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MINNESOTA TWINS, THE PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY AND TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO UNVEIL CUSTOM-DESIGNED BASEBALL BAT AND HAT TO CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

*Exclusive bats will be given away to the first 5,000 fans in attendance for the Twins' annual Native American Heritage Night on Saturday, August 9 at Target Field;
Limited-edition hats available at the Twins New Era Team Store beginning Friday, August 8*

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MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN – For the first time in club history, the Minnesota Twins are honoring the Dakota culture with a custom bat and hat, designed by artist and Prairie Island Indian Community member Shalene Foote, and produced in partnership with Treasure Island Resort & Casino. The exclusive bat will be given away to the first 5,000 fans in attendance for the annual Native American Heritage Night at Target Field, set for this Saturday, August 9, when the Twins host the Kansas City Royals. The limited-edition hat can be purchased exclusively at the Twins New Era Team Store at Target Field, beginning Friday, August 8, while supplies last.

Tickets for the entire Twins vs. Royals series from August 8-10 are available online at twins.com/tickets, via phone by calling 1-800-33-TWINS, or in person at the Target Field Ticket Office. First pitch for Twins vs. Royals on the August 9 Native American Heritage Night is set for 6:10 p.m., with gates opening at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrating and Connecting Through Dakota Floral and Baseball

Designed by artist **Shalene Foote**, a member of the Prairie Island Indian Community, the unique hat and bat honor the revered tradition of Dakota floral, or Yuhaha – a visual representation of the relationship that our ancestors built with the land and, specifically, plants. Shades of green, yellow, red, orange, purple and blue create a vibrant tapestry reflective of the native flora and berries cherished by the Dakota. Inspired by the thread of Yuhaha through generations of Dakota art, Shalene's work beautifully connects baseball, the Twins and Target Field to Minnesota's indigenous roots.

"The Minnesota Twins are honored to celebrate our state's Dakota heritage through our longstanding partnership with the Prairie Island Indian Community," said Nancy O'Brien, Twins Senior Vice President, Community Engagement. "Our state's varied landscapes, made more beautiful and vital by native plants, is unifying for many Minnesotans – as is the joy of Twins baseball. We are thankful to Shalene for her extraordinary representation of Dakota floral art, we are grateful for our partners at Treasure Island Resort & Casino, and we are excited to welcome fans to Target Field for Native American Heritage Night on August 9."

"We are incredibly proud of Shalene and grateful for the opportunity to showcase her artistic talents and shine a bright light on our Dakota culture," said Grant Johnson, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council President. "Native American Heritage Night is a special night, and we are so appreciative that the Minnesota Twins are committed to creating this unique spotlight that allows us to show people what it means to be Dakota."

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