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Renowned Artist Terry Gasdia (Hopi/Akimel O'odahm) Trunk Show, Sale and Lecture May 2-3 at Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

April 24, 2015—Join the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian on Saturday and Sunday May 2-3 for a trunk show, sale and lecture by renowned artist Terry Gasdia (Hopi/Akimel O'odahm). Mr. Gasdia is well known for his Hopi katsina dolls which reflect the stories he learned as a child and the cultural heritage that has shaped his work and mission.

On Saturday, May 2nd at 2pm, Mr. Gasdia will share his culture through art and storytelling during his program "Hopi Traditional Arts, Culture & Peoples of the Southwest." The trunk show and sale featuring Mr. Gasdia's work will be on display throughout the weekend.

Terry Gasdia learned traditional culture and values from a young age, growing up on the Hopi and Akimel O'odahm reservations in Arizona. With his art, he celebrates and passes on the traditions of both cultures while raising awareness of Native peoples.

Mr. Gasdia learned to paint and carve from his grandfather, and has established himself as a painter, stone sculptor, wood carver and storyteller. Traditional teachings and knowledge make each of Terry's art pieces unique. His works were created through stories passed down from generations and memories.

While the Trunk Show and sale are free, regular museum admission still applies. The Saturday program is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Teachers can earn CPDU credits. For more information, contact visitor services at visitor.services@mitchellmuseum.org or call (847)475-1030.

The Mitchell Museum is one of only a handful of museums in the country that focuses exclusively on the art, history and culture of American Indian and First Nation peoples throughout the United States and Canada. In 2012, the Mitchell Museum was named "Best Museum of The North Shore: Up and Comer" by *Make it Better* magazine, won the Superior

award by the Illinois Association of Museums and was named a national finalist by the American Association of State and Local History award program.

For more information about the Mitchell Museum of The American Indian, visit www.mitchellmuseum.org or call 847-475-1030. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and children and Free for Mitchell Museum members and Tribal members.

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