

**PRESTON SINGLETARY**

THE AIR WORLD

April 5- 28, 2018

First Thursday Opening, April 5, 5-8PM



Preston Singletary, Standing Cormorant, 2018, Black and teal cormorant with lapis stone eye, 21.75"h x 11"w x 10"d

Traver Gallery is proud to announce The Air World by Preston Singletary.

This show is an exploration of the natural element, air. The second in a series of exhibitions exploring our physical and spiritual relationship to our environment, this show focuses on the mythologies of the domain of the birds and our precious gift of air, one of the important elements of life that seemingly we take for granted. Through ceremony Native people are taught that air is a gift and a medicine. When going through the sweat-lodge experience we get fresh air at a crucial moment after the prayers and songs are sung. We take the oxygen as a relief and drink water as medicine. Always in a humble way.

Back when the world was in darkness Raven took the daylight from the old man at the head of the Nass river who was hoarding it in his clan house. Once Raven broke daylight on the world, the people were startled. Some of them ran into the forest and became the animals of that domain, some jumped into the water and became the sea life and some jumped into the sky and became the birds. This is why there is a natural affinity for the animals from the different realms.

Now recognized internationally, Singletary's artworks are included in museum collections such as The British Museum (London, UK), The Museum of Fine Arts (Boston, MA), The Seattle Art Museum (Seattle WA), the Corning Museum of Glass (Corning, NY), the Mint Museum of Art and Design (Charlotte, NC), the Heard Museum (Phoenix, AZ), and the Smithsonian Institution (Washington, DC). Singletary maintains an active schedule by teaching and lecturing internationally. In 2009, the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, WA, launched a major mid-career survey of his work, entitled Preston Singletary: Echoes, Fire, and Shadows. This exhibition featured Clan House, his largest commission to date, and traveled to venues across North America.

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