

Jesse Hummingbird, Bisbee, Arizona

Cherokee Paintings



Jesse Hummingbird is a tribal member of the Cherokee Nation. He was raised in South Carolina as a young child and in Tennessee where he graduated high school. He maintained his bond with the heart of Cherokee country by spending summers with his grandmother in and around Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He attended college at the University of Tennessee,

majoring in art, and later continued his studies at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He has been a full-time artist since 1983, pursuing both Cherokee and American Indian themes with his own unique interpretation, style and “mythology.” In 2000, Jesse was commissioned by the new Indian Motorcycle Company to paint one of his characters on their new Indian motorcycle. Jesse was in a one-man show at the Brauer Museum of Art on the campus of Valparaiso University in Indiana and was the featured artist at their Native American Festival in October 2004. He and his wife Sandy have also published four activity/coloring books for children with the Book Publishing Company of Summertown, Tennessee. Jesse has won top awards for his paintings at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial, The Heard Museum, Pueblo Grande Museum and the Santa Fe Indian Art Market. He won 2nd place in Easel Arts at the Tesoro 2004 and 2007 Indian Market and 3rd place in 2009.

