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### **All My Relations Arts Recognizes Wakemup Leadership**

Minneapolis, Minnesota —All My Relations Arts Gallery announces the departure of its Director, Rory Wakemup on February 22, 2019. Rory has been a dynamic presence at the Gallery since starting as Director in August 2016. His tenure as Gallery Director has been known for increasing the number of Native youth visiting All My Relations Arts, and for intense community involvement at the intersection of art, organizing and activism.

“I am grateful for the many opportunities for artistic and professional development that being Director of All My Relations Arts created for me,” says Wakemup, “I feel I am leaving on a high note, with much greater awareness of where and how I can best serve my community.”

A highlight of Rory’s time at All My Relations Arts was the gallery show called “Bring Her Home: Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island” that concerned issues of missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW). Wakemup had the original concept for the show, and then worked quickly to involve a team of Native women to bring it to reality. Guest Curator for “Bring Her Home”, Angela Two Stars says, “Working with Rory on this show was important to me personally and professionally. I am so grateful for the opportunity!” Bring Her Home will continue as an annual event. The partnerships formed and the high levels of community involvement in its related programming are hallmarks of Rory’s time at All My Relations.

Other highlights of Rory’s time at All My Relations were his involvement in the community response to Walker Art Center’s installation “Scaffold”, the founding of the annual Indigenous Peoples Day Art Festival on the American Indian Cultural Corridor in South Minneapolis, working with the Indian Education Programs of Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools to get more Native youth involved in arts activities, and in 2017 All My Relations Art Gallery being named one of City Pages’ Best of the Twin Cities in 2017.

The Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI), owner and operator of All My Relation Arts, will be hiring the next Director in the coming weeks.

For more information on the Director position please go to [www.nacdi.org](http://www.nacdi.org).

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