

Dale R.F. Kakfwi New Era Images

Birthplace: Inuvik NWT

Year of birth: April 3rd 1986



Dale is originally a member of the Kas'ho Got'ine First Nations of Fort Good Hope in the Northwest Territories. At a young age he traveled all around the north in search of a place he could call his own with his mother and sister. His travels took him to the small community of Old Crow in the northern part of the Yukon. It was there he became a proud member of the Vuntut Gwich'in First Nation. Dale believes he is like the wind, very playful, forever changing, and never staying in one place for too long.

Art has always been a part of Dale's life and his journey with this talent began at a young age when he used to watch his older brother Kevin draw his pictures. The words that were told to him inspired him to begin his artistic journey, "Always remember Dale art always begins with the first line, from there it becomes something more." Dale was lost and misunderstood to those who met him after his brother passed away. Dale now believes he is more understood through his art, and that with it many people can meet and know all about him without ever having to talk to or see him, his story will be told through the items and pieces he creates. Art to Dale more than just a talent, it is a way of life and a visionary path to the future, and even more, his voice and spiritual connection with his brother.

Dale believes his artistic talents have no limit and there is no item or art tool he cannot use to create art with. From paint to pastels, and even spray paint, Dale has tried many types of art, from graffiti, anime, and all the way to lifelike images. Learning to carve at the Sundog Retreat has given Dale a challenge and he believes it is here that he will put his artistic talents to the test, and gain a new level of understanding with his skills.

When thinking of an idea for a piece Dale's favorite type of influence comes from Nature and his immediate surroundings. He has a high belief that art lives within everything and that it all was created from an idea, but the idea and creation are simply the beginning. The vision of improvement is the stepping stones to the future.

Dale believes his art is his release and freedom from the world around him, while he draws or paints time to him stands still. There are no distractions. Motivation and the belief in his art keep his spirit up and his connection with his family strong. And it's because of his art he can wake up smiling, knowing his brother is looking down on him being proud of his achievements, his brother is the reason he has come so far, and is proud to say this everyday with pride and joy in his heart, knowing how much he loved him.

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