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Osage Nation Museum hosts book signing and reading of *The Night Life* by Osage Poet Elise Paschen

Pawhuska, Okla. (6/29/2017) – The **Osage Nation Museum (ONM)** and the WahZhaZhi Cultural Center will be hosting a book signing and reading of *The Night Life* on Thursday, July 6th, 2017 from 5 pm to 7 pm at the ONM in Pawhuska. The book is a collection of poetry by Elise Paschen (Osage). Russ Tall Chief (Osage) is the invited guest speaker. Tall Chief is the Director of Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Multicultural Programs at Oklahoma City University.

"I am so honored and thrilled to be reading poems from my new book *The Nightlife* at the Osage Nation Museum," said Paschen who is also the daughter of world renowned Prima Ballerina Maria TallChief (Osage).

Joy Harjo, winner of the Academy of American Poets' Wallace Stevens Award stated in her review of *The Night Life*, "this collection, which is graced by the moon and stars, is Paschen's best. As she says in a haiku: 'I entered the room / of this life to discover / time had come to move.' And we are here, being moved."

About the author, Elise Paschen

Paschen is also the author of *Bestiary; Infidelities*, winner of the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize; and *Houses: Coasts*. Her poems have been published in The New Yorker and Poetry Magazine, among other magazines, and in numerous anthologies such as *Reinventing the Enemy's Language: Contemporary Native Women's Writings*. Paschen is co-editor of *Poetry Speaks* and *Poetry in Motion*, among other anthologies, and editor of The New York Times best-selling anthology *Poetry Speaks to Children and Poetry Speaks Who I Am*. Former Executive Director of the Poetry Society of America, she is the co-founder of *Poetry in Motion*, a nation-wide program which places poetry posters in subways and buses. Dr. Paschen teaches in the MFA Writing Program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

The guest speaker, Russ Tall Chief

As a writer and educator, Tall Chief served as the Art Galleries Editor for Native Peoples Magazine from 2000 – 2015 and taught various writing courses at Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma State University, Rose State College, and Oklahoma City Community College. He is the author of Jacobson and the Kiowa Five, a full-length play published as part of the Oklahoma City Theatre Company's four-year celebration of the New Native American Play Festival. Tall Chief is a Taildancer and former Drumkeeper for the Greyhorse District of the I'lon Shka Osage ceremonial dances.

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About the Osage Nation Museum

The premiere destination to experience Osage history, art, and culture

Visit the Osage Nation Museum (ONM) in historic Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Our continuously changing exhibits convey the story of the Osage people throughout history and celebrate Osage culture today. Highlights include an extensive photograph collection, historical artifacts, and traditional and contemporary art. Founded in 1938, the ONM is the oldest tribally owned museum in the United States.

Admission and parking is free.

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