

# The Artist

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## Ernie Scoles

Ernie Scoles is a member of the Barren Lands Indian Band. Born in Cumberland House, Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1962, he was raised in Northern Manitoba. There he developed a deep feeling for nature and wildlife, taking advantage of every opportunity to explore the woods, lakes, and streams. Influenced by the late Isaac Bignell, his mentor and friend, Ernie's work in woodland imagery reflects his Cree heritage and is found in collections throughout Canada, United States, Europe, and Asia. In 1992, Ernie was awarded the Governor General's Canada 125 Medal for his contributions to his community. As well, in 2002, Ernie was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal for his contributions. He makes his home in Saskatoon with his wife Doreen; he has four children, Davian, Amanda, Cassandra, and Kalen, as well as seven grandchildren.

*"When I am painting, I have a great feeling of peace and harmony with nature, and I feel a powerful connection between our creator and all living things. In my work, I try to capture the spiritual interaction of all life with the earth, sun, wind, and sky. I always hope that at least one person will like the image I paint." — Ernie Scoles, Barren Lands Indian Band, Northern Manitoba*