



Smithsonian  
*National Museum of the American Indian*

## **NATIVE ART MARKET**

**Washington, DC**

**Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, 2024**  
**(Member's Preview: Friday, December 6, 2024)**

**Application Deadline: Sunday, August 25, 2024**

## **SALES VENDOR INFORMATION**

### **About the Native Art Market:**

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) will host the Native Art Market on December 7 and 8, 2024. The market will take place at the NMAI on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

The Native Art Market seeks to offer a diverse selection of Native art from U.S., Canadian, and Central and South American artisans. The market will be publicized to Washington, DC.

Due to disruptive construction limiting visibility and building access at our New York location, the 2024 Native Art Market will only be held at our Washington, DC museum.

### **To Apply:**

Vendor(s) 18 years of age or older must submit an application online only by **Sunday, August 25, 2024**. Only online applications will be accepted. Please refer to Vendor Application for more details and to apply.

### **U.S. Vendors:**

U.S. vendors applying must provide appropriate documentation that the arts and crafts they are selling are Native American, Aboriginal, and/or Indigenous made, and may be marketed and sold as such in accordance with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, (P.L. 101-644), see <https://www.doi.gov/iacb/act>. Selected vendors must submit supporting documentation to the NMAI Art Market chair.

### **Foreign Vendors:**

Foreign vendors invited to participate in the Native Art Market and who are planning to enter the United States with a B1 business visa must prearrange for goods to be sold under a consignment arrangement (by written agreement) with a United States agent or representative who will sell and collect money on behalf of the foreign vendor. Neither the B1 business visa nor any other visa allow for direct sales of goods by non-immigrant foreign visitors while in the United States.

### **Selection Process:**

The vendor selection process is determined by a committee. Vendors will be selected, per venue, based on quality of their work, regional representation, and ability to have a large inventory with a **variety of price-points (please provide both high and low estimates on application)** for the two-day Native Art Market. DIGITAL IMAGES are required. The Native Art Market chair will notify all selected vendors on or before October 4, 2024. All selected vendors will be required to sign a Market Vendor Agreement to participate in the Market. The Smithsonian reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny access to or withhold selection of any vendor if the Smithsonian believes such selection or access would compromise the Smithsonian's integrity.

### **Market Set-up Details (should you be selected):**

The indoor Market will be held in the Potomac Atrium and other public spaces within the NMAI on the National Mall.

The selected vendors will be invited to reserve space at the Market. Each vendor must personally operate his/her space during Market hours.

1. Special NMAI Member Preview: Friday, December 6, 2024, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
2. Market Dates: Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Market space is limited and will be granted to a select number of vendors. Vendors are expected to staff their own tables (assistants are welcome) and be present during Market hours. Vendors must be the creator of the work sold. Artist representatives may be present with the artists during Market hours.

### **Market Fee:**

Upon notification of acceptance into the Native Art Market, each vendor will enter into a standard Market Vendor Agreement with the NMAI and pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$200. This registration fee will be due from selected vendors no later than Friday, November 1, 2024 (no refunds permitted).

### **The Market registration fee includes:**

Right to a presence for two days at the Native Art Market in a space designated by the NMAI.

Use of one 72 in. by 30 in. (approximate size) table with linen tablecloth and table skirt.

Use of two chairs.

Electricity: Limited availability. The vendor must request table placement by an outlet with application. These spaces are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Table signage with the name of the vendor.

Security presence during Market off-hours. Notwithstanding this service, the Smithsonian will not be liable for losses of or damage to property and equipment contained in the sales area as a result of theft, pilferage, vandalism, action of the elements, or any other cause during Market hours, except those delineated in the Smithsonian Risk Management information.

Loading Dock access to the NMAI for delivery of goods. Vendors will be provided specific hours for delivery of art into the NMAI. Each vendor's merchandise will have to be scanned by security upon entrance into the building. This requirement must be strictly adhered to. An inventory list must be supplied to the designated NMAI representative upon delivery of goods to the NMAI.

*Note:* The NMAI is a federal building and security procedures are enforced. Please note that security is conducted much like it is at an airport. Sharp utensils, etc. are not allowed through security. NOTE: If you have any materials, art objects, or tools that fall into this category, it will be necessary to make arrangements for delivery with the Market chair. These arrangements MUST be made in advance.

Parking is the sole responsibility of the vendor. Information (if needed) will be provided with your acceptance letter.

Cell or wireless connections for credit card machines must be supplied by the vendor.

Vendors must remain at the Market for its entirety. Please make travel plans accordingly.

### **Each vendor will provide at their own expense:**

A full inventory list with estimated price point for the three-day duration of the Market.

Necessary display hardware **appropriate for table size**. Table presentations are subject to Native Art Market regulations, and adjustments to your table may be requested by the Market chair. Table lights are the responsibility of each artist.

Necessary hardware for processing customer payments (e.g., security box for cash, credit card machine, etc.).

Shipping and transportation of merchandise to and from the Market venue. The Smithsonian is not responsible for any transportation of artwork.

Maintaining inventory list each day.

Protection against theft during Market hours. Risk Management Insurance covers goods after the Market closes.

All personnel costs for staffing the vendor's Market space, including salaries, benefits, fees, travel, housing, and other costs for supporting such staff.

Merchandise should mainly be handcrafted goods. A **limited number** of books and printed material, CDs, and other music recordings, DVDs or videos is allowed **upon**

**approval of Market chair. This approval must be given in advance and after samples have been provided.**

Sound recordings, books, videos, and DVDs must feature Native American artists and topics.

Merchandise may be traditional or contemporary arts and crafts by Native Americans that clearly make use of materials, skills, themes, or aesthetic patterns associated with the history and culture of Native peoples.

Merchandise **will not** include commercial souvenir items such as t-shirts, bumper stickers, mugs, caps, pens, spoons, etc. If these items are displayed, the Market chair reserves the right to ask for their removal from the table.

Merchandise will not include any Smithsonian-produced items, or items bearing the Smithsonian logo, name, or other marks.

Vendors will be directly responsible for the payment of any applicable taxes.

The Smithsonian Market area and equipment must be left in the same condition as existed at the outset of the Market.

Vendors will not accept money for backfill orders or consignments. Addresses should be exchanged for follow-up arrangements to be made. This requirement is strictly enforced. Violations will exclude vendors from future markets.

Business cards and artists' promotional materials are permitted on the table.

Vendor shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws, policies, and regulations governing the sale of merchandise including, but not limited to, consumer product safety, labeling (specifically in conformance with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act), import (customs), endangered species, agricultural and food products, and intellectual property (trademark, copyright, and rights of privacy and publicity).

In addition to the Market, the Smithsonian Museum Shops will operate during Market hours. If artists are interested in selling in the Smithsonian Museum Shops after the Market closes, contact information will be provided to the artist in the vendor package to be sent after registration.

All other expenses not specifically stated herein.

**Please address all Native Art Market questions to:**

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