



Vector Drawings

featuring

Marlena Myles

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Marlena Myles, an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Dakota Tribe, is a talented artist who works in both traditional and digital formats. She is a graduate of Central High School in Rapid City, South Dakota, and currently resides in St Paul, Minnesota, where she works as an artist and graphic and website designer.

Early in her artistic career, Marlena worked primarily in traditional charcoal drawings and portraits. Over time, she evolved as an artist and her work now focuses primarily of digital vector drawings. These drawings are built on a geometric pattern of vibrant but distinct colors that creates a jewel-like quality in the finished work. Her artistic process is organic and fluid. Images seen in both dreams and the world around her often provide the starting point for the creation of her artworks. She then creates unique patterns and designs that form the basis of the vector drawing. These patterns are digitally manipulated into shapes that represent animals or people. The unique layering of shapes and forms is a proprietary technique that Marlena developed herself through trial and error. Although Marlena is primarily a self-taught artist, she is part of an international art collective in which artists share new techniques and ideas with each other.

Inspiration for Marlena's work comes from her Dakota ancestors and language. She believes that art is a means of sharing cultural awareness through a medium more powerful than the written word. Marlena hopes that her art will bring joy to the viewer and serve as an inspiration for Native youth to connect with their past and create a future that is alive with cultural values of the past.

Marlena's work has exhibited at several venues including: All My Relations Gallery, Minneapolis, Minnesota; the 2015 *Gathering of People, Wind and Water*, Rapid City, South Dakota; and the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner, New Hampshire.

Prices for the artwork in the exhibition can be obtained by contacting The Journey Museum Store at (605) 394-2201. To purchase artwork after the exhibit closes, please contact Marlena Myles through her website www.marlenamyl.es

The Sioux Indian Museum, managed by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, is located in The Journey Museum, 222 New York St., Rapid City, SD 57701. For admission fees and hours of operation please call (605) 394-6923.

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Tatąŋka Naġi
Buffalo Spirit
2015

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Naǵídaŋ Naǵí
Hummingbird Spirit
2015
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Thaóyate Dúta
His Red Nation
2014
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Zíziŋdowaypiwin
Whispering Lullaby
Woman
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Stardusk at Owl's Alter. 2015
Digital Vector Canvas Print
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