



Allen KnowsHisGun

## Allen KnowsHisGun Cover Artwork: *Rushing War Paints*

Allen KnowsHisGun grew up on the Crow Reservation and is currently a resident of Billings, Montana. Allen is a Crow Indian fine artisan who works in the medium of oil/acrylic paints to express his vision of American Indian culture.

After high school, Allen attended Haskell Indian Nations University, where he chose American Indian Studies as his major. While at Haskell, Allen began exhibiting his art in shows in between school and sports. Allen competed in NAIA intercollegiate basketball, where he was able to complete four years of collegiate athletics.

In 2003, Allen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Indian Studies from Haskell Indian Nations University. In 2005, he earned a Master of Arts degree in Indigenous Nation Studies from the University of Kansas. After graduate school, Allen returned to Montana to teach American Indian Studies at Rocky Mountain College for a

year. He taught American Indian History and Literature.

After his brief stint with teaching, Allen is now a full-time artist. His subject matter of choice is American Indians from the past two centuries, mostly of the Plains culture. His work reflects his Crow heritage and his careful research is evident with the authentic portrayal of period clothing, equipment and scenery. The style of his work is reflected in the genres of realism and impressionism. Strong uses of light and shadow with vivid colors have become signatures in his style of work.

Allen has been featured in magazines such as *Western Art Collector* and *Southwest Art* and several of his works have previously been selected for the cover of *Indian Gaming*. He is active in shows nationwide. ♣

For more information about Allen KnowsHisGun or to inquire about his work, call (406) 281-2943 or email [allenknowshisgun@hotmail.com](mailto:allenknowshisgun@hotmail.com). You can view more of Allen's work at [www.allenknowshisgungallery.com](http://www.allenknowshisgungallery.com).

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