

Karpeles Museum & Manuscript Library

Lakota Spirits

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DERIVED FROM THE INSPIRATION OF **LAKOTA SPIRITS**, and the meditation processes of Native Americans, Rob Jacobs' exhibit at Karpeles Museum and Manuscript Library is the only series of it's kind. On display through March 31st, with a reception on February 8th.

"Art was always something I could relate to. It resonated with me in a way nothing else ever had," explained Jacobs. The idea to make these particular paintings and sculptures came from a book by Paul Steinmetz, Ph.D called *Meditation with Native Americans-Lakota Spiritually*. "I felt a strong desire to create my own interpretation of the book, and to share it with others."



Rob Jacobs

The 21 pieces of work range from paintings to sculptures. Several paintings have 3D elements, adding a surprising tactile

quality. Jacobs appreciation for the natural world and the environment comes through in his work. The series took Jacobs three and a half years to complete, using techniques learned from Larry Vigon, who designed album covers for recording artists including: Eric Clapton, Fleetwood Mac, Chicago, Counting Crows, Carole King, Frank Sinatra, and many others.

Born in Brooklyn, Jacobs was surrounded by music and art. His father was a commercial artist who created headlines for billboards. Jacobs was inspired by artists in the 40s, 50s,

*Unktomni the Spider* by Rob Jacobs

and 60s, such as Jackson Polluck, and pop art by Andy Warhol. A personal mentor to him was photographer Jayme Odgers, whom Jacobs met through his career in commercial art. He and his family moved to Los Angeles 1945 on Armistice Day of WWII. Majoring in music, Jacobs attended LA City College, UCLA, and the Arts Center from 1958 to 1960.

Since 1990 Jacobs has produced six series of art, including: *The Warriors*, *The West*, *The Western Haiku*, *The Starbucks Haikus*, and *Angels of Protection*. He has participated in many shows in the Los Angeles area, including at the LA County Museum of Art. His work has been utilized in television including the shows *Boston Public*, *Family Law*, *Arrested Development*, *Huff*, and others. His art was the work of the character played by Toni Colette in the HBO movie, *Dinner with Friends*.

The Museum is located at 21 W Anapamu, and is open daily from 10-4pm. For information call 962-5332, or visit www.robjacobsart.com.