

DIRECTOR'S INVITATIONAL ARTIST & FINE ARTS JUDGE

Kwani Winder



Kwani Povi Winder was born and raised in Southeast Idaho where she developed a deep love for art from the time she could hold a pencil. She attended college at Brigham Young University-Idaho but was pursuing a degree in Biology. Three classes shy of a bachelors, she switched to art, took her first painting class and graduated with a BFA in Oil Painting in 2013.

Kwani calls herself a stay at home artist. She does almost all her creating with her daughter at her side, including painting en plein air. She loves the outdoors and takes every opportunity she can to paint and learn under nature's canopy. She is constantly searching and studying to to identify how light and form create beauty. Her paintings are

characterized by vibrant colors and loose impressionistic brushstrokes that work to infuse each piece with life.

Kwani's work is also heavily influenced by being a Santa Clara Pueblo Indian. Through her paintings she seeks to preserve, share and educate about her unique heritage. She draws heavily upon her religious beliefs as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when developing and painting her native figures.

Kwani currently lives in Ogden, UT with her husband Dallen, daughter Tayva and dog Kiwi. She loves the outdoors and is always hiking or camping. When she is not creating she spends time with family, reading, and playing piano or viola.