

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.

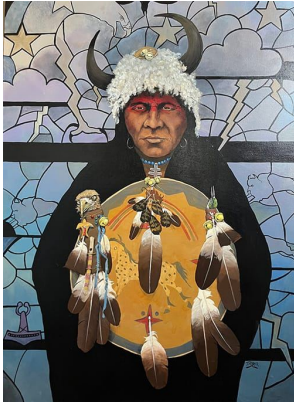
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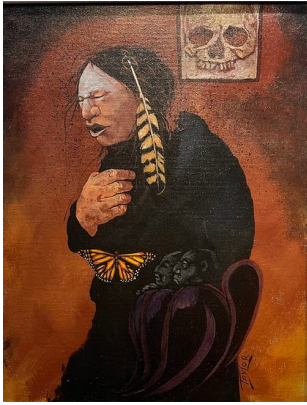
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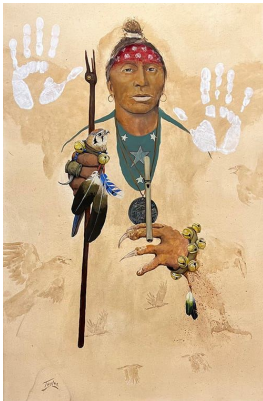
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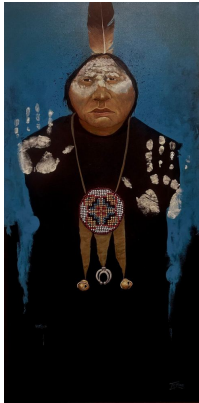
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