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**MEET ARTIST SHAUN BEYALE (DINÉ)  
DURING “TESTAMENT OF EMPOWERMENT”  
LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION AT IPCC**

**Albuquerque, NM (July 11, 2022)**—The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is proud to host a guest lecture and art demonstration with Shaun Beyale (Diné), whose exhibit, “Testament of Empowerment” is on display until Oct. 10, 2022.

The lecture and demonstration are scheduled for Saturday, June 16 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Artist Circle Gallery inside the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Admission is free for IPCC Insider museum members, or included with admission into the center.

Beyale was born in Shiprock, N.M. on the Navajo Nation. As a child, his strong interest in comic books led him to draw his favorite superheroes in his free time. Eventually, he started to create his own comic book characters, such as an early version of “Ayla, the Monster Slayer,” a Diné superhero warrior who protects her homeland and her people.

He graduated from Farmington High School and after completing a year in the Job Corps, he received his bachelor’s degree in Studio Arts from the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe.

He has worked with Indigenous, independent comic book creators including “Hero Twins” author and artist Keith Jim, and companies such as Red Planet Books & Comics. Recently, he fulfilled one of his childhood dreams, working with mainstream company Marvel Comics.

“I’m inspired by the fact that Shaun is empowering women in his drawings,” said IPCC Head Curator Paula Mirabal. “I chose to have his work exhibited because he comes from a matrilineal society where uplifting women is the norm in his life.”

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“We’re excited to have guests come and listen to him talk about his work and to learn how the whole Navajo warrior princess came to fruition,” she added. “He understands the strength and power of women – from his mom, his grandma, and his aunties. And it shows.”

“This is a great opportunity to meet a world-class artist and purchase a piece of his work.”

**About the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center:**

Founded in 1976 by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a world-class museum and cultural center located in the historic 19 Pueblos District. The Mission of the IPCC Campus is to serve as a gathering place where Pueblo culture is celebrated through creative and cultural experiences while providing economic opportunities to Pueblo and local communities. Visitors can learn fascinating history, shop for Native jewelry and art, watch a cultural dance, hear Native languages and experience the flavors of traditional and contemporary Native cuisine. To learn more, please visit: [www.indianpueblo.org](http://www.indianpueblo.org) and on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @IndianPueblo.

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