

Jason Allen LaClair
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38 years old
Coast Salish Artist
Lummi Nation



Biography

Coast Salish Artist Jason LaClair was born in June of 1983 to Karen (Cook) James of the Nooksahk Tribe, and Wilbert Paul LaClair of the Lummi Nation. Jason's Grandma and Grandpa are John and Harriet (Sparrow) Cook on his Mom's side. And also Helen (Lane) and Cyril Smokey LaClair of Lummi. Jason is a proud descendant of his ancestors from numerous Coast Salish Nations, which includes.... Lummi, Nooksahk and Skokomish in the U.S., as well as Leqamel and Musqueam in B.C.

Jason grew up around many master carvers and Coast Salish Artists and was inspired to start learning at a young age of 9 years old, but it wasn't until the age of 14 that Jason really started exploring Art forms of the North (Formline)... Learning from looking at books and other People's designs. It wasn't until about 5 years ago when Jason decided to learn and practice the Designs of His Coast Salish Ancestors/People, and Mr. LaClair said that this transformation was out of necessity to represent his People in the True style of this Beautiful Coast Salish Territory.

LaClair states that it was through the Support of his Family, and the People of Nooksahk and Lummi.... That he has been able to succeed and live the best life possible... Creating Murals and Teaching Coast Salish Art as His Career.

Jason's most recent works include the " Salmon Run" Mural of 2021 in Bellingham,"One from the Heart" Mural of 2021 at Pioneer Park in Ferndale WA, the"Generations" Mural at WIHS of 2022 in Bellingham WA & also the "Salmon Egg" Mural at Happy Valley Elementary School of 2022in Bellingham WA.... And also Original Coast Salish Designs/Motif for the San Juan Historical Park.

Jason gives thanks to all whom have been a part of his Journey through Life and Art!!