

Current State, A New Exhibition Featuring Artist Thomas “Breeze” Marcus Opens November 13 at the Arizona Heritage Center

“Current State” will be on view November 13, 2019 through September 26, 2020

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TEMPE, AZ — Join the Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park for the opening reception of *Current State*, a new exhibition featuring local artist, Thomas “Breeze” Marcus. Curated in collaboration with the Arizona Historical Society, *Current State* is a collection of works that explore Breeze’s personal experiences and identity as a part of the Akimel and Tohono O’odham communities. Displayed in conjunction with cultural artifacts and stories, the exhibition showcases how history, cultural heritage, and identity influence contemporary works.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Opening Reception, Free and Open to the Public

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Thomas “Breeze” Marcus, an enrolled member of the Tohono O’odham Nation, was raised in the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and Phoenix, Arizona. With over two decades of experience working in the Valley, Breeze has developed an emblematic style combining influences from graffiti subculture and traditional Tohono O’odham symbolism. His works have been featured nationwide and are easily recognizable in the expanding public arts world from alleyways to museums.

Breeze’s style skillfully blends geometric designs from traditional Southwestern basketry and modern graffiti handstyles to create free-handed linework pieces. Ranging from pen and ink to aerosol, Breeze’s interwoven designs fuse the old and the new to reclaim spaces in the Valley where O’odham history and narratives have been pushed out.

About the Arizona Heritage Center

The Arizona Historical Society’s Arizona Heritage Center is an interactive museum with permanent and changing exhibits. The museum hosts lectures, workshops, community and youth programs,

and other special events throughout the year. The facility is also home to the Arizona Historical Society library and archives, a research destination for students, family historians, and academics.

Hours

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays.

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<https://arizonahistoricalsociety.org/tempe>

Image Attachments: *3rd Eye Dragonfly* and *Suite for the Akimel River*

More images available upon request.

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