

**Brian J. Francis**  
**Artist**

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**Brian was born in Fort McPherson Northwest Territories in November 1987.**

**He is a member of the Tetlit Gwitch'in.**



**Brian has been carving and selling his work since 2006. He has studied with Yukon carvers Ken Anderson, Calvin Morberg, Lewis McKenna and William Callaghan, and Sean Hinton of Chilliwack, B.C.**

**He has displayed his work at the Arts Underground gallery in Whitehorse, Yukon, and at the Gathering of Nations tent during the 2007 Canada Winter Games.**



**Bear**

**Painted Man**

**Brian was introduced to the Governor General of Canada during her 2007 visit to the Sundog Retreat Carving Studio and displayed his work during the 2007 National Aboriginal Day.**



**Swimming Alone**

*I like to carve because it is like the old art forms yet it is still growing after all these many years. It's amazing to look back to see the old masks and paddles and realize they were made with very simple tools. I believe you have to know where you come from to know where you're going. Carving is also a good way to learn to respect other nations' artwork styles.*

**Brian creates masks, paddles, rattles and a variety of other artwork. He enjoys developing his own caribou designs and also likes incorporating Salmon, Beaver and several other northern animals into his work.**