Art is a means of survival. For thousands of Japanese Americans trapped in concentration camps like Heart Mountain, making art became a way to keep hands and minds busy. It gave form to emotions for which there were no words. Art was everywhere inside Heart Mountain, from the contemplative compositions of Issei poets to the boisterous and joyful noise of the young people’s swing bands. When incarceree painted, performed, sang, danced, or composed, they were—if only for a moment—free again.

Estelle Ishigo, like many others, knew that art was the most direct route to fostering understanding. It’s why she devoted so much time to documenting life in this camp with her paintings and drawings. She knew they would convey the realities of life at Heart Mountain better than mere words ever could. She also encouraged others to create, to use their art to make sure this story was never forgotten. For this year’s Pilgrimage, we look to art, as well—to help us better understand those who came before, and to help us better understand each other.
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| 8:00am–7:00pm | Registration & Silent Auction (Taggart Room, Holiday Inn, Cody)  
- Heart Mountain staff will be available to consult about artifact & archive donations |
| 9:00am–12:00pm | Opening Ceremony & Short Films Premiere & Presentation (Wynona Thompson Auditorium, Cody)  
- **Buses leave** Holiday Inn at 8:30am  
- (Auditorium address: 1500 Heart Mountain St, Cody, WY 82414)  
- Opening remarks: Shirley Ann Higuchi & Douglas Nelson  
- Excerpt from *An American Story: Norman Mineta and His Legacy*; Remarks by Norman Mineta & filmmakers Dianne Fukami & Debra Nakatomi  
- Screening of Digital Storytelling Workshop short films  
- Screening of short film by Jeff MacIntyre & David Ono featuring Shig Yabu  
- Presentation of LaDonna Zall Compassionate Witness Award |
| 12:00–1:45pm | Lunch on your own in Cody—see map on page 5  
(Buses will run between downtown Cody & Holiday Inn during this period) |
| 2:00–2:50pm | Educational Session One (Holiday Inn, Cody)  
- A. "Memories of Heart Mountain" ~ Sam Mihara  
- B. "The No-No Boy Music Project" ~ Julian Saporiti & Erin Aoyama  
- C. "Artifacts of Incarceration" ~ Clement Hanami, Noriko Sanefuji, & Nancy Ukai |
| 3:00–3:50pm | Educational Session Two (Holiday Inn, Cody)  
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- B. "The No-No Boy Music Project" ~ Julian Saporiti & Erin Aoyama  
- C. "The Power of Digital Storytelling" ~ Jeff MacIntyre  
- D. "Introduction to Swing Dancing" ~ Grant & Rachel Sunada |
| 4:00–6:30pm | Multigenerational Discussions (Holiday Inn, Cody) |
| 8:00–9:00pm | Film Screening: *Moving Walls* by Sharon Yamato (Holiday Inn, Cody) |
| **Saturday, July 28** |
| 8:00am, 8:15am, & 8:30am | Buses leave Holiday Inn, Cody for Heart Mountain Interpretive Center |
| 9:00–9:50am | Opening Ceremony (Heart Mountain Interpretive Center)  
- Flag Ceremony & Pledge of Allegiance with Boy Scouts  
- Introduction & Recognition of Distinguished Guests by HMWF Chair Shirley Ann Higuchi and Vice-Chair Douglas Nelson  
- Featured Speakers: U.S. Senator Alan K. Simpson (Ret.) & Consul General Hiroto Hirakoba (tentative) |
| 10:00–10:50am | Activity One (one of the following)  
A. Tour the original hospital grounds with former incarceree  
B. Tour the memorial & honor roll with former incarceree  
C. Tour the original barrack with former incarceree  
D. Film excerpt & performance by Kishi Bashi  
E. Kids’ activities  
F. Unguided exploration of the site and center on your own |
| 11:00–11:50am | Activity Two (same as above, one from the list) |
| 12:00–1:50pm | Keynote Address by David Inoue & Lunch buffet (under tent) |
| 2:00–2:50pm | Activity Three (one of the following)  
A. Tour the original hospital grounds with former incarceree  
B. Tour the memorial & honor roll with former incarceree  
C. Tour the original barrack with former incarceree  
OR First round of buses return to Holiday Inn |
| 2:00–3:00pm | Buses leave Heart Mountain Interpretive Center for Holiday Inn, Cody |
| 3:00pm | Interpretive Center closes |
| 4:30–6:30pm | Cocktails, Swing Dancing (with demo), & Close of Silent Auction (Taggart Room, Holiday Inn, Cody) |
| 6:30–8:00pm | Evening Banquet OR Dinner on your own (Ballroom, Holiday Inn, Cody) |
| 8:00–9:00pm | Closing Dessert Reception (Taggart Room, Holiday Inn, Cody) |
Friday Bus Schedule:

- **8:30AM** from Holiday Inn to Wynona Thompson Auditorium (WTA)
- **12:00PM** from WTA to The Local & Holiday Inn
- **1:50PM** from Visitor’s Center & The Local to Holiday Inn

Downtown Cody Dining

1. Chinatown Buffet
2. Rocky Mountain MoJoe (Sandwiches)
3. Millstone Pizza & Brewery
4. Peter’s Café (Sandwiches)
5. Proud Cut Saloon (Full Menu)
6. Silver Dollar Bar/Grill (Full Menu)
7. Wyoming Rib & Chop (Full Menu)
8. Gausthaus Cardi (German Food)
9. Pat O’Hara Brewing (Full Menu)
10. QTs at Holiday Inn (Full Menu)
11. Granny’s Diner (Full Menu)
12. Thai Thai (Full Menu)
13. Shiki (Japanese Food)
14. Zapata’s (Mexican Food)
15. Pizza on the Run
16. The Local (Farm to Table)
17. Il Padrino (Italian Food)
18. Annie’s Soda Saloon (Sandwiches)
19. Fat Racks BBQ (Food Truck)
20. The Irma (Full Menu)
21. Hong Kong Chinese
22. Heritage Bakery (Bistro)
Heart Mountain
Interpretive Center
Original Heart Mountain Barrack
Original Heart Mountain Hospital

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MEMORIAL & TRAIL
1. Hospital Complex
2. MP Station, Guard Tower, & Train Station
3. Agriculture and Root Cellars
4. Swimming Hole
5. Administrative Area
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WALKING TRAIL STATIONS
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Walking Trail Stations:
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Memorial & Walking Trail
Memorial Honor Roll

Root Cellar
Welcome: Chair Shirley Ann Higuchi, Esq.

Welcome to our 2018 Pilgrimage, “Incarceration Art: A Means of Survival” which builds upon last year’s powerful 75th year commemoration of Executive Order 9066! Incarcerees painted, performed, sang, and danced through the trauma of unjust imprisonment in order to keep their spirits up and give expression to their resilience and resistance as they endured life behind barbed wire. This year, we explore art as a way to understand the struggle, injustice, and prosperity of the WWII Japanese American incarceration experience.

We are pleased to present, “The Mountain Was Our Secret: Works By Estelle Ishigo," an exhibition that features ten stunning watercolors documenting camp life, generously on loan from the Japanese American National Museum and the 50 Objects/50 Stories Project. These paintings were recently saved from the auction block through Heart Mountain legal efforts and the ongoing outcry of hundreds of Japanese American advocates. We sincerely thank JANN Chair Norm Mineta, and CEO Ann Burroughs for their work in ensuring that the moving exhibit could successfully open here at Heart Mountain. We will also screen an excerpt of the film, “The Mountain Was Our Secret: Works By Estelle Ishigo,” produced by Dianne Fukami and Debra Nakatomi. We are grateful to Norm and to his dear friend Al Simpson who both continue to give invaluable guidance and support to the Foundation and its mission.

I’m thrilled to announce that David Inoue, Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), is this year’s keynote speaker. I first met David last fall in Washington, D.C. to discuss the history of the Japanese American Confinement Site Consortium (JACSC). I was impressed by his deep understanding of advocacy—an understanding that reflects his clear vision for the Japanese American community. JACL has joined Heart Mountain, JNMM, the Friends of Minidoka and most recently, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation to provide financial support for a new national consortium aimed at increasing coordination among key Japanese Americans committed to presenting the true history of the Japanese American WWII experience. As you may know, Heart Mountain was privileged to receive another National Park Service JACS grant to continue this critical work stewarding a collective Japanese American historical legacy.

Last year, we established the LaDonna Zall Compassionate Witness Award inspired by the extraordinary commitment of Emeritus Board member LaDonna Zall to recognize those who have helped the community, even though they were not directly impacted by oppression. We’re delighted to announce this year’s awardee will be filmmaker Jeff MacIntyre and journalist David Omo. I first got to know them in 2014, while they were working on their Emmy Award-winning film, The Legacy of Heart Mountain. Their unique perspective and capacity to engage their audience has contributed to a national dialogue about social justice issues. Again this year, Jeff and David will pass on their talents to their digital storytelling students in a workshop that has become a Pilgrimage signature event.

On Friday night, we will screen writer/filmmaker Sharon Yamato’s film, Moving Wolves which expands on her previous work with photographer Stan Honda. Yamato takes us on their journey to discover what happened to the Heart Mountain barracks after the camp closed. The result is a story of survival and opportunity in the high desert of Wyoming. The Pilgrimage will also feature Multigenerational Discussions and Educational Sessions, allowing families to reflect together on the personal impacts of the incarceration. We hope you will join in the safe and supportive small group discussions that for many are the heart of the Pilgrimage weekend.

Board member Sam Mihara returns with his compelling presentation, “Memories of Heart Mountain.” Sam was recently awarded the National Council for History Education Gagnon Prize for his significant contribution to the promotion of history education. Another session showcases an inspiring multimedia concert, by No-No Boy Music Project’s singer/songwriter Julian Saporiti and singer/songwriter Erin Oyama. JANN artifact expert Clinton Handa, Smithsonian curator Noriko Sanefuji, and Nancy Ukaei of the 50 Objects/50 Stories Project will share their thoughts and expertise in a lively panel on the “Artifacts of Incarceration.” Kaoru Ishibashi will close out the musical programming with a screening of an early cut of his heartfelt work: The “Artifacts of Incarceration.” Kaoru Ishibashi will close out the musical programming with a screening of an early cut of his heartfelt work: The “Artifacts of Incarceration.”

In the spirit of collaboration and in furtherance of the goals of the Consortium, we welcomed the Friends of Minidoka, the Heart Mountain Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, and Claudia Wade, Treasurer of the Pilgrimage Committee.

Douglas Nelson—Board of Directors, Vice-Chair

Douglas Nelson is the retired President and CEO of the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF). He is a leading advocate for children and a widely recognized expert on policies and community-based responses to improve the lives of at-risk children and their families. He is also regarded as one of America’s leading thinkers on the strategic role of philanthropy in advancing racial justice and positive social change. He assumed the presidency of the Casey Foundation in 1990 and, for 23+ years, led AECF through one of the most remarkable and innovative transformations of a philanthropic organization—from a moderately-sized regional institution providing foster care services to disadvantaged children to one of the nation’s most influential and respected large foundations. In 2010, President Jimmy Carter singled out Nelson for his extraordinary contributions “to our most disadvantaged and disenfranchised populations and to the overall betterment of America’s philanthropic missions. Such leaders are all too rare.”

In addition to frequent lectures and speeches, Mr. Nelson has written widely on a range of domestic and social policy issues. His social history of the World War II removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans entitled Heart Mountain: The History of an American Concentration Camp earned him a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 1976. Mr. Nelson maintains close ties with survivors of that shameful event, serving on the Board of Directors of the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Japanese American National Museum. His other publications include studies and essays on children and youth, aging, race, long-term care, and housing. To honor his legacy, the Annie E. Casey Foundation published a collection of Mr. Nelson’s formal addresses, entitled Simply Put, to reflect key elements of his thinking and leadership in areas of public policy, social change and philanthropy.

Kathleen Saito Yuille—Board of Directors

Co-Chair of the Pilgrimage Committee

Kathleen Saito Yuille was born at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center. After leaving Heart Mountain, Kathleen’s family returned to San Francisco. She attended the University of California at Berkeley and later accepted a dietetic internship at the University of Michigan where she met her husband, David Yuille. After working as a dietitian in the public/private sector in Michigan and the San Francisco Bay Area, she and David moved from the West Coast and settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Kathleen has served on the board of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation since 2009 and served as the event chair of the 2011 Grand Opening of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center. She also currently serves on the Milwaukee Art Museum Board of Trustees.

Claudia Wade—Treasurer, Board of Directors

Co-Chair of the Pilgrimage Committee

Claudia was born and raised in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming—just 72 miles from Heart Mountain. She is the executive director for the Park County Travel Council, a group responsible for bringing visitors to Park County and Yellowstone Country. Today, more than ever, Claudia feels it is essential that the valuable lessons of Heart Mountain be shared with a worldwide audience and never hesitates to tell the story of the relocation camp, its people and its importance in Wyoming, United States and world history. Claudia and her husband Tim, own North Fork Anglers, a fly fishing retail store and guide service and Tour Yellowstone guide service providing customized private day tours of area wildlife, history, Native American lore or Yellowstone National Park.

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Source: www.jacl.org

Shig Yabu spent part of his childhood behind barbed wire at Heart Mountain. Days were long and lonely, until an injured baby magpie bird flew into his barrack. Shig nursed her back to life and the bird brought tremendous meaning to his life. Everyone in camp loved 'Maggie,' that talkative magpie! Decades after camp, Shig collaborated with Disney animator and fellow incarceree Willie Ito, to write Hello Maggie, a children’s book about the bird who brought light and love to many dark days. David Ono & Jeff MacIntyre return to Heart Mountain with Shig to learn the story behind the friendship. Shig walks the fields where his barrack used to stand sharing uplifting Maggie moments and even takes us to her final resting place in this short film.

Norman Y. Mineta’s distinguished career includes more than 20 years of service in the U.S. Congress and cabinet appointment from two presidents. As a young boy, he was incarcerated with his family at the Heart Mountain Concentration Camp during World War II. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and quickly emerged as a local political leader in Northern California. He served on the San Jose City Council and was elected Mayor in 1971, becoming the nation’s first Asian American mayor of a major city. He was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974, where he served from 1975 to 1995. Along with Rep. Robert Matsui he personally advocated for the passage of the redress bill before the House of Representatives on September 17, 1987, the 20th anniversary of the internment.

Secretary Mineta became the first Asian American to serve in a cabinet post when President Bill Clinton nominated him as Secretary of Commerce in 2000. He was then asked to serve as Secretary of Transportation by President George W. Bush in 2001, where he remained until 2006—making him the longest-serving Transportation Secretary in the department’s history. Following the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001, Secretary Mineta guided the creation of the Transportation Security Administration, the largest mobilization of a new federal agency since World War II.

Among his numerous accomplishments, Secretary Mineta is the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, and the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy, awarded for significant public service of enduring value to aviation in the United States. While in Congress, he was co-founder of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

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David Ono & Jeff MacIntyre—Filmmakers

Since 1988, Jeff MacIntyre has been producing reality-based/news TV content and documentaries. He’s the owner of the Los Angeles-based production company, Content Media Group. Jeff’s garnered 39 Emmy nominations and won 13. He believes everyone has a story to tell and, working with ABC News, has traveled the world to bring those stories to light. David & Jeff recently received their fifth Edward R. Murrow Award for the The Legacy of Heart Mountain—one of the highest honors in broadcast journalism! Jeff’s been in the digital trenches since dial-up. Proud to be a New Media Loud Mouth, he travels the world to share his enthusiasm with students and creative content creators. Jeff’s roots lie in radio. He’s been cracking the mic ever since he started using Clearasil. For over 15 years, Jeff MacIntyre hosted a nationally syndicated radio show. He graduated top of his class at USC with a BA in Communications and a minor in Third Person Biography Composition.

David Ono is the co-anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News, Los Angeles at 4pm and 6pm. He grew up in Texas and is a graduate of the University of North Texas. David joined ABC7 in 1996. During his tenure, David has hosted Eye on L.A. and co-anchored Eyewitness News with his current co-anchor Ellen Leyva for close to two decades. He has witnessed history worldwide, covering Hurricane Katrina, Haiti’s earthquake and Japan’s tsunami. He traveled across Europe and Asia chronicling brave acts of the Nisei soldier from World War II. He attended the Royal Wedding in London, tracked drug runners through Central America and reported from Paris on a terrorist plot to bring down the Eiffel Tower. Ono has trained with the FBI and the elite Los Angeles Sheriff’s SWAT team. President Obama invited him to the White House for an exclusive interview. And he witnessed white smoke at the Vatican twice—in 2005 for the selection of Pope Benedict the 16th and 2013 for the selection of Pope Francis. He has won four Edward R. Murrow awards and 17 Emmys.

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LADONNA ZALL COMPASSIONATE WITNESS AWARD

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Julianne Abe

Artifact: Her grandfather’s suitcase

Julianne Abe

“I chose this artifact because it reminds me of the difficult times my parents and sister endured at Minidoka. I was born 5/22/43 at Minidoka. Through graduate school and work at Fort Detrick where, ironically, he developed chemical weapons for the US Department of Defense.”

Artifact: Her Uncle Kyoshi’s duffel bag

Shirley Ann Higuchi

“Jewish, Hispanic and Alaska Native of the Tlingit Nation: Paulette was born near Mount Edgecumbe, a volcano in Sitka, Alaska. Her mother Harriet Beleal Miyasato and father Phil Moreno Sr. were from Wrangell and Yakutat Alaska. Paulette is a voice from Alaska sharing one family’s story. Through her mother’s story, she hopes to influence why a child should never be stoned, caged or clipped at the spirit for the colors their skin possesses. She is a civil rights leader, poet, musician and speaker. Paulette’s greatest loves are her daughters Shaleena, Marissa, and Elena, and grandchildren Felix, Anthony, and Zoey Styke.”

Artifact: Tlingit beaded bag

Paulette Moreno

Wendell Kishaba

We do not know exactly the dates when my grandmother started and finished creating her bedspread but it was within the three plus years at Heart Mountain. She taught sewing in camp and had four young daughters (3–11 at the start of the war) and the fifth was born in July 1945 at Heart Mountain. We have many memories of Grandma but few artifacts that have survived over the course of time. This bedspread and the strength and diligence that went into it offers us the opportunity to reflect and appreciate her efforts to keep the family together during and after the war.”

Artifact: A bedspread his grandmother made while in Heart Mountain

Roy Yamamoto

“I chose this artifact because it reminds me of the difficult times my parents and sister endured at Minidoka. I survived and my sister did not. She passed away when she was a young teen due to complications of the rheumatic fever she incurred at Minidoka. I was born 5/22/43 at Minidoka. We lived at various locations near Portland, Oregon and I graduated from Oregon State University with a B.A. and from the University of Idaho with an M.S., both degrees in chemistry. I worked 29 years for Texaco in Beach, NY and 5 years with Ethyl Corp (now New Market) in Richmond, Virginia. I retired in 2001. I am happily married to my wife Gail and our lovely daughter is making a life for herself in DC.”

Artifact: Photograph of Roy and his sister

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Memories of Heart Mountain
Sam Mihara Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation

Sam Mihara is a second generation Japanese American and was born and raised in San Francisco, California. When World War II broke out, Sam, at age nine, and his family were incarcerated at Heart Mountain for three years in barrack apartment 14-22-C. After the war ended, the family returned to San Francisco. Sam attended Lick-Wilmerding High School, UC Berkeley, and UCLA, where he obtained graduate degrees in engineering. He became a rocket scientist and an executive with the Boeing Company. Following his retirement from Boeing, Sam created his own high-tech consulting firm with clients around the world. Over seventy years have passed since the incarceration and Sam is one of the few survivors of the Japanese American imprisonment who actively speaks about his experiences. Sam has spoken to schools, colleges, attorney groups and other interested organizations.

Follow Sam at @miharasam

The No-No Boy Music Project
Julian Saporiti & Erin Aoyama

This multimedia concert is a collaborative effort and features the music of singer/songwriter Julian Saporiti and singer Erin Aoyama. The songs are inspired by Saporiti and Aoyama’s doctoral research at Brown University, by Saperiti’s experiences growing up as the son of a Vietnamese refugee, and by Aoyama’s ancestors who were incarcerated at Heart Mountain. The songs featured in this session, interwoven amongst stories about Japanese Incarceration that Saporiti has collected through the years, are performed against a backdrop of projections displaying archival photographs and films. The project has grown in recent years and Julian & Erin will perform a selection of songs that focus on Heart Mountain.

Introduction to Swing Dancing
Grant and Rachel Sunada

Prepare for Saturday night’s cocktail reception by learning a few swing dance steps! In addition to Grant and Rachel being skilled dancers and instructors, Grant is a yonsei descendant of Heart Mountain incarcerees and 442nd veterans.

The Power of Digital Storytelling—Learn How to Tell Your Family’s Story!
Jeff MacIntyre Content Media Group

For years, you’ve heard others share their stories. Isn’t it time you told your family’s? Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, Jeff MacIntyre, will show you how to make your own digital video about a loved one’s experience with incarceration. Through the digital storytelling process, he will guide you with hands-on tips and techniques to bring these powerful memories to life. As the original storytellers age, the time to capture and preserve their important stories is now. No experience necessary. If you have a smart phone, you can be a digital storyteller!
Hanako Wakatsuki—HMWF Board of Directors

Hanako Wakatsuki is the Chief of Interpretation and Education at the Minidoka National Historic Site, a park unit of the National Park Service. In this capacity, she serves as the volunteer and tour coordinator as well as developing educational programs for students and the general public. She has approximately 11 years of experience in the museum and public history field. In the past she has worked for the Idaho State Historical Society, Tule Lake Unit of WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, and at the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum. She also served a detail with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as the Regional Advisor for the Regional Network managing programs in Southwest, Southern California, and Hawai‘i under the Obama administration. Hanako received her B.A. in History and B.S. in Political Science from Boise State University, and her M.A. in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University. She is passionate about visitor services and making cultural institutions accessible to the community while bridging the gap between academia and the public.

The objective of this activity is to give participants a chance to reflect on the Japanese American confinement experience, and express our thoughts in a safe, supportive, small group environment. Former incarcerees and others who experienced the camp first-hand will be invited to speak first, but all participants—of all ages and ethnicities—will be encouraged to share their stories.

Some prompts for this year’s discussions will be:
• How can we encourage the next generation to stay interested in the subject?
• How can we cultivate the next generation of leaders for preservation?

Sharon Yamato

Sharon Yamato is a writer/filmmaker who—along with photographer Stan Honda—has spent many years exploring what happened to the Heart Mountain barracks after the camp closed. Her film, Moving Walls, tells a story of survival and opportunity in the high desert of Wyoming.

Estelle Peck Ishigo, a Caucasian woman married to a Japanese American man, came to Heart Mountain voluntarily in 1942. She immediately began documenting life in the camp through her art. She believed it was the only way to ensure that future generations would know the injustice Japanese Americans endured here. This summer, the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation is pleased to exhibit ten rarely seen watercolors by Estelle Ishigo, on loan from the Japanese American National Museum. These paintings were recently saved from the auction block through the efforts of the HMWF and the Japanese American community. “The Mountain Was Our Secret: Works by Estelle Ishigo” also features a number of Ishigo’s pencil sketches, on loan from the collection of Bacon Sakatani.

Omoiyari: a Songfilm by Kishi Bashi

Kaoru Ishibashi, who performs as Kishi Bashi, is a celebrated singer and instrumentalist. He recently began a documentary film, Omoiyari: a Songfilm by Kishi Bashi, which follows his musical quest to process his identity and the lessons learned from the Japanese American Incarceration. Kishi Bashi will screen an excerpt of his film and discuss how he came to understand the importance of this story.
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On view at Heart Mountain Interpretive Center through December 31, 2018
Featuring ten rarely seen watercolors by Estelle Ishigo, on loan from JANM.

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