

# Justin Smith

Justin was born in New Westminister, BC. He has spent most of his life growing up as a member of Kwanlin Dun First Nation in Whitehorse, Yukon.



Justin has studied art at the Institute of American Indian Art in New Mexico.

He has also participated in Sundog Retreat carving programs in Whitehorse, Yukon with instructors Keith Wolfe Smarch, Ken Anderson, and Vernon Asp.

He has also studied with Yukon carver Eugene Alfred.

Justin comes from an artistic family. His mother Ann Smith does Raven's Tail weaving and his father Brian Walker is an artist who works with copper. Justin also plays music as do his uncle and brother.

Justin enjoys working in a group setting where he can continue to learn and advance his skills. Justin's current portfolio includes panels, masks, paddles, original designs and prints.

Justin's favourite subject in school was art and he received an award in grade 11 for excellence in art (drawing and painting). Now he is gaining recognition for his innovative interpretations of traditional designs.