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WHAT The Santa Fe Art Institute's Visiting Artist Lecture and Workshop Series, "Comfortzone" presents visual artist

Edgar Heap of Birds

WHEN Lecture: Monday, November 5
Workshop: Tuesday November 6 - Friday November 9

WHERE Lecture: Tipton Hall
Workshop: Santa Fe Art Institute, 1600 St. Michaels Dr. 424-5050

HOURS Lecture: 6 pm
Workshop: 10 am - 4 pm

HOW MUCH Lecture: \$5 General Public, \$2.50 Students and Seniors
Workshop: \$400, Scholarships are Available

Artist, activist and scholar Edgar Heap of Birds has redefined Native American consciousness by challenging ideas through public art messages, large scale drawings, acrylic paintings, prints and monumental porcelain enamel on steel outdoor sculpture. "Native Americans quickly learned that language was a weapon to be used against them. However, in Heap of Birds' work, the blade has turned around. He cuts, dismembers, or reverses the English language." (Art in America Magazine). Hock E Aye VI Edgar Heap of Birds is an extremely important Native American visual artist working to reveal the deeply entrenched racism of his white audiences – and the injustice of their forebears.

Under the theme "Comfort Zone" SFai brings to Santa Fe an outstanding group of artists and writers whose practice focuses on the role of the arts in activism: social, cultural, and environmental. For more information please visit SFai's website at www.sfai.org or call 505 424-5050. This series is partially funded by the City of Santa Fe Arts Commission and the 1% Lodgers' Tax. It is made possible in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

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