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### **Seattle-based artist Ryan! Feddersen's *Resistance* coming to Missoula Art Museum**

Exhibition dates: December 16, 2016 - April 22, 2017

First Friday: March 3, 5-8PM, with a 7PM gallery talk

Saturday+: March 4, 11AM, Workshop 1PM

Saturday Art Workshop: March 4, 1PM-4PM, Flagged Burden Baskets with RYAN! Feddersen

**Missoula, MT / November 23, 2016 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM)** – This December, Missoula Art Museum will welcome the interactive artwork of Seattle-based artist RYAN! Feddersen (Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation). Renowned author, artist and critic Gail Tremblay recently interviewed Feddersen for a publication which will accompany MAM's forthcoming exhibition. In her essay, Tremblay writes:

“Feddersen is a gifted conceptual artist who creates thought provoking interactive works of art. She is showing four of her multilayered art installations as part of her exhibit, *Resistance*, at the Missoula Art Museum this winter. An enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, she is a descendant of the Okanagon and Arrow Lakes peoples, two of the twelve Indigenous nations from the Basin-Plateau region of Northeastern Washington that were located within the Colville Reservation boundaries. She grew up in Wenatchee, WA south of the reservation in a family where she learned about the stories, rich history, and traditions that are part of her cultural heritage. Her work is influenced by her desire to celebrate what it means to be part of a contemporary American culture that has ancient stories and complex ties to the natural world.

Feddersen has created a unique art practice that often involves getting people who visit her exhibits to actively participate in the process of creating the art works she makes while they reflect on what that work means. After earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the Cornish College of the Art in Seattle where she graduated Magna Cum Laude, Feddersen began to exhibit works at museums, art festivals, and galleries in Washington, California and Montana. Her art practice is steadily gaining greater attention each time she shows her work. She encourages viewers to think deeply about issues of culture and the way it defines our sense of both history and modernity in 21st Century America. Her work is rich in both humor and grace.”

Feddersen's exhibition is generously supported by the Warhol Foundation.

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