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BMoCA at Anythink Fall Artist Showcase returns with artist Chelsea Kaiah

Local artist will collaborate with community on exhibitions and workshops at three Anythink locations

THORNTON, Colo.—Sept. 5, 2023—<u>Anythink</u> and the <u>Boulder Museum of</u> <u>Contemporary Art</u> (BMoCA) have partnered for the third year to make arts and culture more accessible to Adams County residents through the BMoCA at Anythink Fall Artist Showcase. Funded in part by the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District and the Kemper Family Foundations, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee, this year's initiative will feature the captivating work of artist <u>Chelsea Kaiah</u> at Anythink Bennett, Anythink Perl Mack and Anythink Wright Farms.

The month-long artist residency in September through October, accompanied by a series of installations, aims to illuminate the philosophy and skills behind Kaiah's creativity. Audiences are invited to experience the intersection of indigenous tradition, contemporary expression and the transformative power of art. All three libraries will feature site-specific installations, hands-on experiences and community outreach days. The showcase will highlight Kaiah's talent and personal artistic expression, but also act as a bridge between cultures, fostering a deeper understanding of indigenous perspectives. Once the three installations are completed, they will be on display through the end of the year.

"We are tremendously excited for the third iteration of the BMoCA at Anythink Fall Artist Showcase," says Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art Executive Director + Chief Curator, David Dadone. "After many years of partnering with Anythink to bring dynamic arts education programs to Adams County, the continuation of our exhibitions program is so important as part of fulfilling our hope to have contemporary art be a catalyst for creative and educational experiences. We're so grateful to have Anythink as our partner to engage, inspire and delight Adams County residents through contemporary art for years to come." "Earlier this year, Chelsea Kaiah shared her work with Anythinkers during an all-staff training day. We were so captivated by her art and inspired by her representation of indigenous traditions that we wanted an opportunity to share it more widely with the Adams County community," says Anythink Director of Strategic Partnerships Stacie Ledden. "The BMoCA at Anythink Fall Artist Showcase provides the perfect platform to engage the community around the themes of history, resilience, storytelling and indigenous culture, while celebrating Chelsea's art. We're honored to be working with her and our collaborators at BMoCA this fall."

2023 BMoCA at Anythink Fall Artist Showcase Programs

Studio Session with Chelsea Kaiah at Anythink Bennett

Friday, Sept. 22, 10 am-5 pm Anythink Bennett, 495 7th Street, Bennett, CO 80102

Artist Chelsea Kaiah will be in "the studio" constructing the work for her "Ancestor Head" installation and materials for the final exhibition at Anythink Bennett. Drop by for an informal demonstration of her art practice and say hello to Kaiah while she works.

Trade & Barter Station with Chelsea Kaiah

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 am-5 pm Anythink Bennett, 495 7th Street, Bennett, CO 80102

In partnership with the Corridor Creative Arts League, artist Chelsea Kaiah will host a trade and barter station, a culturally important hub for indigenous communities and homesteaders alike. The station features artwork, beads, spices, poems and other goods that the community shares, barters and trades. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own wares to trade.

Studio Session with Chelsea Kaiah at Anythink Wright Farms

Tuesday, Sept. 26 & Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1-6 pm Anythink Wright Farms, 5877 E. 120th Ave., Thornton, CO 80602

Artist Chelsea Kaiah will be in "the studio" constructing the work for her "Ancestor Head" installation and materials for the final exhibition at Anythink Wright Farms. Drop by for an informal demonstration of her art practice and say hello to Kaiah while she works.

Workshop with Chelsea Kaiah at Anythink Wright Farms

Friday, Sept. 29, 1-5 pm Anythink Wright Farms, 5877 E. 120th Ave., Thornton, CO 80602

Join artist Chelsea Kaiah and participate in the creation and construction of the 2023 BMoCA at Anythink Fall Artist Showcase installation at Anythink Wright Farms. Gain insight into her practice as a working artist focused on indigenous tradition and practices. No advanced registration necessary.

<u>Studio Session with Chelsea Kaiah at Anythink Perl Mack</u>

Friday, Oct. 6, 11 am-4 pm Anythink Perl Mack, 7611 Hilltop Circle, Denver, CO 80221

Artist Chelsea Kaiah will be in "the studio" constructing the work for her installation and materials for the final exhibition at Anythink Perl Mack. Drop by for an informal

demonstration of her art practice and say hello to Kaiah while she works.

Workshop with Chelsea Kaiah at Anythink Perl Mack

Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 am-4 pm Anythink Perl Mack, 7611 Hilltop Circle, Denver, CO 80221

Join artist Chelsea Kaiah and participate in the creation and construction of the 2023 BMoCA at Anythink Fall Artist Showcase installation at Anythink Wright Farms. Gain insight into her practice as a working artist focused on indigenous tradition and practices. No advanced registration necessary.

Studio Session with Chelsea Kaiah at Anythink Perl Mack

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 12-5 pm Anythink Perl Mack, 7611 Hilltop Circle, Denver, CO 80221

Artist Chelsea Kaiah will be in "the studio" constructing the work for her installation and materials for the final exhibition at Anythink Perl Mack. Drop by for an informal demonstration of her art practice and say hello to Kaiah while she works.

Opening Reception at Anythink Wright Farms

Thursday, Nov. 2 Anythink Wright Farms, 5877 E. 120th Ave., Thornton, CO 80602

About the artist

Chelsea Kaiah is White River Ute and White Mountain Apache/Irish settler, born on the Northern Ute reservation. She is a passionate activist for Native rights, awareness and sustainability. Her practice involves adapting customary materials and techniques, such as pine needle weaving, porcupine quilling and hide work, to address resilience, mental health, system reformation and means of healing.

Kaiah earned her BFA at Watkins College of Art and Design in Nashville, Tenn. She currently resides in Denver, Colo. In 2022, Kaiah was awarded the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) LIFT grant for early career support and was invited to participate in Redline's Artist-in-Residence program for emerging, contemporary Colorado artists. She also received the Greene Fellowship that supports working artists.

About Anythink®

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Anythink serves the residents of Adams County, Colo., with seven libraries and a bookmobile. With a focus on innovation, Anythink's award-winning approach to library service is recognized by industry leaders and organizations across the globe. For more information, visit <u>anythinklibraries.org</u>.

About BMoCA

Celebrating its 51st anniversary in 2023, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) inspires creativity and fosters community through contemporary art. BMoCA is a non-collecting institution that presents exhibitions and programs that stimulate active participation in the global dialogue about contemporary art.

Since 1972 Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) has grown from an artist-founded arts center into a regional leader in amplifying artists and serving diverse communities. As a non-collecting museum, BMoCA annually serves 170,000+ people through 20+ exhibitions and 600+ programs at its flagship facility in Boulder, CO and

40+ partner locations across the Denver metro area. BMoCA supports artists through exhibitions, programs, commissions, and publications and features 250+ artists each year.

BMoCA is located at 1750 13th Street in downtown Boulder, Colorado. The museum is open 11am–5pm Tuesday–Sunday. <u>BMoCA.org</u> / 303.443.2122.