

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Art Explores Cultural Conflicts

In the hazy borderland between the native and modern worlds, conflict exists/

Artist and urban Shoshone Indian Rochelle Kulei explores this tension through her art, which will be on display at Mt. Hood Community College.

"Native Symbols" is influenced by Kulei's ancestors' stories and reflects the important of living in the past, present and future, intertwined with "the sacred wheel."

"I want viewers of all people of different cultures who have suffered as a result of the dominant culture



to see that paying attention to their inner self will bring them the most joy," she says.

Kulei's art will be displayed in the Fireplace Gallery Tuesday, Nov. 3 to Friday, Nov. 27. The Fireplace Gallery is located in the College Center Lounge on the Gresham Campus and is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rihanna Wraps 'Rated R'



Rihanna's new single "Russian Roulette" comes ahead of her new album "Rated R."

(AP)—Rihanna is exposing her fans to more than her music with her new single, "Russian Roulette."

The singer is featured nearly topless on artwork for the song, covered only by what looks to be barbed wire.

The photo fits the apparent theme for her new album, "Rated R," which is due out Nov. 23. It will be her first CD since 2007's "Good Girl Gone Bad," which went multiplatinum. It will also be her first solo single since she was attacked by ex-boyfriend Chris Brown.

"Russian Roulette" was released Tuesday on Rihanna's Web site.

Umoja Center Bounces Back

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determination, and unity- or "umoja" in Swahili.

The House of Umoja was widely praised. Donations poured in, and its waiting list groaned with people wanting to leave gang life.

But a few years after opening its doors, the House of Umoja had some hiccups that knocked it off course.

In 1997 the county government, which provided much of its budget, released a scathing report that asserted that the House of Umoja was failing to meet its own goals, with about a third of the youth it served returning to gang life.

The changing realities of street life also prompted it to pivot its mission. The number of delinquent youth in Multnomah County dropped off in the late 1990s, spurring the House of Umoja to close its residential rehabilitation program for gangsters, and shifted its focus to job training and outreach.

This was a point of contention for people who had been involved with Umoja early on.

Lorenzo Poe, a founding member of Umoja, said that he was dismayed when the residential program was removed, and hopes it will return.

"I think that part of the problem in the past has been not having a good administrative structure," added Poe, who said that Lifeworks NW's merger with Umoja is a positive step.

In the early 2000s, Umoja started and restarted programs. It lost funding sources, including a grant from the Portland Children's Levy, causing it to shuffle staff and close its doors temporarily to take stock of its situation.

As revenue steadily dropped off, the administrative functions of Umoja were taken over by Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare.

But when Cascadia nearly collapsed last year, Umoja approached Lifeworks NW with the proposal to merge. Mary Monnat, the CEO of Lifeworks NW, said that because her non-profit runs so many similar programs it was a natural fit, and took over management of its gang outreach program this summer in addition to general administrative duties.

She explained that much will stay the same. The staff will remain, as will its programs. It also appointed Michele Harper, who was on the Umoja board, to its

more of a drop in center, where people can use computers, find out about area support services, and network.

The Umoja Center held its "Kuji" celebration earlier this month where past employees and community members gathered at the facility. A poster that once covered up the windows facing Alberta Street was taken down to make the building more welcoming, and local youth gather there after school snacking on fruit, granola, cookies and playing air hockey.

However, Umoja still strives to instill a strong cultural identity in young African Americans, and maintains a gang outreach program.

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own. "The only part we're doing differently is adding more services," she said.

Now rechristened as the "Umoja Center," Monnat explained that the name was chosen to signify that there are some changes. It's added an addictions treatment service, a program to link youth with jobs opportunities, and offers "Third Thursday," which connects locals to needed services.

"The House of Umoja is alive and well," said Ebony Clarke, an addictions service director with Lifeworks NW.

Clarke said that Umoja is now

we're here to expand," said Clarke.

It still maintains its gang outreach program that focuses on youth who haven't entered the legal system, and seeks to connect them with a supportive adult figure. Gentrification has caused Umoja to expand its focus to east Portland and east Multnomah County, said Clarke.

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