

Land Acknowledgment:

As we celebrate artists who live and work in the state of Maine today, we would like to also acknowledge the area called Maine as the traditional and current territory of the Wabanaki Confederacy. The history of indigenous peoples in this region is well over 12,000 years old.

We remember the Pequawket and Sokokis, who lived in this area, and acknowledge the brutal strategies of colonial settlement which took lives and land. We recognize the Tribes who comprise the modern day Wabanki Confederacy: The Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Maliseet, and Micmac peoples. We respect the traditional values of these Tribes and affirm their sovereignty. We support their efforts for land and water protection and restoration, and for cultural healing and recovery. To learn more visit [Wabanaki Reach](#) online, or [Native Land Digital](#).