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## COVER ARTIST



Nathan Nez, Sr.

## Nathan N. Nez, Sr. Cover Artwork: Transformation

Nathan N. Nez Sr., from Woodsprings, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation, found his love of art at an early age.

In 7th grade, he wanted to do something with his life after seeing a commercial for the U.S. Army. After

graduating from high school, Nathan joined the army and was stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas before being sent to fight in the War on Terrorism in Iraq from 2003-04. In the military, he would draw on the envelopes he sent home to family and friends so they would have a piece of his artwork.

In 2010, Nathan enrolled in school at the University of New Mexico with plans to become an architect. He soon discovered he had never let go of his love for art and switched his major,

earning a Bachelors of Art in Art Studio.

Nathan's artwork has been featured in *Native Entertainment* magazine and *Gallup Independent*, among other magazines and newspapers. Nathan has done murals at Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless and Navajo Lodge.

Today, Nathan continues to achieve success with the support of his wife and kids. He is the first male to graduate from college in his family. Nathan continues to be a role model to not only his children, but also to young Navajo boys and girls on the reservation. He strives to show them that no matter where you come from, you can be a successful person, with the only limits in life being the ones you set for yourself. ♣

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