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**CHRIS PAPPAN'S *GHOST IMAGES* REDEFINE PORTRAITURE AT MAM**

**April 28–August 26, 2017**// Lynda M. Frost Contemporary American Indian Art Gallery

First Friday with Chris Pappan: August 4, 5–8 PM, Gallery Talk at 7 PM

**Missoula, MT / April 21, 2017 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM)** – Missoula Art Museum is honored to present the new works of Chicago-based artist Chris Pappan with the exhibition, *Ghost Images*. Pappan grew up in Flagstaff, Arizona, and studied first at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), then the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He describes his background as Kaw/Osage/Cheyenne River Sioux/and mixed European.

When he was working as an art handler at a Chicago gallery, Pappan came across an unused accounting book that he adopted as a way to contemporize and reimagine historical ledger drawings. Pappan, a self-described “Lowbrow” native artist, is recognized for his contemporary approaches to traditional ledger art and 19th century European portraiture, citing influences of underground comix, punk, and the hot rod cultures of Los Angeles.

While based in photorealistic portraiture, Pappan uses distortions and mirroring to refer to complex meanings or convey specific messages about other ways of seeing the world. Pappan’s exhibition is the second in a series focused on new work by contemporary American Indian artists and generously supported by the Andy Warhol Foundation.

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