

Larry Yanez, Sr.

Biography



Larry Yanez, Sr. is a deaf artist who lives and works in Austin, Texas. Larry's artistic abilities were recognized early in his life and were encouraged by his parents, family, and friends. He attended the Texas School for the Deaf and Austin Community College. While pursuing academic and artistic training he received many distinctions, include the National Dean's List and recognition for academic excellence and commmunity involvement by the President of Austin Community College.

Mr. Yanez was also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and was recognized in Who's Who in American Colleges in 1984.

Artistic Statement

I prefer to work in a variety of painting mediums with a concentration on oils and acrylics. I am moved by landscape and portraiture, and have an interest in evoking the unique style of the American Southwest. Native plants, animals and images of traditional indigenous culture are key elements in my work. My intent is to portray the love I have for my culture. It is my goal to make the viewer feel both humbled and inspired. My work is also informed by my travels, from the Red Rock Mountains of Sedona to the view of the Colorado River in Austin I am inspired by the natural environment.

Community Engagement

Upon graduation from Austin Community College with a Commercial Art degree, Larry helped found and served as Chair for the Annual Art and Craft Festival for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Artists and Craftsmen, in association with Mexic-Arte Museum. Since 2017, Yanez has maintained a studio and been a principal artist and community member at Imagine Art, which provides studio space and exhibition opportunities for artists with and without disabilities.



Austin in ASL
Oil on Canvas, 30 x 60
\$2500