



## Upcoming Exhibition: Coyote Now by RYAN! Feddersen, a floor-to-ceiling coloring book

*Opens First Friday, August 3rd*

**WHAT:** *Coyote Now; RYAN! Feddersen exhibition*

**WHEN:** August 3rd, 2018 - October 21st, 2018

**WHERE:** [Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History](#), 705 Front St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**KEY POINTS:** Contemporary indigenous storytelling, community participation, floor-to-ceiling coloring book

A trickster. A hero. A buffoon. A creator of stars and lakes. Coyote has played all of these roles throughout North American indigenous folklore. What is he up to in 2018?

This floor-to-ceiling interactive art installation by Washington-based indigenous artist [RYAN! Feddersen](#) follows the modern day adventures of Coyote. Feddersen invites visitors to color in the drawings using handmade crayons shaped to look like coyote bones.

Feddersen is known for her playful, humorous style that honors an indigenous perspective. Visitors will also find the trickster Coyote playing a part in modern-day dramas, like the fixed 1919 World Series.

Straddling the future and tradition, even the coloring implements are a part of the story. In the same Okanagan Tribal tales, Coyote can be brought back to life if any scrap of him (i.e. bones, fur, or body) remains after his death. Feddersen created the Coyote bones – handmade crayons– so that the drawings would symbolically become the fragments of Coyote’s remains needed to bring him back to life.

### **MORE ABOUT THE ARTIST**

[RYAN! Feddersen](#) *Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Okanogan / Arrow Lakes)*, is a mixed media installation artist living in Tacoma, WA. Feddersen’s work highlights

indigenous methodologies and cultural identity, while giving the viewer a voice through hands on activities. Her approach emphasizes humor, play, creative engagement, and the power of community. Feddersen has created large-scale interactive installations and site-specific pieces throughout the region, working with Seattle Office of Arts and Culture, Tacoma Art Museum, MoPOP (EMP), The Henry Gallery, Museum of Northwest Art, Spokane Arts, Spaceworks, and the Missoula Art Museum. Recently, Feddersen was named a 2018 National Fellow in Visual Arts with the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation.

## **EXHIBITION RELATED PROGRAMS**

Artist Talk: RYAN! Feddersen | August 4th - Invite Only, Contact Ashley for details

Coyote Trickster Medicine Workshop with Kanyon Sayers-Roods | September 13, 6pm

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