



HOČOKATA TI MUSEUM

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Prior Lake, MN

EXHIBIT SIZE:
3,400 Square Feet

SERVICES PERFORMED:
Schematic Design, Design Development, Exhibit Text, Graphic Design & Production, Casework, Artistic Theming, Artifact Mounting, AV Interactives, Installation

The larger-than life exhibits at the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Cultural Center provide a powerful and accessible overview of key points throughout the community's history.

Anchored by a robust artifact display and accented by vast hand-painted murals, the space is home to a broad array of immersive experiences. A recreated fire pit delivers an imaginative and evocative visual, utilizing projection mapping to illustrate the creation narratives of the Dakota people. As visitors leave the fire pit area, the natural sounds of late summer invite them into a full-sized lodge made of sculpted elm bark to emphasize the Dakota's ancestors' connection to nature.

From origin stories to the intense conflicts and obstacles faced by the SMSC community over an extensive timeline, the exhibits—led by storytelling—have received overwhelming positive feedback from community members and visitors alike since their installation in July 2019.