



JOSEPH WOLVES KILL

Contemporary Painter

Joseph Wolves Kill was born in Texas in 1962 and is Oglala Lakota. He has studied the work of many artists in order to create his own powerful visual reflections of both personal struggle and success in life. Joseph is somewhat of a chameleon: his work has evolved through the years challenging his self to create something new from the old. His bold vibrant paintings uncover hidden boundaries between beauty and disturbance. While the main body of Joseph's work is oil on canvas, he has explored other mediums with equal success such as acrylics, watercolor, gouache and pastels. Joseph received recognition for his hard work in 1996 from America Indian Chamber of Commerce, Outstanding Artist of the year.

A major artistic turning point for Joseph occurred in 2005 when the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts commissioned him to paint three murals: one 20 feet tall by 18 feet wide for the play "Guv-TV" and the other two, a colorful combined, 15 feet tall by 55 feet wide in the west wing and main lobby representing the state of Arizona. Then in 2006 he received the Artist Circle Award, Artist Educator of the Year in Scottsdale Arizona. His passion for the arts not only has taken him into the classroom as an Art Instructor, but as a mentor inspiring up and coming artists of the future.

Joseph currently lives in Arizona where he is active in both Native and non-native communities. His art work has been shown throughout the United States, as well as in Europe and Japan. Images from his work have been used to advertise and promote conferences with organizations such as the Intertribal Council of Arizona, Arizona State University's Creative writing Program, the Arizona Nurse's Association, Scottsdale Leadership Inc, Scottsdale Center for the performing Arts, and ATLATL, (National Native Arts Network). Commercially, Joseph has illustrated a children's book, and designed book and album cover artwork. Joseph also volunteers his time at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center and Salt River Pima Maricopa Department of Corrections.

