

Media Release

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Glenbow Museum

WHERE THE WORLD MEETS THE WEST

Kainai Students Launch AIDS Exhibit at Glenbow

CALGARY – A group of high school students from Standoff, Alberta explore HIV and AIDS and how it impacts their community in a new art exhibit at Glenbow Museum. Media is invited to the opening of *Situation Rez: Kainai Students Take Action with Art* on **World AIDS Day, Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 1 p.m.**

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, Aboriginal peoples make up a growing percentage of positive HIV reports and reported AIDS cases. While learning about the threat of HIV and AIDS, Kainai High School students began to understand how the choices they make for themselves and for the community can help prevent the spread of the disease. Their art in this exhibit utilizes traditional symbols to create powerful messages promoting prevention, intervention and healthy lifestyles for all people in their community.

Cory Calf Robe, one Kainai student artist writes:

“Wellness is being healthy in spirit and when you are thinking good thoughts it will lead you in good ways. When you have a good spirit, people will see that goodness in you. Wellness is coming together as one – our people and culture becoming one. When you speak to another person with respect that is another sign of wellness. Being true and respecting yourself is a good way of being healthy in your own mind.”

Glenbow is proud to present this exhibit in a unique collaboration between the museum, the Red Cross and Kainai High School .

Glenbow’s Ethnology Curator Beth Carter notes, “While this exhibit is small in scale, it is a powerful way to include contemporary First Nations themes in the Museum and to build links into the Native community.”

WHAT: Media is invited to the opening of *Situation Rez: Kainai Students Take Action with Art*

WHERE: Glenbow Musuem, Native Cultures gallery, 3rd Floor

WHEN: **World AIDS Day, Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 1 p.m.**

INTERVIEWS: Beth Carter, Ethnology Curator, Glenbow Museum
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Red Cross Representatives

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