

The Art of Bridging

The paintings which I share with you are the product of 30 years of continuous study and exploration in the arts. As a creator, I have an extensive history of accomplishment which I consider to be merely *preparatory*. It is the HERE & NOW in it's inevitable unfolding that I find compelling. Suffice it to say that I am authorized to paint and teach Shamanic Art in the Woodland tradition originated by the Great Ojibway Shaman; Norval Morrisseau.

In the late seventies, Morrisseau began to see and paint *visions* of a small circle of *initiators* who would act as *bridging agents* between the vibratory power of Shamanic tradition and the 'New World'.

My search for crucial meaning and significance in art and his search for his 'white proteges' led us to one another and ultimately; to YOU.

Pure colour and the simplicity of pictographic imagery empowers one with spirit, stimulating the *inherent* 'nativeness' which is fundamental to 'self' 'revelation'.

'Until we know
who we are 'in essence...
we are not capable of developing
into beneficent co- creators.'

In the years following my initial inspiration I have continued the *integration* process. The result is an artform I call; PUREALISM. (Pure-realism). I believe in the effectiveness of Pureal art as a source of revelation and stimulation for those of us who are ready for the freedom and responsibility of 'Life in the Spirit'.

This exhibition; 'THE ART OF BRIDGING', is an act of boldness on my part. All pictographic art I have signed in traditional 'Cree' under my name; 'STAR DREAMER' (Achahkos Abawemew) which I have found to be an uncomfortable gift from my Shamanic mentor. Nevertheless, I feel the necessity to reveal my roots, that the fruit of my *creativi* - tree might be shared with others, sprouting the seeds of Nativeness in the hearts of my brothers and sisters.

To Native traditionalists who see the 'colour' of my skin and are blind to the source of my inspiration; I apologize for the paradox of my destiny. Still, it is my firm belief that the revelation of spirit is the inherent right of all peoples; WE ARE ALL NATIVE TO EARTH. As we unite in spirit, peace will come to our planet. Together we will create rainbows of joy out of our differences and the nightmare of our ignorance will be a thing of the past.

May the blessings be...

I Norval Morrisseau. Authorize Richie.
to teach and Inspire children and people
who Spirit leads his Dearest,

Norval Morrisseau