ROBERT TAYLOR

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Robert Taylor is an American artist known for his symbolic and thought-provoking depictions of Native American subjects. Working in watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink, and printmaking, his work blends representation with deeper conceptual meaning, often exploring themes that connect across cultures and belief systems.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1951, Taylor's early influences came from both family and experience. His maternal grandfather introduced him to Native traditions through powwows, while his uncle, a wildlife painter, encouraged his artistic interests. After graduating from Will Rogers High School, he briefly attended Central Missouri State on a sports scholarship before serving in the U.S. Navy from 1970 to 1972. Following his military service, he turned his focus fully to art.

Taylor's style evolved from traditional beginnings into a more distinctive visual language influenced in part by artists such as Paul Pletka and John Biggers. His work is recognized for its use of symbolism, particularly in his portrayals of turn-of-the-century Native figures. He often exaggerated proportions-most notably hands and feet-as a way of conveying deeper meaning. Enlarged hands suggest intellect and creative ability, while grounded, oversized feet symbolize humanity's physical connection to the earth in contrast to its spiritual aspirations.

At the core of Taylor's work is a belief in art as an open and interpretive experience. He described himself as a "door maker," creating images that invite viewers to engage and discover their own meaning. Through this perspective, his work encourages reflection, connection, and a deeper exploration of both personal and shared ideas.

Works (26)



Simply Let It Be

Size: 30 x 40"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



The Distant Gaze

Size: 12 x 9"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



This I Ask

Size: 10 x 8"
Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Making Medicine

Size: 20 x 24"
Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



White Owl Medicine

Size: 30 x 40"
Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Talking to the Ancestors

Size: 20 x 16"
Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Invoking the Bundle

Size: 48 x 60"

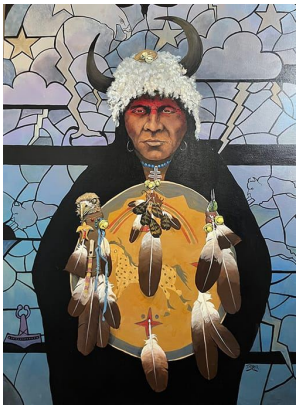
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Storm Chaser

Size: 16 x 20"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Thunder on the Plains

Size: 40 x 30"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Bravest of the Brave

Size: 40 x 30"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



The Shattered Sky Shield

Size: 40 x 30"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



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Spirit of America

Size: 40 x 30"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Into the Unknown

Size: 48 x 60"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Rock Music

Size: 60 x 48"

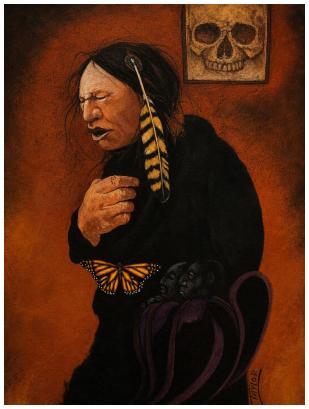
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Celebration of Life

Size: 24 x 36"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



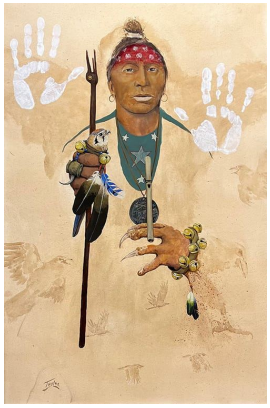
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Size: 18 x 14"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



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Children of the Long Beaked Bird

Size: 36 x 24"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Undaunted

Size: 24 x 36"

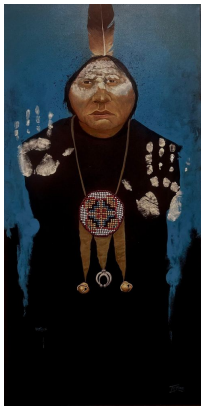
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Fine Feathered Friends

Size: 35 x 24"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Hand Me Down

Size: 36 x 18"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



In Search of a Miracle

Size: 40 x 30"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



See Beyond Your Grasp

Size: 37 x 29"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



In the Bag

Size: 36 x 24"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



The Observer

Size: 14 x 18"

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas