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Here, Now and Always Voices of the First Peoples of the Southwest

Second Edition, Revised & Expanded

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"In these pages are the words of Native peoples of the Southwest remembering the thoughts and perceptions of our ancestors in which the beauty of life and place is acknowledged. They talk about the emergence from the womb of the Earth Mother, moving from darkness into the light of the Father Sun. They talk about traveling and searching for the center place alongside lightning, sacred clouds, rainbows, and water spiders. They remember that the center place is where prayers and songs of the mountains, the rain, the deer, and the clouds are given to the breath of the cosmos. They also remember that transformation is in our very next step, much as clouds transform before our eyes." --Rina Swentzell, from the Foreword

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 8, 2023 (Santa Fe, NM)—Here, Now and Always: Voices of the **First Peoples of the Southwest** is a reiteration of a book first published twenty years ago as companion to a groundbreaking permanent exhibition at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture in Santa Fe. When the first *Here, Now and Always* exhibition opened in 1997, it was considered revolutionary. Led by a primarily Indigenous curatorial team, it centered the voices, perspectives, and narratives on the Indigenous people it represented while concurrently foregrounding meaningful and long-lasting partnerships with Native communities. This expanded, updated catalogue highlights works from the museum's vast and stellar collections of Indigenous art merging with Native narratives discussing themes of origin, place and self-determination. Contributors to the book and the newly renovated permanent exhibition include scholars and curators, artists and community leaders speaking on topics ranging from life cycle, cultural heritage, community, language, arts and song. Selections from the permanent exhibition include historic and contemporary pottery, basketry, textiles, and ancestral items.

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