

Diana Lucero: San Ysidro, New Mexico

Pueblo of Zia

Pottery



Lucero is a traditional and contemporary Potter of Zia Pueblo, New Mexico. She remembers when she was a child watching her mother make pottery at home. “I’d watch her create a piece and give it her spirit,” says Lucero, hoping that one day she, too, could transfer her spirit into the clay as she had often seen her mother do. Lucero grew up in a traditional Native American household, but left home to obtain an education.

A few years ago, she returned to her first inspiration, her mother, and learned the art of pottery that she so fondly remembered. Now, the spirits of clay have “rooted themselves into my being, asking for my breath and seeking life through my hands,” says Lucero.

Diana has won the highest honors at many shows including the Eight Northern Pueblos Arts and Crafts Festival at the San Juan Pueblo, 1st Place at Walatowa Arts Festival in Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico, and Best Traditional at the Indian/Spanish Market in Colorado Springs. She received 3rd Place - Pottery at the Tesoro Cultural Center’s 2005 Indian Market and 3rd Place - Pottery at the Tesoro Cultural Center’s 2007 Indian Market & Powwow and 2nd Place Pottery at Tesoro’s 2009 Indian Market.

