TAMÁSTSLIKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE



"THE MAP IS NOT THE TERRITORY"

PARALLEL PATHS -- PALESTINIANS, NATIVE AMERICANS, IRISH

Pendleton, Oregon For immediate release

The new exhibit at <u>Tamástslikt Cultural Institute</u>, "The Map is Not the Territory", takes a look at relationships and commonalities in Palestinian, Native American, and Irish experiences of invasion, occupation, and colonization. Although many peoples worldwide have suffered long and brutal intrusions, Palestinians, Native Americans, and the Irish have intersected for centuries in specific and often unusual ways.

This traveling exhibition of works on paper and film, was curated by Jennifer Heath with contributions from 39 contemporary artists, most of them Palestinian, Native American, and Irish. Through their works, the artists confront history, investigate personal and political dialogue, and reflect the multiple truths in Korzybski's dictum that "the map is not the territory." The more than 60 diverse images in this touring exhibition come together to shape vibrant and penetrating narratives.

"The map is not the territory" was coined by philosopher/scientist Alfred Korzybski, who proposed that humans have access to desires and sets of beliefs

which we confuse with direct knowledge of reality. The territory of the existing inhabitants - reality - is not necessarily synonymous with the maps and boundaries - desire - drawn by colonizers.

The exhibit will be open through August 10, 2016.

For more information, go to www.tamastslikt.org.

About Tamástslikt Cultural Institute

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute is owned and operated by the <u>Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation</u>. A Blue Star museum, Tamástslikt is one of the many museums across the nation that offers free admission to families of active duty servicemen and women year-round.

In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástslikt operates a museum store, café, and offers meeting room rentals. Tamástslikt is open six days a week, 10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Kinship Café is open from 11am to 2pm on the same days the museum is open.

Tamástslikt is located at 47106 Wildhorse Boulevard at the far end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástslikt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the "Mission-LaGrande" sign south off Highway 11 onto Highway 331.

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