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INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES EXHIBIT HONORING DEAUNNA AUTUMN LEAF SUAZO (TAOS/DINÉ)

Exhibit celebrates her life, which has brought attention to the social issue of domestic violence that is a prevalent issue across Native communities

Albuquerque, NM, March 30, 2022 — The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) is hosting a free opening night reception April 1 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Art Through Struggle Gallery for “Traditional Girl with a Contemporary Pop” by the late DeAnna Autumn Leaf Suazo. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (www.csvanu.org).

This exhibition, curated by Suazo’s parents and well-known artists Gary David Suazo (Taos) and Geraldine Tso (Diné), showcases their daughter’s work that blends traditional Native arts with Japanese animé style, often drawn and painted on ledger paper, sheets of music, or other nontraditional media.

Suazo graduated from the Institute of American Arts in spring 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Arts; she later was admitted to the school’s inaugural Masters in Studio Arts in summer 2021. Her life was cut tragically short when she was found dead at Taos Pueblo in November, 2021 at the age of 29. Her boyfriend was later charged with the crime.
“This exhibit is about the beauty, humor, and laughter, as well as inspiration, this young artist brought to many lives, and shows us her unique view and perspectives,” said IPCC Head Curator Paula Mirabal (Taos). “While hers is only one story of many who became victims of domestic violence, we hope it is an opportunity for all voices to be heard.”

The exhibit will be in the Art Through Struggle Gallery on the IPCC campus through Feb. 18, 2023 and is included with paid admission. Details and tickets at bit.ly/ATSSuazo.

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**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 IPCC is a nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve and perpetuate Pueblo culture, and to advance understanding by presenting with dignity and respect the accomplishments and evolving history of the Pueblo peoples of New Mexico. 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), or Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @IndianPueblo.