

Bobby Bales: Taos, New Mexico

Taos Pueblo

Drum Maker



Bobby Bales is an artist from the Taos Pueblo located in northern New Mexico. Drum making is a very old traditional art form for the Taos Pueblo people. Bobby learned this work from his uncle who is a third generation drum maker. Still carrying on this tradition he is one of the younger drum makers at Taos Pueblo.

Bobby has participated in many shows across the United States including The Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market, The Autry National Center Of The American West Intertribal Arts Market, Arizona State Museum Southwest Indian Art Fair, Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market and The Red Earth Festival just to name a few."Drum making is very hard work but it is something that I really enjoy. I'm very proud and grateful to have learned this skill and hope to carry this on for as long as I am able." This is Bobby's second year at the Tesoro Cultural Center's Indian Market & Powwow.

