

Jerry Fogg



Jerry Fogg, Ihanktowan Nakota Sioux Oyate, was born in Los Angeles, California. He attended Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, South Dakota. Growing up north of Fort Thompson, South Dakota on the Crow Creek Reservation, presented many opportunities for Jerry to observe and experience the openness of the country. This allowed him the freedom to choose which direction he wished to pursue and to explore different ideas associated with his surroundings. He evokes these same feelings and freedom in his art by choosing what he wishes to include in a piece and where to place certain images to enhance a legend, story, or the meaning of his art.

A self-taught artist, Jerry began pursuing his artistic passions in high school and he was inspired by the works of many different Native American artists. Jerry's work consists of exceptionally detailed pencil drawings as well as paintings and mixed-media pieces that bring together many different traditional and contemporary Native American themes. When he creates a piece of work, he likes to concentrate on a period of historical significance or a legend. Jerry informs purchasers of his work that his mixed-media pieces are one-of-a-kind and are never reproduced. He feels that this is an important aspect of creating greater meaning in the piece for the person who purchases it.

Jerry's pieces have brought him many accolades including Best of Show at the Yankton Open Art Competition in Yankton, South Dakota, the United Sioux Tribes Expo in Bismarck, North Dakota, the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Artists of the Plains Art Show at the Center for Western Studies, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His pieces are in the collection of the Akta Lakota Museum in Chamberlain, South Dakota. The Siouxland Library in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the United Sioux Tribes Administrative Building in Bismarck, North Dakota. Jerry currently operates a small business and resides in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and serves as a Native American mentor at Hawthorne Elementary School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the lead vocalist in the contemporary band: "Native Soul". Jerry was nominated for the Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year in 2012. He is co-founder of the "Blood Run Artist of the Big Sioux River."