## American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month / November 2023





"This oil painting represents the essence of the American Indian. It doesn't depict any specific individual, rather by stripping away the personal characteristics, I want the viewer to experience the spirit of the Indigenous people and the importance of working together in unison. The impressions of each individual brush stroke alone may not portray the whole portrait, but looking at the big picture, the brush strokes together complete the picture. I paint expressively, depicting the subject's emotions through painterly lines and vivid colors. We belong together just as each stroke of paint belongs together to create something beautiful."