

# LONGWOOD CENTER *for the* VISUAL ARTS

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The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts (LCVA) invites the community to an opening reception on Thursday, October 7 from 5:30 to 8 pm for its newest exhibition, *People of the Tides: The Art of Michaela Goade*. Goade was recently awarded the Caldecott Medal for her illustrations in *We Are Water Protectors*, and is the first Native American to win the prestigious award.

Spanning decades of artistic development, *People of the Tides: The Art of Michaela Goade* is a testament to the artist's commitment to her heritage, craft, and deep connections to place and the natural world. Her art work preserves stories and traditions of the contemporary Indigenous nations as well as highlights the themes and lessons learned from the land, in particular Southeast Alaska, her ancestral Tlingit home.

Goade's lush, colorful artwork conveys the beauty of the landscape that surrounds her in Alaska, and is also an urgent reminder of the need to protect and conserve our natural world. This exhibition contains over eighty images of Goade's artwork from her childhood through the present day.

LCVA Executive Director, Rachel Talent Ivers, commented that "The inclusion of childhood work by the artist is one of the things I love most about our children's literature illustration exhibitions, especially when those works foreshadow themes found in their mature work. Never has this been more evident than in Michaela's childhood art, which focuses on the vitality and importance of the natural world, just as her present day work does."

This exhibition is on view from October 8, 2021—January 24, 2022, and both the reception and the exhibition are free and open to the public. This exhibition is made possible in part through the generous sponsorship of Wilma Register Sharp '66 and Marc B. Sharp.

### **About LCVA:**

The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts presents a rotating program of inspiring and

conversation-starting exhibitions. Admission to LCVA and its programs is—and always has been—free for all. It is located at the intersection of Main and Third Streets (129 North Main Street) in Farmville, Virginia. For additional information on these exhibitions or other programs and events, contact LCVA at 434.395.2206 or visit LCVA’s website at <https://lcva.longwood.edu/>.

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*Home*, Michaela Goade, digital pigment print of watercolor printed 2021, 20 by 16 inches, courtesy of the Artist.