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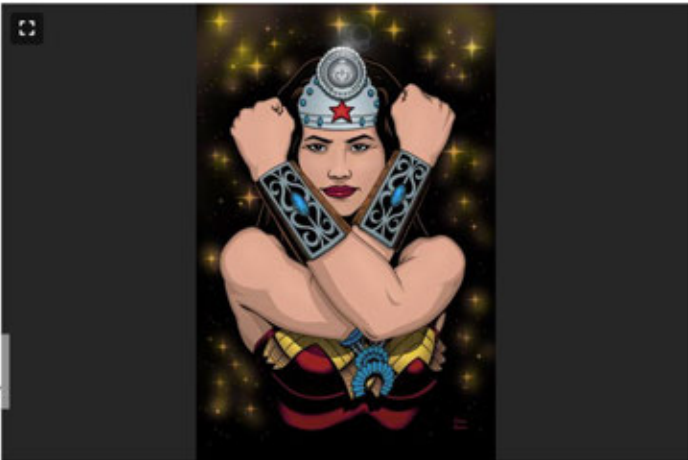
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Shaun Beyale, *Diné' Wonder Woman*

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Superheroes have fascinated Diné artist Shaun Beyale since his youth. It was a love that dovetailed perfectly with a passion for comic books, which eventually became fine art grounded in Indigenous superheroes conceived and designed by this graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts.

Like Indigenous Futurists Virgil Ortiz (Cochiti Pueblo) and Ryan Singer (Navajo), Beyale's work envisions alternate timelines that prominently feature Indigenous culture and values. "Ayla the Monster Slayer was actually kind of a combination of things I like and also my culture," he says of the first piece he created. "I want her to inspire people."

*Testament of Empowerment* runs through Oct. 10 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Museum admission is \$12, with discounts. *Artist Circle Gallery at IPCC, 2401 12th St. NW, Albuquerque, 505-843-7270, [indianpueblo.org](http://indianpueblo.org)*

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