

Garrison Art Center

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JEREMY DENNIS | Rise: Scenes of Resistance

May 17 - June 22, 2025



Refuge At The Mall, 2019, 21" x 29"

FEBRUARY 20, 2025, GARRISON, NY — Garrison Art Center (GAC) is honored to present 'Rise: Scenes of Resistance,' a solo exhibition of photographs by Visiting Artist Jeremy Dennis, on view from May 17 through June 22, 2025. This marks Dennis's first solo exhibition at GAC, showcasing work from his project, 'Rise' which reflects on his experiences and observations as a Shinnecock Indian Nation tribal member in Southampton, New York.

In his work, Dennis explores Indigenous identity, specifically the burden of the loss of culture through assimilation, omission of Indigenous history in school curriculum, and loss of land and economic disadvantage, through four projects or stories: 'Rise,' 'Nothing Happened Here,' 'On This Site,' and 'Sacredness of Hills.' These four projects are intertwined thematically and are in various states of research, planning, and staging. Each delves into the complexities of living on ancestral lands while grappling with untold histories, offering a profound perspective on the enduring impact of assimilation and displacement within the Shinnecock Reservation.

"It is not only an honor to be showcased and shared with the wider community, but it is also an opportunity to share Indigenous stories and present-day experiences as a form of education," says Dennis.

The exhibition opens with an opening reception on Saturday, May 17, from 5 - 7 pm.

'Rise' reflects upon the ongoing subtle fear of Indigenous people in the United States. Fear, in this instance, may come from acknowledging the presence, not of an extinct people, but of sovereign nations who have witnessed and endured the process of colonization for hundreds of years and remain oppressed.

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EVENTS AND PROGRAMS: All exhibition-related events and programs are free and open to the public.

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 17, 5 - 7 pm

Artist Talk: Saturday, May 17, 3 - 4 pm. In this discussion about “Reclaiming Narrative,” Dennis will share his artistic journey, inspirations, and the concepts behind each series. The talk will be open to the public and encourage dialogue between the artist and the audience. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the motivations and intentions behind the artworks, fostering a greater appreciation for Indigenous art and culture.

Public Workshops: The public can join Jeremy Dennis on an exploration of the themes of Indigenous identity, history, and the layers of meaning within his artwork. Participants are invited to join Jeremy on a walk with their choice of camera, trying to see the landscape through the eyes of Indigenous peoples. The participants will have an opportunity at the end to share one image and why they created it.

Family Workshop: Sunday, May 18, 12 - 1:30 pm

Adult Workshop: Sunday, May 18, 3 - 5 pm

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To learn more about Jeremy Dennis, visit Jeremynative.com. For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at Garrison Art Center, please visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845.424.3960. Join the conversation via Instagram [@GarrisonArtCenter](https://www.instagram.com/GarrisonArtCenter).

ABOUT GARRISON ART CENTER: Garrison Art Center (GAC), located in Garrison, NY, is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. GAC is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families, and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic, and economic backgrounds.



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