

Jesse T. Hummingbird

Visual Artist

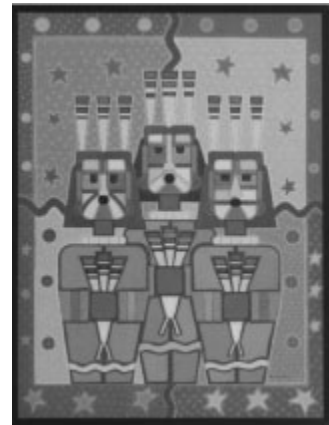


Jesse, three-quarter Cherokee, a tribal member of the Cherokee Nation was born in 1952 in Tahlequah, OK. He was raised in the southeastern part of the country - South Carolina as a young child and Tennessee where he graduated high school. He maintained his bond with the heart of Cherokee country by spending summers with his grandmother in and around Tahlequah.

He attended college at the University of Tennessee, majoring in art, and later continued his studies at the American Academy of Art in Chicago.

Jesse has lived in several sections of the country establishing himself as a successful printer, graphic artist, and commercial illustrator. He has been a full-time artist since 1983, pursuing both Cherokee and American Indian themes with his own unique interpretation, style, and "mythology." He has been an active member of several American Indian artists associations and market boards.

In 2000, Jesse was commissioned by the new *Indian Motorcycle* company to paint one of his characters on their new Indian motorcycle. Jesse's work has been exhibited in a private collection exhibit in Taiwan and reproduced in several books. He and his wife Sandy have also published four activity/coloring books for children with the Book Publishing Company of Summertown, TN.



"I am a traditionalist - both in spirit and art. The subject matter of each piece links me with the past. I'm influenced by the nature that's around me - its colors, sounds, and creatures. No matter how difficult, I want people to know I'm proud of my culture and traditions. I want to preserve my past as I create the new."



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