The Artists

Mark Preston and Mark Rutledge

**Mark Preston** (Tenna-Tsa-Teh) Master of the Copper was born in Dawson City, Yukon Territory. He is of Tlingit and Irish ancestry and presently travels extensively into British Columbia and Yukon to market his work.

About his art, Mark states: ‘when I think about what art is, it is more than illustration or objects to be doted over. Art is the magic the glue that binds and brings us together. It is the language that transcends its forms. Art gives us a reason to think, to ponder and speak our minds.

**Mark Rutledge** is Anishinaabe (Ojibway, Wolf Clan) who was born in Red Lake, Ontario. Mark grew up in Toronto where he received a Design Arts Diploma from Seneca College in 1996 and went on to earn his CGDTM Certification from the Graphic Designers of Canada. Mark founded Mark Rutledge Design most recently and has worked with many First Nations and Fortune 500 companies throughout his 20-year career.

Mark believes strongly in sharing knowledge, and he has lectured and volunteered his time and expertise to business associations, students, and to professional designers throughout Canada.

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