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Application

Status	In Progress	Council Resolution Number	
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Board Information

Board Name	Denver American Indian Commission (DAIC)	Original Start Date	
		End Date	
		Other boards or commissions served	Denver American Indian Commission

Work Information

Employer		Work Address	
Position		Work City	
Business Phone #		Work State	
Work Email		Work Zip	

Additional Information

Work or home in Denver		Objection to appointment?	No
Are you a registered voter?		Special Information	
If so, what county?		Registered Lobbyist	No
Denver City Council District No	1	Conflict of Interest	No

Conflict of Interest
Explanation

Education and General Qualifications

Name of High School		Name of Graduate School
Location of High School		Location of Graduate School
# of Years Attended High school		# of Years Attended Graduate School
Did you Graduate High School	Yes	Did you Graduate
		Graduate Major
Name of College		
Location of College		
# of Years Attended College		
Did you Graduate College		
Undergrad Major		

Reference Details

Reference Name #1	Reference Email #1
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Reference Phone #3	Reference Address #3

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Joshua Emerson

comedian. writer. actor

About Me

Joshua is a Dine' (Navajo) comedian, writer, and actor based in Denver, Colorado. He was selected for the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Arts & Culture in 2023 and was named "40 Under 40" by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development in 2026.

Military Experience

**2010-2016 | Bulk Fuelist
USMC**

Served as a Bulk Fuelist in the United States Marine Corps where I learned small unit leadership and importance of mission accomplishment. Honorably Discharged.

Skills

- **Public Speaking**
- **Improvisation**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Customer Service**

Education

**2016-2019 | Economics
Fort Lewis College**

Work Experience

**2023-Now | Entertainment Cast
Casa Bonita**

Worked as a part of the Casa Bonita Entertainment Cast creating a world class immersive experience. Specifically, played the roles of "the Sheriff" and "Moco the Gorilla." Extensive experience in costumed performance and mascot handling and immersive improvisation..

**2021-2023 | Various
Kronke Sports & Entertainment**

Worked at Ball Arena first as a Memory Maker, where I would lead audience sections in signing 'Happy Birthday' during timeouts. Became an expert in navigating the stadium and provided elevated customer service. Second was as an In-Game Arena Host for the Colorado Mammoth. Loved developing a relationship with the fans, learning about game direction, and using energy to enhance the fan exp.



Curriculum vitae

Bad Indian: A Native Comedy Show

Bad Indian is a Native comedy showcase whose mission is to develop and platform Indigenous comedy talent from all over Turtle Island. It has been performed in more states and featured more Indigenous comedians than any other Native comedy show in the country. The show blends stand-up, personal narrative, and Indigenous cultural humor — creating powerful, funny, and boundary-pushing performances that connect deeply with BIPOC, Indigenous, and socially conscious audiences. .

- **Netflix is a Joke Fest 2024**
- **SF Sketchfest 2024**
- **21 US States**
- **2 Canadian Provinces**
- **57 Indigenous comedians featured**

Dead Man Talking

A comedy show about death where the hosts improvise eulogies based on crowd submissions. Debuted with the Gilded Balloon for a full 24 day festival run at the 2025 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Reviewed as “Good Show” by the FringeReview.

- **Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2025**
- **Gilded Balloon 2025**
- **“Good Show” by FringeReview**

Finding the Funny

"An Indigenous comedian stuck in a creative rut encounters unexpected moments of inspiration within his community as he prepares for an important performance."

Short Film | 19 minutes

- **currently on display at the Denver Art Museum**
- **LA SkinsFest 2025, Grand Mesa Short Film Festival 2025, Colorado Short Film Festival 2025, San Antonio Film Festival 2025, Latino & Native Film Festival 2025**



Curriculum vitae

Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Arts & Culture, 2023

Since 1986, the Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Arts & Culture have annually recognized individuals and organizations that make significant and lasting contributions to the arts in the City and County of Denver.

National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development "40 Under 40," 2026

Recognizing Native American citizens for outstanding leadership and community contributions annually. Nominated by their peers, 40 Under 40 honorees exemplify leadership, initiative, and dedication and have made significant contributions to their professions and communities. The 40 Under 40 awards are now in their 17th year.

Denver American Indian Commission

The City of Denver has Ten Commissions and one Advisory Board body that act as liaisons and advocates to the Mayor on behalf of the communities they represent. The Denver American Indian Commission (DAIC) advocates on behalf of Denver's American Indian community.

- **Served 2019-2024**
- **Co-Chair 2022, 2023**
- **Bison Transfer 2022, 2023**
- **DAIC Indigenous Summit 2022**
- **Denver Orange Shirt Day 2022**

Joshua is a Dine' (Navajo) comedian based in Denver. Named one of the "Five Artists to Watch in 2025" by WestWord Magazine, Joshua was selected for the Mayors Award for Excellence in Arts & Culture in 2023. Joshua produces a Native American comedy showcase, "Bad Indian," at clubs and festivals all over the country, including Netflix is a Joke and SF Sketchiest.

Joshua believes in community, serving on the Denver American Indian Commission as well as on the Board of the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2023, Joshua received the Mayors Award for Excellence in Arts & Culture. He lives at home with his partner, Rachel, and their pets, Lola, Henry, and Joanna.