

SAQA Exploring Contemporary Art Special Interest Group

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 1:00 pm ET

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84935542737>

Featured Artist: Preston Singletary

Preston Singletary (born 1963) is a contemporary Tlingit artist from San Francisco, best known for his blown and sand-carved glass sculptures that explore themes of Tlingit mythology, transformation, cultural identity, animal spirits, and the relationship between Indigenous heritage and contemporary art.

Artist selection and resources compiled by SAQA member Mary Kiteley.

Please Review Before the Meeting

To support a rich and engaging discussion, spend some time exploring the resources below. It should take about an hour to review these links.

- **Singletary website**
<https://www.prestonsingletary.com/work>
Click on the images for slides from solo shows, selected works and collaborations
- **Article from the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian**
<https://www.americanindianmagazine.org/story/transformations>
Summary of his artistic path, explanation and photography of the exhibition “Raven and the Box of Daylight”
- **Article from American Indian Magazine**
<https://pattern.beehiiv.com/p/digital-cover-story-sculpting-a-career>
Q&A with lots of discussion about the business of art and his career path
- **Craft in America video (11:57)**
<https://youtu.be/idmOOh2VbpQ?si=brFQKGHgGflVITew>
Studio process of developing Raven and the Box of Daylight
- **Microsoft Art Collection (4:14)**
<https://youtu.be/3M51ITKkb1o?si=XAanBQVRxxBUAuBT>
Collaboration between Preston Singletary and David Franklin
- **Arte Realizzata Interview**
<https://www.arterealizzata.com/interviews/a-prodigious-conversation-with-preston-singletary>
Singletary’s process and development as a glass artist

Optional

- **Pacific Northwest Ballet article**
<https://www.pnb.org/blog/indigenous-design-in-the-sleeping-beauty/>
Singletary’s collaboration with and design for performance of The Sleeping Beauty
- **Museum of Glass article**
<https://www.museumofglass.org/as-the-pipe-turns/2025/2/24/tbd>
Images and description from The Sleeping Beauty
- **Gallery of individual works**
<https://stoningtongallery.com/artist/preston-singletary/>