

Joe Seymour, Jr. (wahalatsu?)

Squaxin Island/Acoma Artist

Our Journey Together

This design was created for the Squaxin Island Canoe Family for Tribal Journeys 2009.

The Raven, The Eagle and The Bear in the Canoe signify different clans working together for a common goal. Although we come from many different clans we are in the same canoe. When paddling in a canoe, it is essential that everyone in that canoe work together to maximize the energy of everyone paddling. If no one works together in the canoe, then the canoe moves slow and the journey is long and hard. When everyone works together, the canoe seems to move effortlessly through the water.

“I think that this theme is universal. It goes beyond just paddling a canoe. No matter where we come from, what our heritage is, it is important that we learn to work with each other.”

Certificate of Authenticity

This print is a limited edition original serigraph. Working from Joe's original drawings, I cut rubylith stencils for the four colors. The colors are then hand-printed onto archival paper. The inks used were black, brown, beige, and red. This print is one of an edition of 100 hand printed on Arches Cover Cream paper. In addition, 3 printers proofs and 9 artists proofs were printed. The paper size is 21.5 inches wide and 14.5 inches tall. The image size is 17.5 inches wide and 11 inches tall.

This edition was printed by Paul Nicholson of Bellevue, WA in 2009 with the assistance of the artist, Joe Seymour, Jr.

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