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The Autry Museum of the American West Presents: Takes Care of Them

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Dyani White Hawk (Sicangu Lakota), *Takes Care of Them*, 2019 (8/18), a series of four prints. Screenprint and metallic foil. Museum purchase. Autry Museum; 2020.12.1–4

(October 19, 2026—Los Angeles, CA) The Autry Museum of the American West invites you to its newest exhibition, *Takes Care of Them*. The exhibition title is borrowed from Dyani White Hawk's (Sicangu Lakota) 2019 print series of the same name, which considers Lakota women's kinship in four areas: Wówahokun̄kiya (Lead); Wókaǵe (Create); Nakíčiziŋ (Protect); and Wačhántognaka (Nurture). These screenprints illustrate the foundational roles that women have traditionally occupied and continue to play today. Their depth of color, texture, and subtle decorative differences visually reinforce the strength and beauty with which Native women care for their communities. White Hawk uses a Native dentalium dress from the Plains region to convey her message.

"The idea for this suite of four dresses came from the practice of requesting four veterans to stand in each cardinal direction for protection when particular ceremonies are taking place. My mother is a veteran. In thinking through the ways, the women in our lives stand guard,

protect, and nurture our well-being, the idea for this set of four was born.” —Dyani White Hawk

About the Autry Museum of the American West:

The Autry Museum of the American West is dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences, and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West, connecting the past to the present to inspire our shared future. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs—including lectures, film, theatre, festivals, family events, and music—in addition to scholarship, research, and educational outreach. The Autry’s holdings comprise more than 600,000 artworks and cultural objects, including one of the largest and most significant collections of Native American materials in the United States. For more information, please visit <https://theautry.org>.

The Autry Museum of the American West acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles Basin and So. Channel Islands). We recognize that the Autry Museum and its campuses are located on the traditional lands of Gabrielino/Tongva peoples, and we pay our respects to the Honuukvetam (Ancestors), ‘Ahihirom (Elders), and ‘Eyoohiinkem (our relatives/relations), past, present, and emerging.

Autry Museum of the American West, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027-1462

Museum and Store Hours:

Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Closed Mondays

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