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Santa Fe, New Mexico: Opening June 22nd 2018, an exhibition of over 70 historic and notable Navajo textiles.

Opening on June 22nd at The Owings Gallery on Palace, *Where the Warp Meets the Weft*, will feature seventy-six textiles collected by the late Henry Christensen III. Over nearly forty years, while balancing a renowned legal career and spending time between his homes in New York and Santa Fe, Christensen passionately acquired Navajo textiles. With no great focus on a particular period or style, Christensen amassed a collection of textiles, which offers a visual encyclopedia of the finest in Navajo weaving.

There are considered to be six main categories in Navajo weaving, dating back to 1700 and continuing through the present, this exhibition focuses on the four most recent categories. Beginning with the Transition Period in 1868 and continuing through the Regional Style Period. The weavings in this exhibition, and the span of time they represent, demonstrates the evolving versatility of the Navajo weavers—and their enduring talent and creativity.

Christensen had a particular fondness for pictorial weavings. This exhibition features several pictorial weavings, which have been illustrated in various books on Navajo weavings. Two sand painting textiles, one by Elmira Kinsel from 1937 and another of “Mother Earth, Father Sky” are highlights of the exhibition.

Also included in the exhibition is a unique “Raised Line” weaving, a contemporary piece by Marlene Nez which is displayed along with several other award-winning contemporary pieces.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a catalogue which will be available from the gallery and which can also be viewed here: <https://publications.owingsgallery.com/?pid=Mjc27386>. The exhibition will open June 22nd, 2018 and will be on display through August 10th, 2018. An opening reception will be held at the gallery from 5 to 7pm on June 22nd, 2018. For further information, including forthcoming images, please contact Laura Widmar at The Owings Gallery, (505) 982-6244, lwidmar@owingsgallery.com

The Owings Gallery was founded in Santa Fe, New Mexico by Nathaniel Owings as a gallery for 19th and 20th century American Art. Over the past thirty years the gallery has exhibited thousands of accomplished works by many of America’s finest painters. The gallery holds approximately a dozen special exhibitions a year, which have explored a variety of historical and contemporary themes. As an active member of the thriving arts community in Santa Fe, The Owings Gallery also represents a small and very select group of contemporary artists.