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Traveling Art Museum on a Train to Visit Albuquerque
A Tri-Centennial Event You Don't Want to Miss!

Do you like ART? TRAINS? Artrain USA, America's Hometown Art Museum is coming to Albuquerque. A great event for the whole family to enjoy, Artrain USA presents *Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture* featuring more than 70 artworks by 54 Native American artists including paintings and ceramics. Kids can go on a Scavenger Hunt and interactive works of art engage visitors in a modern, new and exciting way. Museum goers will be transfixed as artists create right in front of their eyes and visitors can take home souvenirs from the Gift Shop.

Artrain USA will be located at the Alvarado Station, Track 383, 100 1st Street in Albuquerque. **Artrain will be open to the public Saturday, April 1 to Tuesday, April 4, 12:00pm-5:00pm** and is scheduling field trips for schools & groups **Monday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 5, 9:30am-12:30pm. Admission is FREE. Donations are encouraged.**

Artrain USA is offering FREE field trips for any grade schools, teachers, home school groups, etc., and offers a FREE curriculum. If any Albuquerque or surrounding community school group would like a FREE field trip to Artrain USA, call Laurie Kondek at 800-ART-1971 x215 or e-mail Laurie.Kondek@artrainusa.org for more information.

Artrain USA is also seeking local artists to demonstrate their talents and skills on our artists' studio while in Albuquerque. Interested artists should call Nathan Zamarron at (734) 649-7178, e-mail Nathan.Zamarron@artrainusa.org. (Shifts are 4 hours.)

Founded in 1971, Artrain USA is headquartered in Ann Arbor, MI. Artrain USA fulfills its mission to enrich lives and build communities through the arts by bringing art exhibitions and educational programs to communities across America.

Joanna Bigfeather (Western Cherokee and Mescalero Apache) serves as guest curator of the *Native Views* exhibition. Visitors will learn about Native America's powerful contributions to contemporary art and society and will also learn about the complexity of American culture. It is Artrain USA's goal, through *Native Views*, to teach people about this artistic movement and to present an educational opportunity that lets visitors incorporate new ways of thinking into their views of Native art and culture.

Native Views will travel the U.S.A through the end of 2007 and will visit up to 120 communities across the country. Local sponsors for the Artrain USA visit to Albuquerque include the National Indian Gaming Association and BNSF Railway with support from the Albuquerque Convention and Tourism Bureau, the City's Tri-Centennial Committee and La Quinta Inns. The 2006 tour is made possible with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

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