitewood Elementary,
Whitewood, SD



AVA HYRONIMUS, 5th grade
Buzz
Harvey Dunn Elementary,
Beresford, SD



DANAE FEENSTRA, 5th grade
Color Wheel Peacock
Dakota Christian School,
Harrison, SD



ILY PECK, 4th grade
Twilight
Burke Elementary,
Bonesteel, SD



AINE GRAESSER, 8th grade
Electric Lines at Sunset
Chamberlain Middle School
Chamberlain, SD



EASTON SCHWARTZ, 8th grade
Buffalo
Selby Area Schools, Selby, SD



THEO AUTHIER, 8th grade
The Teller of Fortune and Future
Patrick Henry Middle School,
Sioux Falls, SD



JULIANNA DOLL, 9th Grade
Goldfish Tessellation
T.F. Riggs High School,
Pierre, SD



HANNAH HOFER, 12th Grade
Cowgirl
Homeschool, Colton, SD



ELLA RATLIFF, 11th Grade
1/64, Remembering Miss Nanny
Whitehead
Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, SD

FY21 ART FOR STATE BUILDINGS

The Department of Tourism and staff and board members of the South Dakota Arts Council were pleased to see a return of the agency's Art for State Buildings program in State Fiscal Year 2021 after having to shutter it in FY20 due to concerns about state revenue shortfalls during the early stages of the Coronavirus pandemic. Many South Dakota artists submitted proposals in FY20, and they were all invited to again submit their artwork for consideration in a fully funded FY21.

The selection committee for the Art for State Buildings program met April 8, 2021, to determine purchases for the state's public art collection, on display in the Capitol and other state buildings in the Capitol complex in Pierre. The committee reviewed and scored proposals from 31 artists and agreed to purchase 13 new artworks from 12 artists. The \$20,100 budget supported the acquisition, shipping, and installation of those artworks shown here and also on page 3.



Klaire Lockheart, Vermillion; **Suffragist Sue Flag**, ink on fabric on canvas



Randall Royer, Pierre; **Cowboy at Buffalo Roundup**, photo print



Dan Parsons, Aberdeen; **Circle of Life** triptych, acrylic on canvas



Galen LaRoche, Pine Ridge; **Leaving Standing Rock**, photography print



Bonnie Halsey-Dutton, Spearfish; **Spearfish Canyon**, watercolor on paper



Cristen Roghair, Okaton; **Authentic Cowgirl**, photo giclée canvas wrap



Ari Albright, Vermillion; **Country Nights 2, Fancy Camping**, acrylic on canvas



Molina Parker, Hermosa; **Bird Song**, Czech and French glass beads, brain tanned leather, sterling silver chain



Phyllis Packard, Vermillion; **Prairie Illusions, Missouri River Bluffs**, weaving as watercolor



Galen LaRoche, Pine Ridge; **South to Bear Butte**, photography print



Deborah Mitchell, Rapid City; **Moonlight in the Garden**, triptych, monotype chine colle print



Jill Kokesh, Fort Pierre; **Wedding Dress Burial**, photography, gelatin silver print



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