

Nominee: Baje Whitethorne Sr.

Baje's websites:

<http://www.bajewhitethornesr.com/>

<http://www.salinabookshelf.com/bajeWhitethorne.aspx>

[http://sharlot.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&catid=73%3Anews&id=243%3Awhitethorne-exhibition-opens-feb-27&Itemid=68](http://sharlot.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&catid=73%3Anews&id=243%3Awhitethorne-exhibition-opens-feb-27&Itemid=68)

<http://discovernavajo.com/baje.html>

Baje Whitethorne Sr. is a nationally acclaimed artist, who grew up on the Navajo reservation, and currently lives in Flagstaff. His work has received numerous awards and has been shown in museum exhibitions throughout the country. His watercolor and oil paintings have gained such recognition that they have become tremendously valuable, cementing his status in the art world. His use of color and form in representing southwestern landscapes, particularly on Navajo lands, is unique and vibrant. He is known for creating extremely brilliant skies in his oil paintings. He also creates canvases featuring traditional Navajo dancers and other prominent cultural figures. He has created several extra large canvases, showcasing the splendor of his creativity.

Baje Whitethorne Sr. has been creating works of art for over 30 years. His styles have evolved and he has developed a passion for creating children's books. His body of work is incredibly impressive.

This amazing artist has participated in many exhibitions in Flagstaff- at The Museum of Northern Arizona and the Coconino Center for the Arts, as well as smaller downtown galleries. Baje was recently featured at Prescott's Sharlott Hall Museum in an exhibition called, "Paint: Breaking the Buckskin Ceiling". He has had work at the Heard Museum and the Smoki Museum. He also has paintings in the Smithsonian's gallery.

His awards and recognitions are so numerous; here are a few:

1998- named by the Arizona Library Association as an Outstanding Contributor to Children's Literature

2009 Judge's Choice Award at the Prescott Indian Market

Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF) Master Artist

Baje Whitethorne Sr. gives back to the community in a variety of ways. As an

author/illustrator, he gives presentations at local schools. Baje has also been extremely generous with his time and efforts in working with art galleries and other Native American artists to promote their futures, specifically in the most recent Coconino Center for the Arts Native American Exhibition as a judge and nominator. Baje also has donated works of art to non-profits in the community for their own fund-raising efforts, namely The Arboretum at Flagstaff's Soiree fundraiser in July 2010.





