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**MNA Announces Winners of the 67th Annual Navajo Festival of Arts & Culture**

(Flagstaff, Ariz.) August 8, 2016 –The Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 67th Annual Navajo Festival of Arts & Culture juried award competition. Twelve artists received ribbons in eight categories at the event, held August 6-7 at MNA.

**Best of Show**  
**Sponsored by Medicine Man Gallery**  
Classic Sarape Poncho - TahNibaa Naataanii

**MNA Spirit Award**  
Blue World - Elizabeth Whitethorne-Benally

**2D Fine Art**  
1st Place: Fingerprint Umbrella - Elizabeth Whitethorne-Benally  
2nd Place: Sunshine on a Cloudy Day - Beverly Blacksheep  
Honorable Mention: Warriors Gaze - Bahe Whitethorne, Jr.  
Honorable Mention: Sacred Rhythms - Peterson Yazzie

**Cultural Arts**  
**Sponsored by First American Art Magazine**  
1st Place: Gourd Yeti - Steven A. Darden  
2nd Place: Hand Beaded Wall Weaving - Kim Lohnes  
Honorable Mention: Traditional Rattle - Steven A. Darden

**Jewelry**  
1st Place: Traditional & Contemporary Comet Design Bolo - Abraham Begay  
2nd Place: Navajo Warrior Pendant/Pin - Vernon Begaye  
Honorable Mention: Contemporary Bracelet - Abraham Begay

**Sculpture**  
Honorable Mention: Yei` (Healing) with Eagle - Roy M. Walters

**Textiles — Weaving**  
1st Place: Classic Sarape Poncho - TahNibaa Naataanii  
2nd Place: Regional Traditional Crystal Weaving with Checkered Background - Mona Laughing  
Honorable Mention: Regional Traditional Crystal Weaving with Vegetable & Natural Dyes - Mona Laughing

**Youth**  
1st Place: Kitty Couple - Rachel Wilson  
2nd Place: Red Kitty - Rachel Wilson

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