



John Balloue

John Balloue is a Western Band of Oklahoma Cherokee.

After returning home from Vietnam, John began taking art courses from the local Junior College. Forty years later it has become a business and a way of life.

Having a Cherokee father and a English/Irish mother and not being raised on a reservation, art is his way of understanding, keeping alive and honoring his Native Ancestors.

Painting in a realistic style for over 30 years, in 2003 John felt the need to try something new. He began experimenting with color and texture to create a more contemporary look and feel to his work.

Now much of John`s work is more innovative and experimental in nature. Color is the primary means in which the change has occurred. Color is said to be a barometer of emotion and the strong use of color is reflective of a passionate approach to painting. Besides it just looks cool!